

KIDS

Power Supply

Best Use

A family time activity.

What is it about?

Use this lesson to help kids learn about how the Holy Spirit lives in us when we choose to follow Jesus.

Advance Preparation

Make sure you have the following on hand.

- candy or fruit or other small treats
- Bible.

What you do...

Follow these steps for a great experience...

1. Before you gather your family, hide the candy or these treats in your home. Let the ages of your children determine how well the candy is hidden, choosing obvious hiding places for younger children and more challenging places for older children.
2. Share: I've hidden treats for you around the house. Here are some flashlights to use to find them! Give each child a flashlight and turn off the lights or close the curtains to darken your home.

3. Give everyone plenty of time to hunt with their flashlights. When everything has been found, gather everyone together and turn the lights back on.
4. Questions: What made this game hard for you? What made it easier? What kind of help did your flashlight give you?
5. Share: Our flashlights can help us learn about the Holy Spirit. Let's read a few verses from the Bible, then talk about our flashlights and the Holy Spirit.
6. Read: John 14:23-26 and 1 Corinthians 2:12 together.
7. Share: These verses tell us that when Jesus went back to Heaven to live, God sent the Holy Spirit. From these verses what do we know about the Holy Spirit? (God will send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will help us understand salvation.)
8. Share: The Holy Spirit does many things. These verses tell us that the Holy Spirit teaches us, reminds us of what Jesus said, and helps us understand the free gift of salvation.
9. I can think of three ways our flashlights can help us understand the Holy Spirit. I'll give you a clue for each way!
10. Clue 1: Light, Clue 2: Power, Clue 3: on/off Switch
11. Give each of these clues and wait a minute or two for family members to share their thoughts regarding the Holy Spirit's connection to this clue. After everyone has had a chance to share, explain what you meant by the clue.
12. Clue 1: Light- When we believe in Jesus as our Savior, He sends the Holy Spirit to help us find our way through life, just like the light of the flashlight helped you find your treats.
13. Clue 2: Power- Our flashlights get their power from batteries. (Open flashlight and take out the batteries for everyone to look at.) The Holy Spirit in us is like the batteries in the flashlight. They're always there to give power to the flashlight, just like the Holy Spirit is always there to give us the power to do what God wants us to do.
14. Clue 3: On/Off Switch: The on/off switch on the flashlight tells the flashlight to use the power of the batteries or not use the power. In our lives, this is our will. We can decide to let the Holy Spirit use His Power to help us do things God's way, or we can choose to do things our own way.
Question: When we sin, is the power switch in our lives on or off? (We are turning off the power switch of the Spirit when we go our own way.)
15. Age Adjustments: For older children, use a remote controlled car. Have children drive the car through an obstacle course they've created. Then discuss these questions: How are the obstacles here like ones we face in life? How are we like the car? How is God like the remote control? How are the batteries like the Holy Spirit? Use the verses from the flashlight activity as well as Romans 8:8-11 in your discussion.