AMPLIFY: Holy Spirit

Lesson 1: The Spirit's Promise

What we want students to learn: That your students would understand who the Holy Spirit is and what His presence in their life signifies

What we want them to do with what they've learned: To consider how the Holy Spirit's presence makes them feel.

Scripture Focus: Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-4, John 14:15-17, Ephesians 1:13-14, Titus 3:4-7

Overview: Here's something cool we take for granted: We can know the God who created the universe! But there are times when certain aspects of God are too awesome to comprehend fully. For many of us, this is most evident when we consider the Trinity and the Holy Spirit. When we spend time looking at these aspects of God, we end up marveling at the truth that our wonderful, awesome, and sometimes mysterious God is so much MORE than we can fully comprehend. Yet, in His goodness, God has given us enough in His Word that we can grasp a specific understanding of His nature. While it might stretch our mind's capacity, we know that God is One, but that He exists in three Persons. The Holy Spirit, traditionally referred to as the third Person of the Trinity, is the focus of this study. In this first lesson, your students will be given a brief introduction to the concept of God's "three-in-one" nature and will understand the primary role the Spirit plays in their lives. You'll challenge your students to respond to the Holy Spirit and be aware of what He is doing in their lives.

Lesson 2: Roles of the Spirit

What we want students to learn: that students would understand the role Jesus played in ushering in a new way of relating to the Holy Spirit

What we want them to do with what they've learned: To begin to seek the Spirit's guidance in and through the roles Jesus described the Spirit playing in their lives.

Scripture Focus: John 14:25-26, John 16:5-11, John 16:12-13

Overview: We can sometimes lose sight of the impact that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have on how people interact with the Holy Spirit. As you studied in Lesson 1, the Holy Spirit was always active in creation and the lives of believers. But His presence was fleeting. In God's awesome plan, only after Jesus' purpose on this earth was fulfilled would the Holy Spirit permanently come to live in all Believers. In this lesson, your students will take an in-depth look at how Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit's new role in the lives of all those who would come to a saving faith in Christ. Jesus gave a ton of insight into this new way of interacting with the Spirit, a new relationship that would empower and enlighten all of God's children from Pentecost until now. By looking at Jesus' words regarding the Spirit, your students will be challenged to see their interactions with the Holy Spirit in a new light.

Lesson 3: Living A Spirit-Infused Life

What we want students to learn: That students would understand what the Bible means by the "fruit of the Spirit."

What we want them to do with what they've learned: To evaluate the Spirit's work in them by how present the Spirit's "fruit" is in their day-to-day lives.

Scripture Focus: Galatians 5:16-25

Overview: As you've learned, the Holy Spirit is God, active in the world and our lives. Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension played an important role in paving the way for the Spirit to permanently live within all believers. While there are many different ways to look at how these truths affect you and your students, this lesson will focus on what it looks like when we're living life "by the Spirit." We've already established that the Holy Spirit indwells all believers. Permanently. Paul's words in Galatians add to this. They teach us that the Spirit's presence in our lives will yield certain "fruit," or evidence of the Spirit's transforming influence on us. Yet, Paul seems to imply that we play some role in how vividly, or effectively, these fruits are manifested. This lesson will help your students understand what the "fruit of the Spirit" is, and will challenge them to define what it means to "live by the Spirit" in their contexts.