

The Adventure Begins

14 Devotions for New Believers

God In You

Memorize This: But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you. - John 14:26 (NIRV)

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit will help me become like Jesus.

Think About This:

Have you ever needed a helper? Maybe something was on a shelf that was too high to reach, and your dad helped you get it down. Or maybe you had some homework that was too hard for you to do on your own, and your mom helped you figure it out. Or maybe you had a chore that was too big to do by yourself, and your friend helped you get it done.

Sometimes in life we all need helpers, but when it comes to following Jesus, we need the biggest, smartest, best Helper of all. He's called the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God. This is where it gets a little confusing. God is one God, but He has three parts and they each have their own jobs. There's God the Father, God the Son (that's Jesus) and God the Spirit. Don't worry if it's hard to understand. God's really big, and there are some things about Him even the smartest grown-ups don't understand either.

All you really need to know is that the Holy Spirit moved into your heart when you gave your life to Jesus and got baptized. Now, God, with all of His power, lives inside of you!

So what exactly does the Holy Spirit do? Here are a few things:

- He comforts us when we're sad or scared.
- He reminds us of what the Bible says.
- He helps us to pray when we don't know what to say.
- He gives us words to talk about God to others.
- He guides us to do the right thing.
- He helps us to get back on track when we do what's wrong.
- He helps us have more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The Holy Spirit is the best helper ever, and He's with you wherever you go. God loves you so much that you never have to do life alone!

Put It Into Action:

Take a few minutes to ask God to speak to you through His Holy Spirit today. Remember, the Holy Spirit always agrees with what the Bible says.

Just say, "God, I want to hear what you have to say today." Then, just listen.

- Are there any Bible verses you keep thinking about?
- Anyone you need to pray for?
- Anything you need to apologize for?
- Anything good to celebrate?
- Is there anything you think God may want you to do to help someone else?

Keep practicing listening to God, and watch the Holy Spirit do amazing things to help you become more like Jesus.

Prayer:

Father, thanks for sending me a Helper. Please fill my life with the power of your Holy Spirit and teach me to listen to Him. Amen.