I say Your name and I lift up my hands to You and praise You. I want to bless You for everyday that I am alive here on earth, and then everyday after that! (Psalm 63:4)

See It:

'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.' (John 10:10)

On It:

Have you ever played games like advanced 'capture the flag' in which different groups have different assignments? Your group may have to get to the green flag, but maybe another group's mission is to keep a third group from getting yours. Well, this is NOT a game, but satan has a mission. He is out to destroy you. We are in a battle and we are fighting on God's side. And you know how to win the battle? By not letting satan destroy you. Don't listen to his evil lies. So, when you start to feel angry, or sad, or jealous, or annoyed... and you start to think mean thoughts about others or yourself... that's satan in your ear trying to destroy you! So, tell him to buzz off! And how do you do that? Well, simply start praising God and he will run away from you in a flash. And then you will have God's fullness! Bring on the fullness!

Live It:

We are a holiness movement which means knowing the Holy Spirit is really important to us. So, this week, we are going to tell you some more things about our precious Holy Spirit. Did you know that the Holy Spirit is symbolized by water? Ezekiel's (chapter 47) vision of water flowing from the Temple was interpreted by Jesus in John 7:37 to be Holy Spirit flowing out of our belly (the Temple was considered the 'belly' of the earth - the centre). And now, the Holy Spirit flows out of our belly because we are the temple!

Do It:

Okay, the time has some to test a year's worth of memory! Wow! Today, look over your memory verses, doctrines and books of the Bible, and do some last-minute memorizing!

in it:

Thank You for Your Holy Spirit.



Eat It:

"'Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of people."" (Mark 1:17) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 2 Timothy 1-4

You are always there to help me. I can hide in You and I can rest there and sing songs to You about how great You are. (Psalm 63:7)

See It:

'And may you know His love, even though it can't be known completely. Then you will be filled with everything God has for you.' (Ephesians 3:19)

On it:

What? Is God kidding? (No, He's not!) I mean, come on – we can be FILLED with the FULLNESS of life and power that comes from God? Wow! How on earth does that happen? (And we mean that, because we can imagine that happening in Heaven, probably) Well, Paul explains, in his inspired prayer, how (feel free to dig into the whole prayer, starting in verse 14). It all comes down to the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we explore how big His love is for us, we get wrapped up in it, enveloped in it, surrounded by it, saturated by it. We experience His love, firsthand. At that point we will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God! Hallelujahweh!

Live It:

The Holy Spirit is also symbolized as a dove. At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit came 'as a dove' on Jesus (John 1:32).

Do It:

How many doctrines can you remember? Ask your parent to test you.



in it:

Praise You, Holy Spirit!

Eat It: Mark 1:17

'Come.' What an amazing invitation! The creator of the universe – our Jesus – is calling us to Himself. We get to enjoy His company; we get the pleasure of His presence. He invites us to come.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Philemon & Hebrews 1-4

I trust You Yahweh. I know that my soul holds on tightly to You. You are my hope and my salvation. (Psalm 63:8)

See It:

'God was pleased to have His whole nature living in Christ. God was pleased to bring all things back to Himself because of what Christ has done. That includes all things on earth and in Heaven. God made peace through Christ's blood, through His death on the cross.' (Colossians 1:19-20)

On It:

We are well into the land of mystery here. We're not sure how to explain it. So, maybe let's not try, and, instead, celebrate it. Here is the Lord Jesus Christ, who was completely human, also, by some miracle, fully God. Yahweh was smiling in that deal! And it is the Lord Jesus Christ, who is specially placed to reconcile all things because He made peace by the blood of His cross. All glory to Jesus. And when Jesus lives inside of us, that means that all the fullness of Yahweh must be inside of us, too! How do you get your head around that one? You don't. So just try to get your heart around it – embrace Him – and then overflow His fullness to everyone you meet (see also Colossians 2:9).

Live It:

Just as He hovered over the waters in Genesis 1:2, Holy Spirit hovered over Jesus, and the effect was like a dove fluttering its wings.

Do It:

How many verses can you remember? Ask your parent to test you.

in it:

Please help me to be clean so that You can come and live inside of me.

Eat It: Mark 1:17

'Follow Me.' Another fantastic invitation. But it is more than an invitation. It is also a command. The creator of the universe is also commanding you to come and follow. And He is inviting AND commanding everyone you know.



Read It: One-year Bible Plan: Read Hebrews 5-8

I will trust in Your love forever and ever. (Psalm 52:8)

See It:

'Like babies who have just been born, you should want the pure milk of God's word. It will help you grow up as believers.' (1 Peter 2:2)

On It:

I have a son that some people say looks like me. But he is a lot shorter than me; he's a lot lighter than me; he's got less hair on his face than me; and so on. It really is not a fair comparison for him! However, before the comparison can be complete, he has to grow up. In a similar way, we might be saved from hell and the consequences of choosing a sinful life. Praise God. But there is a lot more than that there for us all. We can be saved from sin as well. We can be made pure by the Holy Spirit. We need to grow up into the fullness of our salvation, or what The Salvation Army sometimes calls Full Salvation. And we can - each of us. You don't have to be old or rich or busy or a superstar. But you do have to CRAVE it and CRY OUT for this nourishment from God like your baby sister does (if you have one or would if you did). Crave and Cry. Are you up for it? Alright... Begin!

