



Promised Holy Spirit



THE MISSION AIM

To help recruits know that God has sent His Holy Spirit to help us as He promised.



KEY VERSE

John 14:16: "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Balloons of two or three different colours (depending on the number of groups of recruits you make). Blow the balloons up ahead of time and place them into garbage bags. Ensure the colours are mixed up.

Directions

SAY: Today we are going to begin by playing a game together. To play this game, I am going to split you into two (or three, depending on the number of recruits) groups. Each group will be assigned a colour of balloon. When it is time, I will dump the garbage bags of balloons out. All members of your group need to work together to pop all your team's colour of balloons first. The team that does this wins. Ready?

DO: Dump the balloons out and say "GO". Watch carefully to see which group pops all of their balloons first.

SAY: It was great watching you work together as a team to try and break all of your balloons. There was a lot of popping happening and quite a mess left behind but you helped each other.

SAY: You know, it is great that we can help each other and that we can work together as a team to complete a task. Today we are going to learn about something even better than the help that we get from our teammates. We are going to be learning about the Holy Spirit. God sent the Holy Spirit to help us. In John 14:26 we read, "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

SAY: The Advocate is God's Holy Spirit. God sent the Holy Spirit to help us. I am interested in learning more about this. I hope you are as well.

SAY: Let's check in with the Recon Team at control central. They may need our help. They may even have a mission for us. I hope that we can learn more about the verse that we just read.



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 3 – Fruit of The Spirit Episode 1: Promised Holy Spirit"

Play "Fruit of The Spirit (S3) Episode 1 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have FOTS-Episode_1-Promised_Holy_Spirit.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



Mission #1



Supplies Needed

- Water
- Ice Cubes
- Kettle
- Pot lid
- One cup



Mission Assignment

SAY: Recruits, it appears we have a mission assignment and it doesn't seem like an easy one. Let's have a drumroll for our first mission of today. (Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Three in One? How is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, three persons and yet one true God?"

SAY: Both Trinity and Kate have talked about God the Father and about Jesus, the Son of God. Of course, we heard in our verse earlier, that there is also the Holy Spirit. John 14:26 tells us that God the Father will send him to help us. And then Trinity said that God is one, but also three. How can that be? I have an idea. Let's look at this a little differently to see if it helps us understand how God can be three, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



Squad Leader, if you did not do the pre-mission activity share John 14:26 with the recruits now.

SAY: Look, I have brought a kettle with me. I have also brought some water, a few ice cubes and a pot lid. I am going to pour the water into my kettle. Does anyone want to taste it first to make sure it is in fact water?

DO: Pour some water into a cup and allow a recruit to taste the water to confirm that it is just that and then pour it into the kettle.

SAY: Now I also have these ice cubes. What are they made of?

DO: Allow the recruits to answer that the ice is in fact simply, frozen water.



SAY: Okay, so I have liquid water, and I have frozen water but still, I have water. The water is in two different forms of matter, liquid and solid. Now, I am going to add the ice cubes to my kettle of water. I am going to plug in my kettle to see if I can make another form of water, gas.

DO: Give the kettle time to heat up. While it is doing this, explain that you have added heat to the water. Ask the recruits what they think is happening to the ice cubes and to the water inside the kettle. As the kettle begins to steam, show the recruits the steam coming out of the kettle. Explain that this steam is water as well. It is just in a different form, a gas. To ensure that they believe this, or recognize this, hold a pot lid above the steam. This will cause the steam to form back into water droplets as the steam hits the cold lid.

SAY: I had three different forms of water. We saw a liquid, a solid and a gas. Three forms of water but all water just the same. One thing; but three.

SAY: This reminds me of one of our Salvation Army doctrines or beliefs. Doctrine number three says, "We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory." I don't know about you but this makes more sense to me now. There is just one God, but also three persons. Three: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and yet they are all the One True God.

SAY: Kate and Trinity were curious how it worked that we have one God and yet, also three. I do hope that this has helped to answer some of their confusion. I hope as well, that this information will help Huck a little. The Commander said that he was a little frightened when his grandfather was talking about the Holy Ghost. This should help him to see that the Holy Spirit is part of our triune God, one person in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

SAY: Well, I think it is time for us to report back to the Recon Team so that they too understand what we have learned. Are you ready?



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Fruit of The Spirit (S3) Episode 1 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.



