

**LESSON SUMMARY:**

Learn about how Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to his followers, and what the Holy Spirit helps us to do.

**OPENING CONVERSATION:**

EXTRA EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Do you know this is what people used to yell out on the street corners so that others would come & buy their NEWSPAPERS? "What's a newspaper?" you might ask. It is where the news is actually printed out on paper & they make lots of copies so a lot of different people can read them. They are still used today, but there are now many other ways, as well, that people share news with each other.

Do you know that you have news to share with others, too?? Each day, you can choose to bring a message of joy & hope & love to others that you know & sometimes even to people you don't know.

After He was raised from the dead by the power of God's Holy Spirit, Jesus spent time with His disciples throughout the 40 days that he stayed here, on the earth.

He reminded them of one of God's promises he had told them about. That God would send a helper to stay with the disciples after He was to go up to heaven. How exciting, they wouldn't be left alone!

So He tells them to go & wait, for what is called the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He would give them the POWER they needed to do God's work in the earth and share, with the whole world, all the awesome things Jesus had done!

When you choose to follow God in your life, He gives you that same Helper, too. His Holy Spirit gives you the power to spread God's message to others and help them find a better life full of God's love.

And just like the disciples did, you can start right where you are and then keep on going, to spread that message wherever God takes you.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:**

*Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven*

Acts 1:1-8, Adventure Bible page 1198

"<sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around

him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION:**

**After He was raised from the dead, how many days did Jesus spend on the earth before going up to heaven?**

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**What did Jesus tell the disciples they would need to do after he left?**

To stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift His Father had promised.

**What had the Father already promised them?**

"For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**The scripture says they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came on them. What would that power help them do?**

Tell others about the works & love of Jesus in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**Does God still promise anything to His followers today when we choose to share His love with others?**

Yes. His Holy Spirit will help us, too & empower us to live the life He has planned for us.

**Where does God want us to share His message?**

The place we are right now & everywhere else He leads us.

**MEMORY SCRIPTURE:**

Matthew 28:19-20, Adventure Bible page 1092

<sup>19</sup> "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> "teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."