

The Helper Has Come!

Memory Verse: I Corinthians 15:3-4 “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.”

Main Teaching: Rely on the Holy Spirit to Help You Witness **Word Up:** The Holy Spirit is the Helper

Supplies:

- Word Up Visual – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Bean bag, stuffed animal or ball – Small Group
- Recording for “Jesus is the Good News” and “Trinity Song” - Worship (Sing About the King 1 CD)
- Optional Song Visuals for “Jesus is the Good News” and “Trinity Song” (cefpress.com)
- Clear container with a narrow opening (like a coke bottle), balloon, vinegar, baking soda - Object Lesson
- Memory Verse Visual – Memory Verse (Resource Pack)
- Recording for “According to the Scriptures” – Memory Verse
- Map of South Korea – Missionary Story (Resource Pack)
- Trinity Visual and bean bag from earlier – Small Group (Resource)
- Memory Verse Token I Corinthians 15:3-4 for each child – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Word Up / Worship
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Memory Verse
- 10 min – Game
- 5 min – Missionary Story
- 10 min – Small Group Wonder Time

INTRODUCTION

What do you think of when you think of the book of Acts? Perhaps you think “Church,” “transition,” “Peter” or “Paul.” But the key Person in the book of Acts is God the Holy Spirit! He empowers the Church to spread the Gospel around the world.

In this club hour children will learn about the Holy Spirit—who He is and what He does. Children will learn the doctrine of the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. In this **Growth Narrative** Bible lesson children will learn the Holy Spirit is the one who empowers us to witness, just as He empowered the early church to come out of hiding and boldly proclaim the Gospel. God’s Word and work cannot be stopped. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we can witness and live for God so the world shakes its head in wonder.

The following concepts should be clearly conveyed during the club hour:

- **Holy Spirit:** He is my Comforter (Helper)—He helps me understand God’s Word, obey God and become more like Jesus. He gives me courage to witness and comforts me when I am sad.
- **God (Trinity):** God is one God existing in three divine Persons—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- **Witnessing:** When I understand that people are lost without God and that I have received the gift of a changed life because of God’s great love, I want to show and tell others how Jesus can change their lives like He changed mine.



SMALL GROUP

Name Game

Toss a stuffed animal or a ball to one child and have them introduce themselves and say something they like. "My name is Aris and I like to play soccer." Then have them pass the object to someone else in the group. When everyone has introduced themselves, toss the ball or object around the circle and everyone says the name of the person that catches the object.

WORSHIP

"Jesus is the Good News"

"Trinity Song"



WORD UP!

"The Holy Spirit is the Helper!"

Can you name some people who spend their lives helping others? (*Allow response.*) Perhaps you thought of police officers, teachers or doctors. Those people spend their lives helping others. But they don't help you every moment of your day. When you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, you have someone who is your Helper all the time! This Helper never takes a break, never sleeps, and is available for you all the time! We will learn more about this Helper today. His name is God the Holy Spirit. Another name for the Holy Spirit is "Comforter" or "Helper." Say with me, **"The Holy Spirit is the Helper!"** (*Say with children.*)

CLUB RULES

Up Rules

"When you are driving in a car, why is it important to follow the traffic rules? You might crash, hurt someone etc. In Good News Club it is important to have rules too. That way everyone can learn about Jesus and have fun, and no one gets hurt." If you know the rules for the school you are in, you can use those, or you can use the Up Rules. Take some time to go over each rule and role play what the proper behavior for each rule looks like.



OBJECT LESSON**Filled with the Holy Spirit**

Materials Needed: Clear container with a narrow opening, balloon, vinegar, baking soda

Demonstration can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMhPu32P7oU>

What You Do: Before presenting the experiment, fill the balloon with a few spoonfuls of baking soda. Put about one cup of vinegar in the clear container. Attach the filled balloon over the opening of the container, being sure not to dump any of the baking soda into the container. The balloon should be securely fastened around the opening, with the baking soda sitting in the top portion of the balloon draped to the side.

What You Say:

"This bottle represents a person who doesn't have a relationship with God yet. This person hasn't accepted Jesus as their Savior, and the Bible says that this person is 'dead in sin.' But, there is great news! Everything is already in place for this person to receive Jesus as their Savior, to be forgiven of all their sins, and to be filled with the Holy Spirit."

"So as soon as this person receives Jesus as their Savior, let's look at see what happens." (Pick up the balloon and hold it upright, allowing the baking soda to fall into the container and mix with the vinegar. The balloon should begin to fill with air as the reaction happens inside the container. Make sure that the seal of the balloon around the container is tight!)

"Wow! Look at how the Holy Spirit just fills them up right away! If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you have the Holy Spirit, and He is with you all the time! He never leaves you! If you have never believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you can learn more about how to do that today by talking to any of your Good News Club leaders, and we would love to talk with you more about becoming a part of God's forever family. The Bible says that we can count on this truth. That even if you don't always feel like you don't have the Holy Spirit in you, you do! And you can trust that God is with you. We can count on the Holy Spirit to always be our helper.

Word Up! 'The Holy Spirit is the Helper!'"

**MEMORY VERSE**

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

INTRODUCTION

Think about something great that has happened in your life—something that changed your life in such a big way that nothing has ever been the same since. *(Give examples from your life such as a new sibling being born, moving to a new house, etc.)* I have some life-changing news to share with you.

