



The Holy Spirit's Power



THE MISSION AIM

To help recruits know more about the Holy Spirit by looking at what He does.



KEY VERSE

1 Corinthians 2:9-10: "However, as it is written: 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' - the things God has prepared for those who love him - these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Grid for crossword puzzle drawn on a board filling in only the word "PROMISED", Bristol board or outline on the floor (see activity below)
- Letters from last week's lesson, Mission Assignment #2 (new heart, forever, pour, help, teach, remind, send)

Directions

SAY: Last week we learned that God promised to send the Holy Spirit to help us. When we looked up verses of scripture we found eight words that explained what God had promised about the Holy Spirit. Today, we are going to attempt to place these words into the crossword puzzle grid starting with the word "promised". First, you have to unscramble the words and then place them in their correct spot. Let's see how fast we can do this as we work together.

Crossword Grid (with answers)

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SAY: Well done recruits. This is a great reminder of how God had promised to send the Holy Spirit as a gift to us to teach and remind us of the truths of God forever. You really did well remembering last week's lesson. Now, I think we should check in with the Recon Team and see how they are doing today.



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 3 – Fruit of The Spirit Episode 2: The Holy Spirit's Power"

Play "Fruit of The Spirit (S3) Episode 2 (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_2-The_Holy_Spirits_Power.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

- 8" x 8" (20 x 20 cm) square paper – Two for each recruit
- Blindfold for each recruit
- Instructions for making a "Chatterbox" (see below)

Sample Chatterbox:



Mission Assignment

SAY: We've got our first mission of the day. Let's read it together (reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Recruits, we need you to gather Intel that will explain how the Holy Spirit lives in us and how he communicates with us. Are you ready to serve?" I am so glad that Mandarin has been trying to find answers for the things that are confusing to her. We so often use language that we understand, like when we say "He is with us and in us" but this is difficult to explain to others and many times even difficult for us recruits to understand. Well recruits, I think I have a way that we can maybe identify what it would be like to not have the Holy Spirit living with us. Maybe once we identify what that would be like, we will be able to better understand how the Holy Spirit lives in us and communicates with us.

SAY: Let's try an activity. I am going to blindfold each of you. Now, I want you to make sure that you cannot see anything. Once you are all blindfolded, I am going to give each of you a piece of paper. I want you to follow my instructions and see if your completed project looks like mine. Now, please remember, I want you to not be able to see, so no peeking. Here we go.

DO: Blindfold each recruit and hand them one piece of the square paper. As you read the instructions, do not slow down. Continue to give the instructions with only a minimal pause. If the recruits say they missed a step, or they didn't hear you, just keep on going.



SAY: Okay, here we go:

Step 1 – Fold one corner of the paper diagonally to the other corner.

Step 2 – Open your paper and fold the other corner of the paper diagonally to the opposite corner.

Step 3 – Open your paper. You will now have a center point marked on the paper. Fold each corner of the paper towards the centre.

Step 4 – When all four corners have been folded, turn the paper over so that the folded sides are face down.

Step 5 – Now fold all the corners to the center diagonally.

Step 6 – Once you have folded in the four corners, pick up your square and fold it in half.

You have now created a “Chatterbox”.

Say: You may take off your blind fold and have a look at your “Chatterbox”. Is it like it should be? Does it look like mine?

DO: Allow for answers.

SAY: So what was the problem? How come you had the same instructions as I did, but your project did not turn out as it should have? I think we can find some answers by looking into God's Word. Listen to these verses found in John 16.

DO: Read John 16: 7–16 (read straight from your Bible so the recruits see you reading from God's Word.

SAY: In these verses, Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit who will come to us once Jesus has left this earth. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Advocate (Counsellor) and the Spirit of Truth. The verse also tells us that the Holy Spirit will help people to know what they and we have done wrong and will then point us to God. Listen to these verses.

DO: Read 1 Corinthians 2: 9-12.

SAY: These verses tell us that only the Holy Spirit knows the thoughts of God. Because the Holy Spirit knows God's thoughts, the Spirit of God will help us to do right and to understand the Word of God more clearly. Now, listen to these verses.

DO: Read John 14: 15-17 and 23-24 for the recruits.

