

Holy Spirit – The Guide in Our Lives

We have learned that the Holy Spirit is a part of the Trinity of God. There is God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

Like a mobile phone without a battery or pizza without cheese Christianity without the Holy Spirit is missing a piece. The Holy Spirit is not a piece of equipment but a person – God being up close and personal – speaking, empowering, being a friend, guiding and helping.

Let's read

John 14:15-17

If you love me, you will obey my commands. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper to be with you for forever – the Spirit of truth.

Let's chat

Have any of you used a magnet or seen a magnet at work?

Maybe you have a magnet at home - fridge magnet? I think magnets are cool, I can keep all my notes on my freezer with my fridge magnets. The magnet can have effects on other metal objects too – give them a try (but keep them away from mobile phones and debit cards).

See if you can move a paper clip around a piece of paper with the magnet underneath. Try it for a family member who isn't here this morning. They'll think it's amazing – how can you move a paperclip across a piece of paper without touching it.

Most of you know about the power of a magnet and you know the effect that it has on metal objects. You can't see the magnet, but you know that it's there because you could see the power of the magnet working on the paper clip, guiding it across the paper.

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

The Bible tells us that on the day of Pentecost, the Jesus' followers were all gathered together in one place and God sent the Holy Spirit to give them the power to teach others about Jesus. Now, they couldn't see the Holy Spirit, so how did they know the Holy Spirit was there?

The Bible says that they knew the Holy Spirit was there because they could hear the sound of a mighty rushing wind coming from heaven. They couldn't see the Holy Spirit, but they could hear the sound of the wind.

Then the Bible tells us that they saw what seemed to be flaming tongues of fire that came and rested on their heads. They couldn't see the Holy Spirit, but they knew that the Holy Spirit was there because they could see the flaming tongues of fire just as we can see the power of the magnet and how we saw the winds power last week.

Finally, the Bible tells us that they knew the Holy Spirit was there because they could feel his power. When they were filled with the Holy Spirit, he gave them the ability to speak in languages that they didn't even know, so that they could tell everyone about Jesus. They couldn't see the Holy Spirit, but they could feel his power in their life just as we can feel the wind.

Did you know that we can have a power within us that will guide us in our life just like the magnet guided the paper clip across the paper? That power comes from the Holy Spirit. When Jesus knew that it was time for him to leave the earth and return to Heaven, he called his disciples together to teach them about what they could expect when he was gone. He told them that when he left, the Holy Spirit would come to be their guide. When we decide to follow Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, the Holy Spirit comes into our life. We can't see him, but we can hear him as he speaks to our hearts,

we can see his moving in our life, and we can feel the power of his presence as he guides us through each day. Just like we could see the power of the magnet guiding the paper clip, we can see the Holy Spirit guiding us in our daily life and leading us to the place God wants us to be.

The Holy Spirit works in our hearts to help us be more like Jesus.

Let's get crafty

- Make a thank you note to God for sending the Holy Spirit to be our guide
- Make a paper aeroplane and then see how far it can fly in the house; take it outside -does it fly further on the wind?
- Creative prayer – draw a spiral on a piece of paper; decorate it with the symbols of the Holy Spirit such as flames and doves. Write a prayer on the spiral asking for the help of the Holy Spirit to be a good friend, to help you share and help you to forgive. Then cut out the spiral, stick some thread on the centre and hang it up.
- Take a look at the sheet on the website where does the power come from?

Activities

On a piece of paper write down all the things that happened when the disciples were baptised with the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)

Why do you think God enabled the disciples to speak in other languages? – check out your answers in Acts 2:5-12 to find out

How did the crowd react to the unexpected behaviour of the disciples (v12-13)?

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to guide us in the way you want us to go. Help us to stay close to you, so that we can feel the power of your Holy Spirit in our life. Amen.