PRESENTATION

(Read verse from visual with children.) This verse is life changing because it is true! Let's find it in the Bible. If you don't know the order of the smaller books that make up the Bible, go to the front of the Bible to the Table of Contents and find the page that the book. Turn to that page. Then look for the large number 15 in 1 Corinthians. That is the chapter. Then find the small numbers 3 and 4 in chapter 15. Those are the verses. *(Show children.)* All together, these numbers are called the address and reference. I am going to read these verses from the Bible while you look at the words up here on the visual. Stand up if you hear me read anything different. *(Read from Bible while showing visual to children.)* Were they the same? *(Allow response.)*

EXPLANATION

This verse is life-changing news because it is the Good News of Jesus!

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received—Does anyone remember who is talking in this verse? *(Allow response.)* His name was Paul and he had received the Good News from God that he was now telling other believers. He was witnessing.

that Christ died for our sins—Who is Christ? *(Allow response.)* Christ is a name for Jesus. It is also a title we use to refer to Him. It means He is the promised Savior. Jesus, God the Son, was born on earth as a baby, and grew up to be a man. He is perfect and without sin. But you and I have sinned by doing, saying or thinking what God says is wrong. God is perfect and has to punish sin. Because He loves you, He sent Jesus to die on a cross.

in accordance with the Scriptures—Jesus did everything God had said in the Old Testament; everything went according to God's plan.

that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day—Jesus didn't stay dead. He came back to life on the third day and lives in Heaven today, ruling over all! Jesus died and came back to life for you!

APPLICATION

Unsaved: If you have not believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you can be saved today. Jesus took the punishment you and I deserve. If you trust the Lord Jesus as the only one to forgive your sins, you won't be punished (separated from God), but instead you will have a friendship with God that starts now and will last forever and you will have the Holy Spirit living inside you to be your Helper.

Saved: If you have already believed on Jesus for forgiveness, God the Holy Spirit can help you tell this message to others. You can **rely on the Holy Spirit to help you witness**. This is the best news ever and God the Holy Spirit can help you tell it! Say with me, **"The Holy Spirit is the Helper!"** *(Say with children.)*

INVITATION



What about you? Do you know that you have sinned? Do you know that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin? Have you made the decision to put your trust in Him? Our Bible verse today is just for you "Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that He was raised on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures." When you believe in Jesus, trusting that He died on the cross for your sins, you will be saved – rescued from sin's punishment. God will change you on the inside, helping you love Him and obey Him each day. Will you turn from your sin and believe in the Lord Jesus today? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you believed in Jesus for the very first time today, or you want to talk to someone more about doing that, please show me by raising your hand. If

you raised your hand, please meet me (*designate location*) and I'll show you more from God's Word how you can be saved.

REPETITION

"Crazy Stand-Ups"

Say the verse together several times. Then call for different groups to stand and say the verse. Use "life-changing" categories as described in the introduction to the verse teaching; for example, everyone who has had a baby brother born into your family, everyone who has ever moved to a different house, everyone who has ever started at a new school, everyone who has ever joined a ball team, etc.

Sing Memory Verse Song *"According to the Scriptures"*

MISSIONS STORY

What is a Missionary?

Does anyone know what a missionary is? A missionary is someone who tells other people about Jesus. Sometimes missionaries go to a different country to tell others about Jesus. They have to learn a new language, learn a new culture, and meet lots of new people. If you moved to a new country, what are some new things you would need to learn? (How to speak and read the language, how to get around town, how to cook new food, how people in that country worship God.)

A missionary doesn't have to move to a new place to tell people about Jesus. If you have believed in Jesus, you can tell other people about Him right where you are. How many of you can think of someone who doesn't know Jesus? Could you tell them that Jesus loves them or invite them to Good News Club?

Each week we are going to learn about a missionary named John Cook. He was a missionary in South Korea. Does anyone know where South Korea is? It is on the continent Asia (Show South Korea on a map in the missionary visual JC-6.) There have been lots of years of war in South Korea. I wonder what they eat in South Korea? How did John Cook, a little boy from Michigan get all the way to South Korea? You are going to have to come back next week to find out!

ACTIVITY

Know Your Leader Pointing Game

Go around the room and introduce all of the volunteers and have them say an animal that they like. When they have all been introduced, say a volunteer name and their animal and have the class point to them. When they have this mastered, just say the animal and have the class point to them and yell out their name.

**SMALL GROUP****"The Trinity"**

I'm going to say several words and I want you to tell me what they have in common. When you think you know, stand up but don't say anything yet. The words are tricycle, triangle, triple. So let's see what you think. What did those words have in common? (*Allow responses.*) They all start with "tri." Think of a tricycle—how many wheels does it have? How many sides does a triangle have? How many scoops of ice cream would you get if you ordered a triple? On the count of three tell me what "tri" means. (*Allow responses.*) It means three! I'm going to teach you another word that starts with "tri" and has to do with the number three. The word is "Trinity." Perhaps you have heard that word before. It is a very important word that has to do with who God is. The word Trinity means "three in one." It is a word we use to describe God. God is one God existing in three Persons—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (Show visual) Say these names with me: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. (*Repeat with children.*)

God the Father is our Creator – He made everything

God the Son is Jesus – He took the punishment for our sin by dying on the cross and coming back to life

God the Holy Spirit is our Helper – The moment you believe on Jesus as your Savior, God the Holy Spirit comes to live within you. He is there to help you understand what you read in the Bible. He can also give you power to say no to sin, and the power to do hard things.

Trinity Game:

Have all kids sit in a circle. Have one child stand up with their back to the circle. Pass an object around the circle. When the person outside the circle claps, the person holding the ball comes up and picks a slip of paper. If the paper says God the Father, the group will all say "Creator". If the paper says God the Son, the group will say "Jesus". If the paper says God the Holy Spirit, the group will say "Our Helper".

DISMISSAL

Hand out memory verse token to each child and encourage them to memorize the verse and bring the token back completed next week. Remind kids to rely on the Holy Spirit to be their helper this week.