SAY: These verses further tell us that the Holy Spirit is the Advocate (Counselor) who will be with us forever and will teach us and remind us of everything. Verse 17 explains that the world cannot accept him because it neither knows him nor sees him. However we, believers in Christ will know him because the Spirit of truth lives with us.



SAY: So you see, the Holy Spirit will reveal himself to us. He does speak to us. Sometimes he speaks through God's Word. He may emphasize a word or a verse that he wants us to hear at that time. Sometimes, he leads us away from dangerous or wrong situations. Sometimes, we hear him speaking, like when we are doing something we shouldn't and we feel in our hearts that it is wrong. The Holy Spirit is speaking to us in all of these situations.

SAY: Now let's go back to our "Chatterboxes". We struggled because we couldn't see that mid-point to know where to stop our fold or where to put our point/corner to. We couldn't because we were blindfolded and we didn't know everything we needed to know. This is like the Holy Spirit; without him we cannot know God's thoughts, but the Holy Spirit can reveal or interpret God's thoughts for us. We cannot know everything we need to know. We are blindfolded without him. I am thankful that God promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Spirit of Truth for each of us. Now, let's see if we can try again to make a "Chatterbox" but this time, how about we see everything?

DO: Give each recruit a new piece of paper and read back through the instructions helping them to complete the project.

SAY: Let's report now back to the Recon Team so that they too will know all that we learned about the Holy Spirit. Michael is going to like what we learned today. He can now share this information with Mandarin and all of the other recruits so they can know what we know. God communicates with us in many ways and stays with us forever.



Squad Leaders, the recruits will complete the "Chatterboxes" at the end of today's lesson.



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Fruit of The Spirit (S3) Episode 2 (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

- Five Bibles (NirV, if possible, is recommended for this mission or perhaps write out the NirV words for the kids. www.Biblegateway.com is a great resource for this)
- Five areas to set up stations around the room
- Strips of paper and pencils for each station
- Station #1 – Place a picture of a new baby, a Bible (marked with Romans 8:1-2, 9b-11), strips of paper and a few pencils at this station
- Station #2 - Place a prayer shawl or praying hands (if neither is available, think of something in your church that symbolizes prayer or praying), a Bible (marked with Romans 8:26-28), strips of



paper and a few pencils at this station.

- Station #3 – Place a picture of a brain/mind or thought bubbles, a Bible (marked with 1 Corinthians 2: 14-16), strips of paper and a few pencils at this station
- Station # 4 – Place a picture of Jesus with children, a Bible (marked with Romans 8:14-17), strips of paper and a few pencils at this station.
- Station #5 – Place a picture of a gift or have a gift-wrapped box, a Bible (marked with 1 Corinthians 12:4-11), strips of paper and a few pencils at this station



Mission Assignment

SAY: Kate really does want to learn how to drive. I hope the rest of the driving lesson goes well. Let's have a drumroll for our next mission. (Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Look into God's Word and find out what the Holy Spirit does in our lives." Recruits, Christie has asked us to concentrate on what the Holy Spirit does in our lives. To do this you will find five stations set up around the room. It doesn't matter which station you go to first, but you do need to visit each station. When you get to a station, you need to look at the object or objects there. Think about the Mission Assignment, "What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?" Do you think the object there could be a clue to answering that question? If so, write down what you think the object means on a strip of paper. Leave your strip of paper at the station and then move on to the next station. If you require help with the writing, just let me know and I will come and help. Once you have finished all five stations, come back together.

DO: Allow the recruits to move around to each station and complete the strips of paper. Ensure you are moving around too and watching for any recruit that may need some help.

SAY: Excellent work moving from station to station, recruits. Let's take some time now to look into Scripture and see what God has to say about the Holy Spirit. There are five stations so I need five recruits to help with reading.

DO: Select five recruits to each go to a station and to read the scripture reference marked there.

SAY: Okay, let's look at the first station. The object there is a picture of a new baby. Let's read what some of you have written down on the strips of paper.

DO: Read some of these strips and then have the recruit read the verses of Scripture.

SAY: The Holy Spirit gives us new life - that is what the baby represents. The Holy Spirit gives us new life when we accept Jesus as our personal Saviour from sin.

SAY: Station 2 was a prayer shawl (or praying hands or another prayer symbol your chose). Let's read what you wrote on some of the strips of paper.

