

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Frequently asked questions for families

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

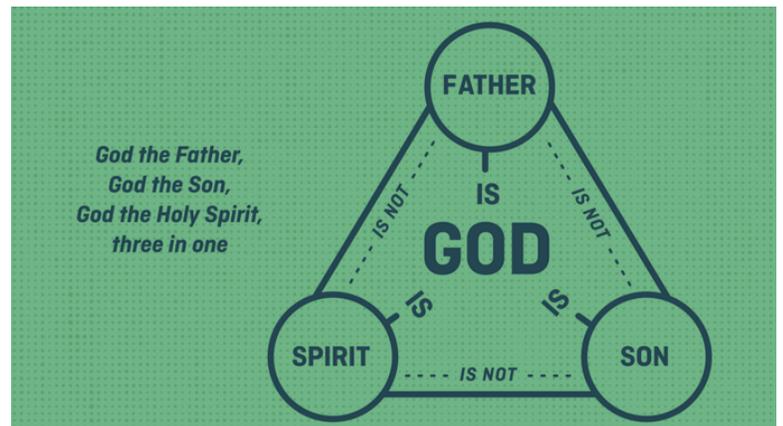
The Holy Spirit is God! Sound unbelievable? That's because God is incomprehensible. He is bigger than we can fully understand. The Bible tells us that there is one God who exists in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We call the three Persons **The Trinity**. Each Person in the Trinity has the exact same nature, character, and attributes. However, they have different roles.

Deut. 6:4, Matt. 3:16-17

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO?

The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father and the Son (Jesus), is the **Helper** of God's children. Face it, we need a lot of help and our good, wise, generous, compassionate God knows that! The Holy Spirit lives in each child of God, **teaching** and **reminding** them what is true about Him and about themselves. He **convicts** of sin, which means He points out when they are loving or trusting anything more than God. Because God is loving and faithful, He helps them to repent. We can tell God the truth about our sin and He will forgive us. The Holy Spirit will help us turn from sin to follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit also **strengthens** the prayers of God's children. Have you ever felt lost about how or what to pray? God knows this too and sent the Holy Spirit to step in and give power to our prayers.

John 16:7, John 14:26, John 16:8-9, Romans 8:26



CAPTURE THE MOMENT!

As a family, choose your favorite Kids Village or worship song and sing together. Examples of songs about the Holy Spirit: Spirit of the Living God, Rest on Us, or Holy Spirit. Use the song as a prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to teach you, remind you, convict you, and strengthen your prayers.

Holy Spirit: Discover More

Additional questions and answers for families

Has there ever been a time when the Holy Spirit did not exist?

No. Since the Holy Spirit is God, He has always been and will always be. There has never been a time when He did not exist. We see Him active in the very beginning in **Genesis 1**.

Is the Holy Spirit a ghost?

No. The Holy Spirit is not a ghost like we think of ghosts. He is a spirit. He is invisible and does not have a physical body. Jesus is the only Person in the Trinity with a body (**Colossians 1:15**).

How do God's children receive the Holy Spirit? Is there a special ceremony?

There is not a special ceremony. The Holy Spirit comes to live in us the moment we believe in Jesus (**Ephesians 1:13-14**).

Is the Holy Spirit always with God's children?

Yes. The Holy Spirit is God, who has promised to never leave or forsake His children (**Romans 8:38-29**).

Does the Holy Spirit work the same way now as He did in the early church?

Yes. Since the Holy Spirit is God, He never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (**Hebrews 13:8**).

Should I be afraid of the Holy Spirit?

No way! The Holy Spirit was given to help God's children. He is wise, loving, generous, and good (**Zephaniah 3:17**).

How do we know that the Holy Spirit is working in us?

God's Word is trustworthy and true. It says the Holy Spirit will grow new desires and attributes in you called "fruit of the Spirit". These include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness, and self-control. **2 Timothy 3:16, Galatians 5:22-23**

Is the Holy Spirit given to everyone?

The Holy Spirit is given to those who know or will know Jesus. Before they know Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps sinners to believe what they hear about Jesus. Once they turn from their sin to follow Jesus, He helps them to obey Him and become more like Him. **John 16:8, John 16:13**

Does the Holy Spirit get impatient with God's children when they need help?

God abounds in patience, kindness, and mercy towards God's children. He delights in helping them know, love, trust, and obey God more. **Psalms 103:8**

How do I know if I am a child of God?



Children of God...

Admit they are sinners.



Believe Jesus is the Son of God, who died to give them eternal life.



Confess that He is Lord of their lives.