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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 strive to:

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



Every child should feel:

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



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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THE GREAT HELPER

Create a scavenger hunt that involves your preschooler looking for things that are helpful. You can include things that are helpful around your house, such as kitchen utensils, yard tools, etc. You can expand your hunt to your neighborhood or city and include things like the police station, hospital, bank, grocery store, etc. Talk with your child about how God gives us the Holy Spirit as our helper.

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.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize Romans 8:11 by creating a matching game from the verse. Write each word of the verse on an index card twice. Take turns making matches. When all the words are matched, put the verse together and say it out loud together.



DO

As a family, create a "dry bones" using toothpicks and mini marshmallows. Attach the mini marshmallows to each end of the toothpick to create "bones". Talk with your preschooler about how God's Spirit gave life to the dry bones. He gives life to God's people.



FEEL

Gather together a few balloons. Tell your preschooler that the flat balloons are like the dry bones—lifeless. Next, inflate one of the balloons and tell your preschooler that it's like when the Holy Spirit breathed life into the dry bones. Let your preschooler try to inflate the balloons, too. Remind him or her that the Holy Spirit gives us life when we have saving faith.



WANT

One night before bed, spend time sharing with your preschooler how your life changed after you experienced saving faith. Talk through what it means to have saving faith and share how the Holy Spirit helps you.

Each morning this week pray with your child to understand his or her need for God's redemption through Jesus.