Mission #2



Supplies Needed

- Large letters to make up each word (or words) the Bible verses focus on. They should be presented to the groups in a scrambled order (see words indicated below)
- "God's Promised Holy Spirit" template with the following scripture references: (Words in bracket make up the letters needed for the recruits to unscramble) (see attachment page 8)



- Ezekiel 36:22, 26 (the words are “new heart”)
- Isaiah 59:20-21 (the word is “forever”)
- Joel 2:28-29 (the word is “pour”)
- John 14:15-17 (the word is “help”)
- John 14:25-26 (the words are “teach” and “remind”)
- John 16:5-7 (the word is “send”)



Squad Leader,
Be sure to save
these letters for use
with Lesson 2’s Pre-
Mission Activity.



Mission Assignment

SAY: Well Recruits, I think Christie is right. It seems we do need the Holy Spirit much like a phone needs a charged battery. Let’s read our next mission together on three. One, two, three (reading mission card from satellite uplink) “Recruits search the Scriptures and find what God promised about the Holy Spirit.” It appears we are needed to make sense of this so that not only do we understand why this is true but so that we can report back to the Recon Team, to Huck and the other recruits. To complete this mission, we need to look into God’s Word and learn what God promised about the Holy Spirit.

SAY: Let’s split into four groups. I will give each group a Bible verse to look up. Read this verse together and see if you can come up with one word that answers the question, “What did God promise about the Holy Spirit?” Here is a big hint for you. Each group is going to be given the letters for the word they need to identify. Read the verse and unscramble the letters to find the mystery word.

DO: Divide the recruits into four groups. Choose four of the scripture passage and give one to each group along with the scrambled letters they will need. If you have a larger group or young people who are able to work on their own, feel free to use all six scripture passages. If you have a smaller squad work together look at once scripture reference at a time. Try to look at four different passages if you have time.

SAY: Group #1 Ezekiel 36:22, 26 - SAY: You actually have two words to unscramble. Here are your letters and your verses. Read the verses and see if you can find the words needed. (new heart)

Group #2 Isaiah 59:20-21 - SAY: You actually have one word to unscramble as well. Here are your letters and your verses. Read the verses and see if you can find the words needed. (forever)

Group #3 Joel 2:28-29, 32 - SAY: You have just one word to unscramble. Here are your letters and your verses. Read the verse and see if you can find the word needed. (pour)

Group #4 John 14:15-17 - SAY: You have just one word to unscramble. Here are your letters and your verses. Read the verse provided and see if you can find the word needed. (help)

Group #5 John 14:25-26 - SAY: You have two words to unscramble. Here are your letters and your verses. Read the verse provided and see if you can find the word needed. (teach, remind)

Group #6 John 16:5-7 (CEV) - SAY: You have one word to unscramble. Here are your letters and your verses. Read the verse provided and see if you can find the word needed. (send)



DO: After your recruits have had time to read their verses and unscramble their words, review with them what they have learned. Use the following as a guide eliminating any verses you did not use.

SAY: Great job recruits. What did God promise about the Holy Spirit? Group #1, what were your words again? Right: new heart. When the Holy Spirit comes upon us we will have a new heart. We will be changed. Group #2, what was your word again? Yes, forever. Excellent, God promises that His Holy Spirit will not leave us. He will be with us forever. Group #3, what word did you find? Pour. That's right God had promised that he would pour out his Spirit on all people. God keeps his promises. Group #4 were you able to find your word? Yes, help. Jesus promised that he would send another who would help us. The Holy Spirit is our helper. Group #5 what were the words you unscrambled? Teach and remind. God sends the Holy Spirit to teach us and to remind us of everything Jesus teaches us. Finally Group #6, what was your word? That's right "send". God promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to us after Jesus returned to heaven. God has kept his promise.

SAY: Let's report this back to the Recon Team. I believe this will help other recruits to understand what God promised about the Holy Spirit. You worked really hard to complete this mission. Well done, recruits.



Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "Fruit of The Spirit (S3) Episode 1 (3/4)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



Field Mission Project



Supplies Needed

- Fan
- Cloth to cover over the fan so that the recruits don't know what it is
- Red streamers tied to the cage of the fan so that when the fan is turned on, they blow out towards the recruits
- Four signs that read "Filled with power"
- "Filled with the Spirit" template (see attachment page 9), cut apart
- Six flames with "Filled with the Spirit" events taped to the backside (see attachment page 10)

Mission Project

SAY: Recruits, we have one final mission for today, let's read it together. (Read mission card from satellite uplink) "Today's final mission is to discover what happened when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples."



DO: Enlist the assistance of three volunteers from your squad. Have them stand with you.

SAY: Imagine just for a moment that I am Jesus. You have been traveling with me watching me do amazing things and teaching the people because I am filled with power (put on sign "Filled with power"). But I have told you that I am going away and promise that I will send another to help you. Know that when you are filled with the Holy Spirit you will be able to do amazing things too, just like me. After I leave you, you are all gathered together in one place when suddenly a strong wind blows (turn on fan) and what looks like flames of fire rest on your heads. I have kept my promise. I have sent God's Holy Spirit to you and now you are filled with this same power! (Place signs on each of your three volunteers that say "Filled with power"). (Turn fan off now). **God kept his promise and he sent his Holy Spirit! That's what happened in Acts 2. God sent his Holy Spirit to the disciples and then amazing things began to happen.**

DO: Bring out your six flames and give to different recruits for them to share with the whole group.

SAY: I'm giving six flames of fire to recruits to share with the rest of the squad. Let's listen to what they can tell us about the amazing events that happened after the believers were filled with God's Holy Spirit. Who has event one?

DO: Have your recruits share the following events in order.

Event 1 – Each believer was able to speak in another language (Acts 2:4)

Event 2 – Peter spoke with authority and 3000 people became believers (Acts 2:41)

Event 3 – The people were filled with awe as the disciples did many miraculous wonders and signs (Acts 2:43)

Event 4 – The believers had everything in common with each other and gave to anyone in need (Acts 2:44-45)

Event 5 – The believers met daily in the temple to praise and worship God (Acts 2:46-47)

Event 6 – God increased the number of believers each day (Acts 2:47)

SAY: Wow, what amazing things happened after God sent his Holy Spirit to the early believers! Isn't it amazing to know that God kept the promises he made about the Holy Spirit? He came just as Jesus said and helped amazing things to happen both to the believers and through the believers.

Sometimes our impact may seem as small as a seed, but over time it grows and grows! Faith is not always something that is instant and easy. Each person grows it in their own time.





Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "Fruit of The Spirit (S3) Episode 1 (4/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



Supplies Needed

- Bible

Directions

SAY: I think we should take some time to thank God for sending the Holy Spirit as He promised. The Holy Spirit works in our lives in so many ways. It is wonderful to know that he is helping us to know God and to live for God. For me, so many times, I find it difficult to be still and to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to me. Today, we should pray that God will help us to be still, to be open to the Holy Spirit's leading and to listen to him. Will you pray with me now? Let's gather close together and place our arms around each other's shoulders. As we bow in prayer, listen for the Holy Spirit to lead you. If you want to pray, please do. When all is quiet, I will close our time in prayer.

DO: Spend a few moments in prayer together being sure to thank God for keeping his promise of sending the Holy Spirit to come and fill us so that we can do amazing things for God.

SAY: And now, let's stay in our circle and hold hands with the one next to you. I want to close our time together today by reading a verse of scripture with you. 2 Corinthians 13: 14: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

SAY: Have a wonderful week.

NOTES



God's Promised Holy Spirit

Ezekiel 36: 22, 26-27 (NIV)

... "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then... you will be my people and I will be your God.'"

Isaiah 59:20-21 (NIV)

"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins" declares the Lord. "As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord. "My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants – from this time on and forever," says the Lord.

Joel 2:28-29, 32 (NIV)

I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

John 14:15-17 (NIV)

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

John 14:25-26 (NIV)

"All this I have spoken with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you."

John 16:5-7 (CEV)

"But now I am going back to the Father who sent me, and none of you asks me where I am going. You are very sad from hearing all of this. But I tell you that I am going to do what is best for you. That is why I am going away. The Holy Spirit cannot come to help you until I leave. But after I am gone, I will send the Spirit to you."

Filled with the Spirit

Event 1: Each believer was able to speak in another language

Event 2: Peter spoke with authority and 3000 people become believers

Event 3: The people were filled with awe as the disciples did many miraculous signs and wonders

Event 4: The believers had everything in common with each other and gave to anyone in need

Event 5: The believers met daily in the Temple to praise and worship God

Event 6: God increased the number of believers each day

Flame of the Holy Spirit

Print out six flames. Attach one "Filled with the Spirit" event on the back of each flame.

