

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S P.A.C.T

THEOLOGICAL QUESTION

Who is the Holy Spirit, and what does He do?

BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit is God. The Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force, He is a Person. The Holy Spirit is living inside all Christians.

SCRIPTURE USED

John 14:25-27: *I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.*

John 16:7-11: *But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.*

Galatians 5:22-23: *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

OPENER

Leader’s Note: If you have more than 6-8 people in your group, consider doubling everything from the supplies needed to the “assigned roles” so that more students have an active part in the illustration.

For the opener you will need:

- Any kind of building blocks (a deck of cards may also be used)
- A note card to read with the “instructions on it”
- Four students to play the roles of: Builder, Helper, Encourager, Advocate

When it is time to begin, walk students over to the block station and ask for four volunteers. Assign a Builder, whose job it is to build the blocks based on the instructions you will give in just a couple minutes. Let the builder go get in position by the blocks. Assign the other three roles out of ear-shot from both the Builder and the other students who will watch. The role of the Helper is to physically touch the blocks and help the Builder as much as possible. The Encourager should keep telling the Builder positive things and reassuring words. And the Advocate should start to ask for more time for the Builder, when it begins to run out.

Begin the game. The Builder has just two minutes to follow all the instructions you give without knocking down anything. Leaders can come up with commands beforehand and write them on a note card such as: build a bottom row of four blocks, a middle row using one of the bottom ones, and a top row with no more than three blocks. It doesn't really matter (you can also just make it up as you go along), as long as it is challenging to the Builder, and somewhat stressful for them to accomplish in two minutes!

ASK

- **Okay, can anyone explain what other roles were represented other than the Builder?**
- **Who does these things for you in your life?**
- **Do you feel like you always know who to ask for help, for encouragement, and where to go for counsel about what to do?**

LESSON

EXPLAIN

The Holy Spirit is God. He has the same characteristics and qualities as God. Being God means being everywhere, knowing everything, holding all power and having no beginning or end. He is not an impersonal "it." He is a very dynamic and influential Person, who is intelligent, who has feelings, thoughts and desires.

So what do we know about Him? Christians ought to have intimate knowledge of Him; He lives inside of us! The Bible tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16). He is actually, truly ALWAYS with us, once we become a Christian. This is a completely awesome truth. When you trusted Christ as your only hope of salvation, God moved in! He is there whenever you need Him to guide, protect, comfort and correct. He wants you to be there when He needs you to share Christ and be Christ to the world around you.