

LESSON 10: SPIRITUAL GIFTS: WHERE THEY COME FROM

 1 Corinthians 12:1-6, 11; John 14:15-31; 16:5-15

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Teachers Dig In

Dig In to the Bible

- Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1-6, 11; John 14:15-31; 16:5-15
- In This Passage: Jesus talks about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches, advocates, convicts, guides us into truth, tells about the future, and gives each Christian a spiritual gift. All spiritual gifts come from the Holy Spirit.
- Bible Point: The Holy Spirit can live in us.
- Summary Verse: “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord” (1 Corinthians 12:4-5).

Dig Deeper

- You’ll Be Teaching: *The Holy Spirit can live in us.* The Holy Spirit can be a bit of a mystery to kids, but before they try to identify their spiritual gifts and how they can use them, kids need to understand the source of the gifts. Help kids get to know the Holy Spirit and feel empowered.
- Think About: What’s been your experience with the Holy Spirit?

Dig In to Prayer

- Ask God to help kids receive his power through belief in Jesus and opening their hearts to the Holy Spirit.

Quick Tip

- We know that the Holy Spirit is a denominationally hot topic. Christians hold a lot of different views on the Holy Spirit. For this lesson, try to drop any preconceived notions and let Scripture speak for itself.

This Lesson at a Glance



OBJECT LESSON

Kids pull iron out of sand.

Supplies

- playground sand (one 5-ounce portion for every 3 kids)
- 5-ounce disposable cup
- paper plates (1 for every 3 kids)
- magnet wands (1 for every 3 kids)
- paper towels (1 for every 3 kids)

Easy Prep

- Use the cup to scoop a portion of playground sand and pour it onto each paper plate.



CRAFT

Kids make houses with lights that shine through the windows.

Supplies

- Bible
- “Holy Home” handouts (1 per child, printed on card stock) (download [here](#))
- scissors
- markers
- transparent tape
- battery-operated flicker lights (1 per child)
- Velcro dots (1 set per child)

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



DEEPER BIBLE

Kids explore how they’ve experienced the Holy Spirit.

Supplies

- Bibles

Easy Prep

- pompoms (several per child)
- lightly scented lotion or hand sanitizer
- soft sound effects such as rain or ocean waves
- picture of a stop sign
- eyeglasses
- Hide pompoms around the room.



LOW-ENERGY GAME

Kids work together to guide a pen into a cup.

Supplies

- fishing line (two 10-foot pieces for every 4 kids)
- pens with caps (1 for every 4 kids)
- cups (1 for every 4 kids)
- upbeat music (optional)



HIGH-ENERGY GAME

Kids play a version of Tag.

Supplies

- painter's tape
- upbeat music (optional)

Easy Prep

- Use the painter's tape to make X's on the floor. Scatter X's throughout the room, about 8-10 feet apart. There should be 1 X for every 5 or 6 kids.

Let's keep kids safe! You can help by using supplies as instructed for only ages 3+, purchasing child-safe items, and being aware of allergy concerns.



OBJECT LESSON

[10 min]

Sand Surprise

Supplies

- playground sand (one 5-ounce portion for every 3 kids)
- 5-ounce disposable cup
- paper plates (1 for every 3 kids)
- magnet wands (1 for every 3 kids)
- paper towels (1 for every 3 kids)

Easy Prep

- Use the cup to scoop a portion of playground sand and pour it onto each paper plate.

Tip

- If you don't have access to a playground with sand, you can purchase affordable bags of sand at most home improvement stores year-round.

Use a Magnet to Pull Iron Ore From Sand

Say: **We've been talking about how when we're friends with God, the Holy Spirit can live in us. To help us understand that more, let's explore a surprising thing that's in sand. There's something we probably wouldn't guess is in the sand just by looking at it.**

- Form groups of three, and give each group a plate of sand, a magnet wand, and a paper towel.
- Group members can take turns dragging the magnet wand through the sand, allowing it to pull out and collect iron ore that's in the sand.
- After each turn, kids can use their fingers to scrape the iron ore off the magnet and onto the paper towel.
- Allow groups to work until they're no longer getting much iron ore on the magnet.
- Then groups can pick up all the iron ore they've collected on their paper towels and examine it—the look, the texture, and what makes it look different from the sand it was in.

Talk About It

Say: That dark, almost fuzzy-looking stuff the magnet pulled out of the sand is called *iron ore*, and you'll find it in a lot of dirt outside.

Ask: • What differences did you notice between how the iron ore and sand look?

• After pulling the iron out and seeing what it looks like, what surprised you about it being in the sand?

• How does this experiment remind you of the Holy Spirit living in us?

Say: When you look at the sand, the particles of iron ore are so well mixed into the sand that we can't spot them—it all just looks like sand. But the iron ore is there. When we look at ourselves or others who are God's friends, we still just look like people. We can't see the Holy Spirit when we look at Christians, but we know he's there because the Holy Spirit can live in us. And we can see him at work through people's spiritual gifts in action.



Holy Home

Supplies

- Bible
- “Holy Home” handouts (1 per child, printed on card stock) (download [here](#))
- scissors
- markers
- transparent tape
- battery-operated flicker lights (1 per child)
- Velcro dots (1 set per child)

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



Make Holy Homes

Say: **We’re learning that the Holy Spirit can live in us.**

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Show kids the sample craft you made. Give each child a “Holy Home” handout. Set out the remaining supplies to share, and have kids follow these directions to make Holy Homes.

- Cut out the Holy Home template.
- Cut out the windows.
- Decorate the four walls (the sides with the windows) with pictures that represent you. For example, you might draw hearts to show that you’re loving, dogs to show you love dogs, and a soccer ball to show you’re good at soccer.
- Assemble your house by folding along the lines and taping the walls together at the corners. Don’t tape the roof!
- Stick one side of the Velcro dot on the small flap that comes up under the roof and the other side of the Velcro dot on the underside of the roof. That way you can open and close the roof.
- Open the roof and place a battery-operated flicker light inside.

Talk About It

Ask: • Tell about how you decorated your house. How might those things about you make your heart a nice home for the Holy Spirit?

• How does remembering that the Holy Spirit can live in you change the way you live?

Say: When you believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in you. Just as your houses shine with the light that's inside them, *you* can shine with the light of the Holy Spirit and use the gifts he gives you to serve God and others.

Have kids take their Holy Homes with them and show them to their friends and families as they share what it means that the Holy Spirit can live in us.



Supplies

- Bibles
- pompoms (several per child)
- lightly scented lotion or hand sanitizer
- soft sound effects such as rain or ocean waves
- picture of a stop sign
- eyeglasses

Easy Prep

- Hide pompoms around the room.

Set It Up

Say: **We're learning that the Holy Spirit can live in us. When we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in us!**

But usually when someone first becomes friends with Jesus, it might not feel like a magical moment. You may not have felt a whoosh or a tingle when the Holy Spirit came to live in you.

Think about Spider-Man. Spider-Man was a regular guy who was bitten by a radioactive spider. And right away, he had all these cool superpowers. He felt different, and he could do different things.

So if the Holy Spirit lives in us, why doesn't it feel like that? Why don't we *feel* any different? Let's dig in to that.

Go on a Hunt

Say: **Since we'll explore how to look for the Holy Spirit in our lives, let's practice looking for things.**

Have kids search for pompoms around the room.

As they search, turn on soft sound effects at a very low volume—just barely loud enough to hear.

Also as they search, put scented lotion or hand sanitizer on your hands.

After kids have found the pompoms, turn off the music and gather the kids.

Ask: • **How was looking for the pompoms like looking for the Holy Spirit in your life? How was it different?**

• **As you were looking for the pompoms, what did you hear? smell?**

Say: **Many of you might not have noticed the smell of my lotion or the sound of rain because you were focused on looking for the pompoms. Sometimes the Holy Spirit can be like that. We get so focused on looking for him in a specific way—a *feeling*—that we miss out on seeing him work in other ways.**

The Holy Spirit *can* work by giving us certain feelings. But that's not all he does! Maybe he's at work in your life, but you just haven't noticed it! In our Core Bible Discovery time, we looked at some of the things the Holy Spirit does. Let's dig deeper into those.

Dig Deeper

Hold up the stop sign picture from Core Bible Discovery.

Read John 16:8.

Say: **We learned that the Holy Spirit convicts us. When you get that feeling, impression, or voice in your head that says you're doing something wrong, that's the Holy Spirit in you!**

Ask kids to share stories of how they've experienced the Holy Spirit's conviction. Begin with your own example.

Read Romans 8:9. Say: **When the Holy Spirit lives in us, he helps control what we do by showing us sin in our lives.**

Hold up the eyeglasses from Core Bible Discovery.

Read John 16:13-14.

Say: **We also learned that the Holy Spirit guides us.**

Ask: • **Tell about a time you did something because it just seemed like the right thing to do, but you couldn't really explain why.** Begin with your own example, such as a time you took a different route to work or stopped to talk to someone you didn't plan to talk to.

Say: **When the Holy Spirit guides us, sometimes we do things and we're not always sure why. We might feel a pull to help someone. When you experience that, it could be the sound of the Holy Spirit in your life! The sounds that came on during our hunt were pretty soft, but they were there. We can learn to tune in and listen for the Holy Spirit guiding us. The Bible tells us how *you* can help people experience the Holy Spirit!**

Read Romans 12:7.

Ask: • **Tell about a time you served God.** Share your own example first—maybe teaching this class!

Have kids put a little bit of the scented lotion or hand sanitizer on their hands.

Say: **When we do things to serve God, we're using our spiritual gifts! We have spiritual gifts when the Holy Spirit lives in us. When you leave today, you'll still smell like the lotion you just put on. And other people may smell it on you! That's kind of like how using your spiritual gifts helps other people experience the Holy Spirit.**

Read Ephesians 1:13.

Say: **So there may not be a magical feeling when the Holy Spirit lives in us. But we can be confident he's there when we believe in Jesus, and we can look for what he's doing in our lives.**



Supplies

- fishing line (two 10-foot pieces for every 4 kids)
- pens with caps (1 for every 4 kids)
- cups (1 for every 4 kids)
- upbeat music (optional)

Tips

- The pen caps help keep the pens from too easily sliding off the fishing line.

Guide a Pen Into a Cup

Say: **The Holy Spirit can live in us and guide us. That means he leads us and helps us know where to go and what to do. Let's play a game where you'll work together to guide a pen into a cup.**

- Form groups of four kids. Give each group two pieces of fishing line, a pen with a cap, and a cup.
- Two kids in each group will be the Guides. They'll hold the fishing lines stretched out between them in both their right and left hands so the two lines are side by side and parallel to the ground. Another child will be the Cup Holder. He or she will stand in the center of the lines, holding the cup beneath. The other child will be the Dropper and will place the pen on the lines.



- On “go,” have the Dropper place the pen on the fishing lines. The Guides will work together to move the fishing line so the pen slides down the lines and into the cup. The Cup Holder should hold the cup still so the pen can drop inside.
- When groups successfully land the pen in the cup, have group members change roles and play again. Challenge groups to see if they can move the pen into the cup in under a minute.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music during the game.

Talk About It

Ask: • **What role did the fishing line play in this game?**

• **How does the fishing line remind you of the Holy Spirit's role in our lives?**

Say: **Even though we can't see the Holy Spirit, he guides us and helps us know where to go and what to do.**

Ask: • **Tell about a time the Holy Spirit guided your life.** Share an example from your own life to begin the conversation.

Say: The Holy Spirit can live in us. His presence in our lives guides us and helps us. Plus, he gives us spiritual gifts!



HIGH-ENERGY GAME

Octo-partner

[10 min]

Supplies

- painter's tape
- upbeat music (optional)

Easy Prep

- Use the painter's tape to make X's on the floor. Scatter X's throughout the room, about 8-10 feet apart. There should be 1 X for every 5 or 6 kids.

Play Octo-pod

Say: **Let's play a game where we'll pretend to be octopi. That's plural for octopus. Fun, huh? The Octopi will stand on a pod and try to tag others as they swim by.**

- Designate kids to be Octopi and each stand on an X. Tell these kids they can wave arms and legs to try to tag the other kids as they run by, but they can't move off their X's.
- Have the rest of the kids line up along one side of your room.
- On "go," kids will try to run and "swim" from one side of the room to the other without being tagged by an Octopus. Mix things up by encouraging them to pretend to swim in different ways (breast stroke, dog paddle, backstroke, and so on). If they're tagged, kids must go back to the start and try again.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play.

Add Octo-partners

Say: **It was hard for the Octopi to catch the swimmers. Let's see what happens when we add Octo-partners!**

- Choose a new set of kids to be Octopi. Then assign each Octopus a partner. The second child can stand as far away from the X as possible while still holding his or her partner's hand.
- Have remaining kids line up along one side of the room. Play the game as before, having kids go back to the start and try again if they get tagged.
- Play as time allows, alternating Octopi regularly.

Talk About It

Ask: • How was having an Octo-partner like having the Holy Spirit's presence in your life?

Say: The Holy Spirit can live in us. In John 14:16, Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you." Like your partner stayed with you and helped you, the Holy Spirit is with us and helps us serve God by giving us spiritual gifts.