Live It:

The Holy Spirit is often seen as fire (e.g. Acts 2:3). He refines (which means makes better) and consumes (which kind of means eats up). This is The Salvation Army's focus, with our war cry, BLOOD AND FIRE, and our songs imploring, 'SEND THE FIRE!'

Do It:

How many New Testament books can you remember? Ask your parent to test you.



In It:

Please make me better and eat up all my sin!

Eat It: Mark 1:17

'I will make you.' Once you respond to Him, He will make you into what you need to become. You don't have to perfect yourself before you respond to Him. Respond, and then HE will do it. Some people get that order mixed up. Straighten them out. And, memorize the verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Hebrews 9-11

I want to thank You for all of my days. You have done so much for me. (Psalm 52:9)

See It:

'Because you belong to Christ, you have everything you need. He is the ruler over every power and authority.' (Colossians 2:10)

On it:

Have we told you the one about the father who wanted to buy a bike for his daughter for her birthday? (This is before he learned about being able to buy pigs and so on) But since he didn't have enough money until payday, he gave her a card that said he was giving her a bike for her birthday. His daughter loved it. She showed it to everyone and took it to school with her each day until payday. Well, the father got paid and bought that bike and presented it to her. She took the card to school the next day (not the bike!) and continued showing it to her friends. She returned from school doing the same thing. Her father got frustrated. She had the bike right in front of here but continued to wave the promise of the card around. Now, you can use this story to show how the one baptism we should have is Holy Spirit baptism (from Matthew 3; Acts 1; Ephesians 4; etc.). But it works here, too. We have been given fullness in Christ! But most of us just go around talking about that fullness and not living it or using it. The Father must get frustrated as well! Claim it today. Experience fullness in Christ!

Live It:

Holy Spirit is symbolized as wind (e.g. Acts 2:3; John 3:8). He comes and goes and can bring refreshing or He can mess up the landscape.

Do It:

How many Old Testament books can you remember? Ask your parent to test you.

Write the books you remember here:

in it:

Please help me to remember all the verses and doctrines and promises and books!

Eat It: Mark 1:17

'Fishers of people.' Another week we talked about you being harvesters of the harvest. Now we're talking about fishers of people. What do fishers to? They catch fish. Well, Jesus is explaining to them that if they follow Him, He will make them into people who catch people for Him. He will make them evangelists who catch people with the Gospel.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Hebrews 12-13 & Jude

You look down for children who seek after God. Please find me! (Psalm 53:2)

See It:

'That will continue until we all become one in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son. Then we will be grown up in the faith. We will receive everything that Christ has for us.' (Ephesians 4:13)

On It:

Have you ever been in one of those competitions, maybe at the corps or at school, where you plot the progress on a huge chart up on the wall? Maybe it is Self-Denial or some group activity that awards points for correct answers or good behaviour or memory verses. Well, this reading (see the verses before today's reading so you understand) is a bit like one of those long competitions, except we are all on the same team. So, the goal by the end of the competition is unity in faith and fullness in Christ. The way we get the whole team there is not to wait until the end of the whole competition. It is to get fullness in Christ ourselves, and then fight for the rest of our lives to get everyone else to experience fullness in Christ. Then we will be united in our faith. Are you up for it? Let's go for it.

Live It:

So Holy Spirit can be seen as water, dove, fire, wind, oil, breath and more! The Salvation Army camps out on Holy Spirit FIRE. But the important thing to remember is that He is a person, and so while He might be described as fire, Holy Spirit is not an 'it'!

Do It:

Can you remember the Junior Soldier promise? Ask your parent to test you.



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in it:

I love You, Holy Spirit; please breathe Your breath and power on me.

Eat It: Mark 1:17

The whole point of this verse is to catch people for Jesus. First, we get ourselves saved (by repenting and believing) and then we let Jesus change us into fishers who get other people saved. So, if you are saved, yourself, ask Jesus to make you into one who gets a lot of other people saved!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read James 1-5

I want to be completely still right now and think about You and know that You are God. (Psalm 46:10)

See It:

'We have been given so many blessings, again and again. God's grace is not limited. Moses gave us the law. Jesus Christ has given us grace and truth.' (John 1:16-17)

On It:

Wow. Sometimes it is tough to put the whole Bible into order. Here is a reading that helps a bit. You remember that Moses was way back in the Old Testament and that God gave him the ten commandments for the people of Israel to follow. He set the stage for the Old Testament. Here, John compares him with the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and truth came through Jesus. Grace is the solution for every problem caused by our failure to keep the law (it is impossible to follow all of the law). Grace is what makes Christianity different from every other religion. Jesus brings grace and truth. And we experience the fullness of His grace we receive wave after wave of blessing. That is the result of fullness!

Live It:

'If the Army were to develop an enthusiasm not fully directed towards holiness and righteousness of life, it would be sadly in danger of becoming either fanatical on the one hand or worldly on the other.' (Commissioner George Scott Railton) So get holy!

Do It:

Well done! There are still two more verses, but you have done very well if you know some, most or all of them!

in it:

Thank You that you choose to live in me!

Eat It:

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of people." (Mark 1:17) Memorize this verse and then share it with five other people.

Read It: One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Peter 1-5