

SPECIAL EDITION

Pastoring Your Kids

Week 12:

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US



PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

1

Sunday

CHURCH TIME

2

Monday or Tuesday

BIBLE TIME

3

Thursday or Friday

FAMILY TIME

Memory Verse:

Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Bottom Line:

The Holy Spirit empowers us.

1. CHURCH TIME

After Jesus went back to Heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to help us. The Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us and He empowers us.

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- Matthew 26:57-75
- Acts 2:1-47

MAIN POINT:

After Jesus went back to Heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to help us. The Holy Spirit comes inside of us to lead us and to empower us. In the book of Acts, the disciples did not do any ministry until the Holy Spirit came upon them. We should follow this example. Sometimes we might be afraid to talk to somebody about Jesus, but the Holy Spirit will take the chicken out of us. Peter was a big chicken at first. He denied Christ three times, but on the day of Pentecost (after receiving the Holy Spirit), Peter stood up and preached boldly to thousands of people. What changed Peter? The Holy Spirit did. He took the chicken out of Peter. The Holy Spirit gave Peter a boldness to be a witness for Jesus.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Why did Peter pretend that he didn't know Jesus? (he was afraid)
2. What changed Peter? (He was empowered with the Holy Spirit)
3. What did Peter do after he "lost his chicken?" (preached the gospel)

3. FAMILY TIME

MAIN POINT:

The Holy Spirit will empower us.

READ:

Acts 1:8

WHAT TO DO:

Light a candle or use a flashlight.

DISCUSS:

- Turn the lights off and shine the candle or flashlight.
- When we allow our "light" to shine and share Jesus, it allows them to see Him.
- The Bible tells us that people who don't know Jesus have their eyes blinded to see Him.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What do you receive when you receive the Holy Spirit? (power)
2. Being a "witness" means what? (allowing others to see Jesus in us)

SHARE:

- Talk about your salvation experience and how someone prayed with you.
- How can we be witnesses and let our light shine?