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John 6:63; Job 33:4; Romans 8:10; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Ephesians 4:30; Galatians 4:6

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:11

“If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies.”

BIG IDEAS

- The Holy Spirit makes God’s people alive.
- The Holy Spirit indwells God’s people.
- The Holy Spirit helps God’s people.

BIBLE STORY: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

When the prophet, Ezekiel saw the vision of the valley of dry bones, he prophesied that God’s Spirit would come upon the bones and make them alive again. God’s Spirit gives life to His people, creating a new heart no longer enslaved to sin inside of them. The Holy Spirit helps God’s people and guides them to glorify Him.

THE STORY

The Story is the good news of the gospel. All of Scripture tells the Story of God the Father’s work to redeem a people from the power of sin through God the Son so that they might live for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this series we will explore the four main movements of the Story of God, and our response to the life-altering Gospel Story!

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God is the author, subject, and hero of the gospel story
- Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone



Every child should feel:

- Brokenness over the depth of our sin against God
- Joy in Jesus, our Savior and King



Every child should strive to:

- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week



Every child should want:

- To study the Bible so that they can better understand God’s story of redemption
- To share the gospel story with those who are separated from God in their sin

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A GUIDE AND A HELPER

As a family, create a map of your city or neighborhood. Take a drive through your neighborhood or city to help you identify major places and buildings. Talk with your child about how we use maps and GPS to guide us to our destinations. Discuss with them about how the Holy Spirit is the guide and helper of God's people.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Ezekiel 37:1-14.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Before Jesus came to the earth, God spoke to the world through His chosen messengers, or prophets. Ezekiel was one of God's prophets, or messengers. God gave Ezekiel a vision of a valley full of dry bones. The entire valley was covered with dry and bleached bones. Ezekiel saw this valley and heard God command him to prophesy over it that God would send His Spirit to breathe life into the old bones. In his vision, Ezekiel saw the Spirit of God breathe life into the dry bones and the bones came to life again. The Holy Spirit caused the bones to come back together forming people as they took on flesh and life again. God breathed life into the dry bones just as He breathes life into sinners when He redeems them. This vision is a picture of the life-giving work that God did through Jesus and the way His Spirit gives new life to the redeemed people of God. The Holy Spirit works inside of God's people to give them new life and to guide them during their life on earth. The Holy Spirit works inside of God's people to make them more like Christ and to help them during their times of trials and temptations. The Holy Spirit is the great Helper of God's people. He serves as a guide and teacher to God's people, guiding them to know God and to seek His glory.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Who gives new life to God's people? (The Holy Spirit gives new life to the redeemed.)
- How does the Holy Spirit help God's people? (He guides them and teaches them about God. He leads them to understand God and seek His glory in this life.)



As a family, memorize Romans 8:11 by writing the verse on a piece of paper and placing it somewhere it is easily seen in your house. Set a goal of each family member saying the verse each day. Keep track of how many times each family says the verse. At the end of the week, see who can say it from memory.



As a family, create a chart of ways that each family member can help someone in the family this week. Keep track of the ways that family members are helping one another. Discuss with your child how the Holy Spirit is our helper and guide.



Spend time one evening discussing the ways we are all dead in our sin and how the Spirit makes us alive. Talk with your child about how the Spirit awakens us to God's truth. Share with your child some of the things the Holy Spirit has helped you see and understand about God.



Spend time praying as a family this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to help each family member understand that He is the Helper and that He gives new life to the redeemed.