DO: Read some of these strips and then have the recruit read the verses of Scripture.

SAY: Thank you. The Holy Spirit works in our lives as he helps us to pray even when we do not know what to pray for. Did you choose "prays for us" at this station? (Allow recruits to answer and then quickly move on to the next station)

SAY: Station number 3. The object here is a picture of a brain (or a thought bubble). I wonder what this one could mean. Let's read a couple of your ideas for this station.



DO: Read out loud some of the strips with the answers from the recruits and then have the recruit read the verses of Scripture for us.

SAY: Thank you. Yes, the Holy Spirit knows God's thoughts and can teach us these things.

SAY: Station number 4. The object here is a picture of Jesus with some children. Let's see what you think this picture may mean.

DO: Read out loud some of the strips with the answers from the recruits and then have the recruit read the verses of Scripture for us.

SAY: Thank you. The Holy Spirit makes us God's children and we can call God our Father.

SAY: And lastly Station number 5. The object the picture here is of a gift (or a gift-wrapped box). I wonder what this could mean.

DO: Again, read the answers that the recruits have provided and then ask the recruit to read the Scripture verses marked in the Bible.

SAY: Thank you. God's Holy Spirit provides us with different kinds of gifts. The gifts he gives us help us to serve God in different ways and we each receive different gifts according to what God calls us to do for him.

SAY: I find it amazing just how many different things the Holy Spirit does in our lives. Let's review these five things again. First, the Holy Spirit gives us new life when we become a believer. Next he helps us to pray even when we are unsure of what to pray for. Thirdly, the Holy Spirit helps us to know God and to understand what He's given us as he teaches us of these things. Fourthly, the Holy Spirit reminds us that we are God's children, that we have a special relationship with Him. Lastly, the Holy Spirit gives us special gifts so that we can serve God and tell others about Him.



Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "Fruit of The Spirit (S3) Episode 2 (3/4)". 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

- None

Directions

DO: Have the recruits sit together in a circle with you.



SAY: As we sit together in this circle, I wonder if you can think of ways that the Holy Spirit has helped you. Has he taught you anything? Has he reminded you of God's teachings? I know for me there have been times when I am in the middle of doing something or even saying something, and I hear that little voice inside me saying, "Should you say that?" "Are you gossiping?" "Don't do that. It isn't right." Can you think of a time when the Holy Spirit has helped you?

DO: Allow the recruits to share.

SAY: I think it is important that we pray about these things and ask God to help us to listen to the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit. Today, let's do popcorn prayers. As we are all praying with our eyes closed, each of us can just "pop" in with a short prayer asking God to help us to listen to the Holy Spirit in whatever circumstance we may find necessary today. Maybe you have been struggling with gossip, or lying. Maybe you need some help to be a good friend or to help out at home. Let's pray together now.

DO: Pray (be sure to add your own popcorn prayer as well).

SAY: Thank you recruits, for helping with this mission. Let's report back to the Recon Team.



Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "Fruit of The Spirit (S3) Episode 2 (4/4)". 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

- "Chatterboxes" from Mission Assignment #1
- Pens, pencils or markers

Mission Project

SAY: It's time for our final mission. Let's have countdown to read it. 3, 2, 1 (reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Squad members review all that you have learned about the Holy Spirit today and share it with others." Well recruits, it's true we have learned a lot about the Holy Spirit today and we certainly don't want to forget it. In fact, we want to share it with others. Let's use our "Chatterboxes" from earlier to remind ourselves what we have learned and when we are finished, we can then use these to share what we have learned with everyone else.

SAY: First, we need to write the numbers from 1 – 4 on the outer flaps. Then on the inside flaps let's write the roles of the Holy Spirit. We will write the matching scripture verse underneath these flaps.



DO: Review each verse and each role learned. You may find that your recruits will relate better to the NIRV (New International Reader's Version) for this activity.

guides	(John 16:13a),
witness	(Romans 8:16)
gives gifts	(1 Corinthians 12:7)
new life	(Romans 8:11)
empowers	(Acts 1:8)
prays	(Romans 8:26)
convicts	(John 16:8)
teaches	(John 14:26)

DO: When the recruits have completed writing in their "Chatterboxes" allow them to practice using them with another recruit.

SAY: Have fun this week as you share all that you learned about the Holy Spirit.

NOTES:

