

**HomeWord**  
For Parents

**B**efore His death, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. He would help the apostles remember the things that Jesus had said so they could write them down and teach them to others (John 14:26). And He would convict the world of sin, revealing righteousness and judgment (John 16:7–11).

After Jesus ascended to the Father, the disciples waited in Jerusalem to receive the promised Spirit. Then, on the day of Pentecost, a sound came from heaven, like rushing wind. And they saw what looked like tongues of fire. These came to rest on each one of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages. Everyone in Jerusalem heard his own language (Acts 2:1–8). It was amazing!

The Bible teaches that everyone who accepts Jesus Christ through the word of truth, the gospel of God's salvation, will be sealed with the same Holy

Spirit whom Jesus promised to His apostles. The Holy Spirit is a guarantee to believers of the promised inheritance—that is, the glory of eternity with God in heaven (Ephesians 1:13–14).

The Holy Spirit changes the character and the desires of the one who is saved—He makes the believer a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). And the Holy Spirit produces in every believer the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22–23).

This fruit of the Spirit is ONLY brought forth in those who believe in Jesus. Only Christians can bear fruit to God's glory. And in order to do that the Bible tells us we must abide in the true vine, Jesus Christ. Without Him we would bear no fruit at all (John 15:1–6).

*Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.*

**OutWord** For Family Discussion

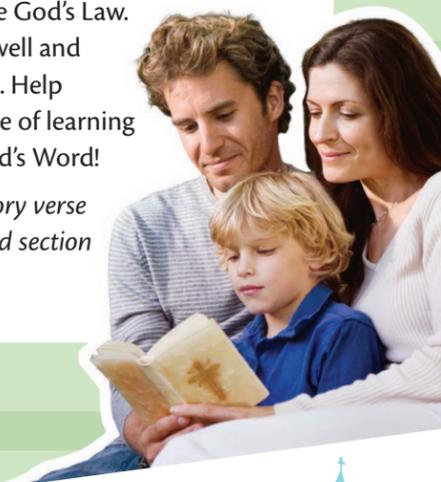
Suppose you heard someone say he thought he became a Christian last year, but he isn't sure, because he isn't any different than he was before. **What could you say?**

*Well, the Bible makes it pretty clear that if we are in Christ—if we are Christians—we are new creations. It says the old things pass away and everything is new. When that happens, lives change! The Bible says that Christians will want to please God more. Is that something you think about? And Christians will want to read God's Word. Have you been doing that? Do you enjoy going to church and being around other Christians? If you haven't changed at all, maybe you really need to ask God for help. The Bible says that sinners have to believe in Jesus. That includes repenting of our sins, confessing Jesus as Lord, and being baptized. Becoming a Christian will bring hope and joy to your life that you never had before.*

**inWord**  
For Family Study

"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). You desire for your children to truly love God's Law. They must know it well and meditate on it often. Help them begin a lifetime of learning and memorizing God's Word!

*Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.*



# The Promised Helper Comes

 **KEY THEME**

- God is faithful to His promises.

 **KEY PASSAGES**

- John 14:26
- Ephesians 1:13
- Acts 2:1–6
- Galatians 5:22–23



**What You HEARD in the Word**

- The promised Holy Spirit came to Jesus's followers on Pentecost.
- All believers are sealed with the same Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation. His fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control will grow in a true believer.

**Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.**

- 1** Who promised that the Holy Spirit would come to the believers after He left?
- 2** What did the disciples see and hear when the Holy Spirit came?
- 3** The Holy Spirit lives in every believer. Believers grow in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.



1) Jesus. 2) Saw fire and heard wind. 3) Fruit.



## Read the Word with Mom & Dad

**Monday** (Acts 4:8)  
What filled Peter and gave him the words to say to the Rulers of Israel?

**Tuesday** (John 14:16)  
How long would the Helper stay with the disciples, or believers?

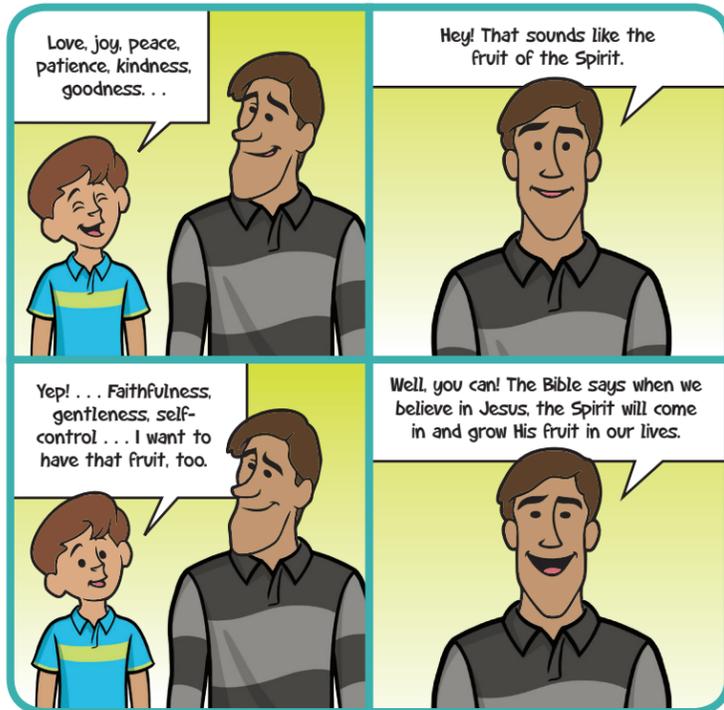
**Wednesday** (2 Corinthians 5:17)  
What happens to a person who is in Christ?

**Thursday** (2 Corinthians 5:17)  
What happens to the old things?

**Friday** (John 15:5)  
What will someone who follows Jesus Christ produce or bear?

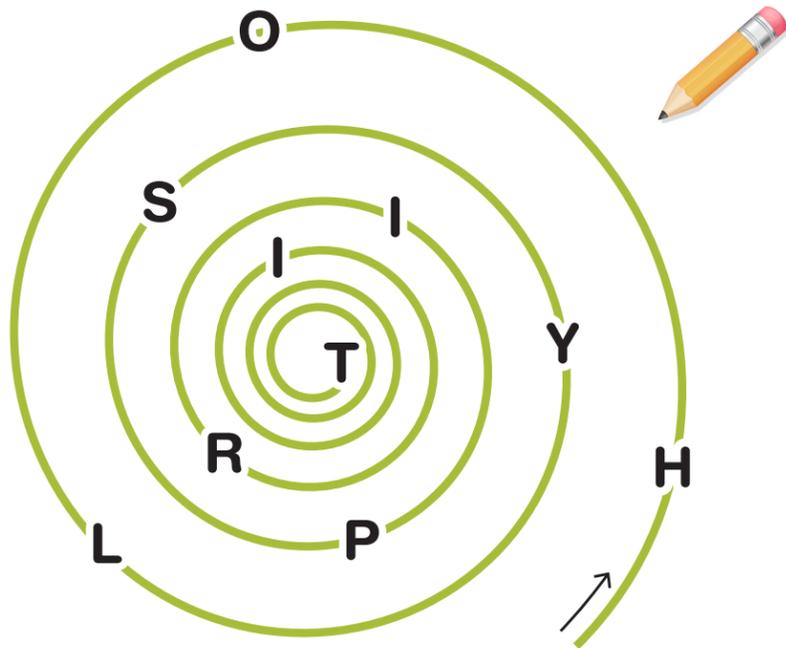
**Saturday** (Romans 1:16)  
What should we not be ashamed of? (Your memory verse!)

## LIVE the Word with Johnny and His Dad



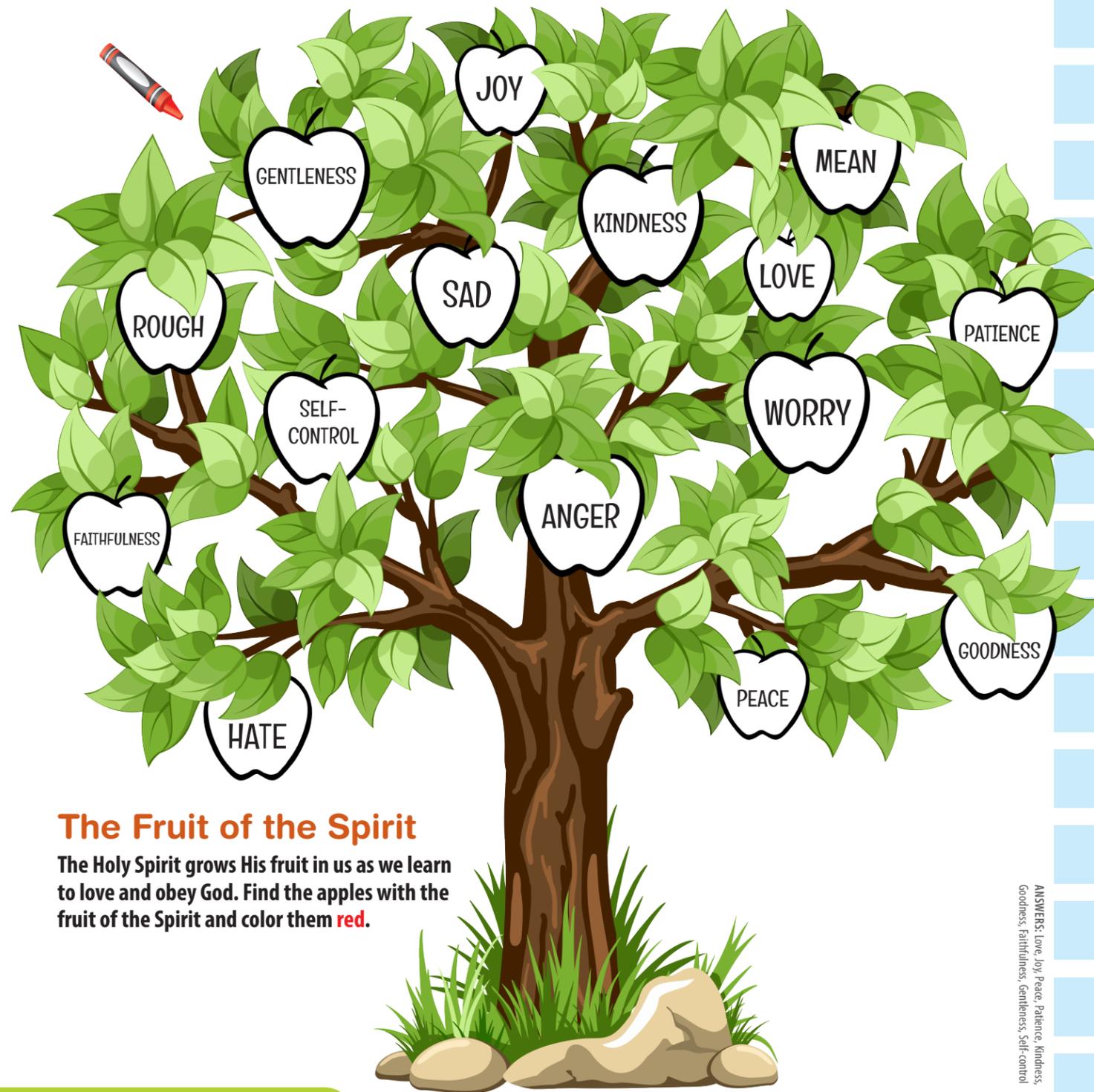
### Who Is the Helper?

Write the letters on the lines below as you come to them in the spiral.



The Helper is the \_\_\_\_\_.

ANSWER: Holy Spirit



### The Fruit of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit grows His fruit in us as we learn to love and obey God. Find the apples with the fruit of the Spirit and color them red.

ANSWERS: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control

### Learn the Word!

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

**Romans 1:16**

### Song Time!

Here is a song you can sing with your family. It's our memory verse, too!

**Romans 1:16**

(To the tune of "Amazing Grace")

For I'm not a-ashamed  
(Amazing grace!)

Of the gospel of Christ,  
(How sweet the sound)

For it is the-e power o-of God  
(That saved a wretch like me.)

To-o sa-alvation for  
(I once was lost,)

Everyone who believes.  
(But now am found.)

Romans one ver-erse si-xteen.  
(Was blind, but now I see.)



What did the apostles do when they were persecuted? Come next week to find out!