Jesus, the Holy Spirit, *and* Me...

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Foundational Principles for Young Believers

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How To Use This Study Guide

This self-guided study, **"Jesus, The Holy Spirit, and Me,"** was created as a tool to help Parents and Kid's Ministry Leaders introduce younger children to the **Person** and **Work** of the **Holy Spirit,** and to lead them into the important steps of both **receiving** and **walking in** the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit!**

This is meant to be an **interactive study** with your child (student). You will gain the most from it together - by allowing your child (student) to:

- **FIND** the Bible verse referenced. (You can also help them learn the Books of the Bible in the process.)
- **READ** the Bible verse out loud. (You can help them with any words they do not know but assist them in reading the verses out loud themselves.)
- **ANSWER** the questions themselves. (You can assist them by asking key questions that will guide them in their discovery, but it is important that they discover the answers themselves.)
- **PACE** the study according to your child's (student's) personal level of interest and understanding. In a classroom setting this will take on a different dynamic. However, the goal is not to rush the child to complete the booklet, but to lead them to both understanding and receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- **ENJOY** the study with your child (student). This discovery process is meant to be both life-changing and fun. (Use creativity in finding examples that can further illustrate the truths.)
- **CELEBRATE** the answers and discovery of your child (student). When he or she gets an answer correct – rejoice! Let your child know that both you and the Lord are proud of them!

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Finally, when you get to the section – "The Big Opportunity" – and you pray with your child (student) to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, lead your child in the simple prayer that is given, and <u>let the Holy Spirit do the work</u>.

Never force or try to create a response that is not genuine or the sovereign manifestation of the Holy Spirit in their lives! You can trust the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to do their work!

God Bless you as you lead your child (student) in this wonderful discovery of "Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and Me!"

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SECTION ONE

The Holy Spirit Gives Me SPECIAL ABILITIES!

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I. The Holy Spirit Gives Me a Greater Capacity to LOVE!

A. In our study, "**Jesus, the Trinity, and Me**" we discovered that the Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts, wants to gives us God's **"Special Power."**

B. Have you ever seen a **"fire hydrant"?** There is a great powerful supply of water that is inside the fire hydrant. As long as the cap stay on the fire hydrant, the power is not released. **Yet when someone takes the cap off, there is a great release of water that is so strong it can even put out a fire!**

B. This is what happens in our hearts when we are **baptized in the Holy Spirit**. When we ask for God's **"Special Power,"** He releases **His Great Love** from our hearts, in an overflowing way, **through the Holy Spirit!**

C. Romans 5:5: "Now hope does not disappoint, **because the _____of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit** who was given to us." (Read the verse and fill in the blank.)

1. This is exactly what happened to the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit poured out God's love in their hearts in such a powerful way **that they burst forth like a fire hydrant with praise,** and everyone heard them proclaiming the wonderful works of God! (Read Acts 2:1-13.)

2. When God releases **His Great Love** in our hearts through the **Holy Spirit –** we receive a **wonderful new ability to love God and to love others!**

3. LOVE is the **greatest evidence** that we are God's children and are walking in the fullness and power of the Holy Spirit! (Read John 13:34-35.)

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I. The Holy Spirit Gives Me a Greater Capacity to LOVE! – *Continued*

(God gave them special abilities to proclaim God's love and wonderful works in many different languages. This is called **"speaking in tongues."** We will look at later in this lesson!)

(God also gives me special abilities called **"Spiritual Gifts"** that we will study in another lesson entitled **"Jesus, Spiritual Gifts, and Me!")**

II. The Holy Spirit Gives Me BOLDNESS TO WITNESS!

A. Read **Acts 1:8** and fill in the blanks: "But you shall receive _____ when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be _____ to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the _____ of the _____."

B. What is a **"Witness"**?

1. A **"Witness"** is simply someone who tells someone else what they have seen, heard, or experienced. (Read I John 1:1-3.)

2. We are called **to tell other people** what Jesus has done in our lives and share how **they too can be saved** by placing their faith in Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord.

3. Read **Acts 1:8** and CIRCLE the right answer: **Who does God want us to tell the Good News about Jesus Christ?**

   a. My family.
   b. My friends.
   c. People who live in my country.
   d. The whole world.
   e. All the above.

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II. The Holy Spirit Gives Me BOLDNESS TO WITNESS! - *Continued*

C. **Does the Holy Spirit's POWER really make a difference in being a witness?**

1. **YOU BET! Have you ever read the story about Peter?** When Jesus was taken and placed on trial, right before He was crucified, three people asked Peter if he knew Jesus. This was before Peter was **Baptized in the Holy Spirit.** And what happened? ***Peter got scared and denied that he even knew Jesus.***

CHECK IT OUT!

You can read all about this in **Matthew 26:69-75!**

2. **"BIG DIFFERENCE"!**

a. **The same Peter** who denied he even knew Jesus Christ because he was so scared – **after he was <u>Baptized in the Holy Spirit</u>, he got up in front of thousands of people (not just 3!), preached a great sermon, and 3000 people placed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized! WOW!**

b. God gave Peter **POWER TO WITNESS** (tell others about Jesus) when Peter received the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit!**

CHECK IT OUT!

You can read all about this in Acts 2:14-40!

c. **"BIG NEWS" – The Holy Spirit wants to give you this same POWER - so that, like Peter, you can share Jesus with all your family and friends!**

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III. The Holy Spirit Gives Me a Special Ability to PRAY!

A. **What Is Prayer?**

1. **Prayer is simply when we talk to God.** Sometimes we pray to give thanks and tell God how much we love Him, and sometimes we pray to ask Him for help for ourselves or someone else.

2. **Have you ever had trouble praying?** Have you ever wanted to ask God for help, but you didn't know what to say?

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III. The Holy Spirit Gives Me a Special Ability to PRAY! - *Continued*

B. **How does the Holy Spirit help us pray?**

Read the following verses and note some of the special abilities the **Holy Spirit** gives us when we pray!

1. **<u>Romans 8:26-27</u>:** The Holy Spirit helps us pray when we don't know what to _____ _____!

2. **<u>Acts 2:1-4</u>:** The Holy Spirit enables us to pray in what we will call our **"<u>heavenly language</u>"** (the Bible calls this **"other tongues"**).

   a. Do you have any "**special words"** that no one else knows? Maybe they are special nicknames, or words your family uses to express **your special love for each other.**

   b. The Holy Spirit also wants to give you **special words** that you can use to **express your love to God,** and to **pray when you don't know what to say.** You can do this using this special **<u>heavenly language</u>!** (Read Romans 8:26-27.)

   c. <u>IMPORTANT</u>! Sometimes other people can understand these words (like in Acts 2:6-11). However, **most of the time** they are **special words** only the Holy Spirit and God can understand. (Read I Corinthians 14:2.)

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IV. <u>BIG PROMISE</u>! Let's review these "Special Abilities"!

A. **<u>LOVE:</u>**

The **Holy Spirit** gives us a greater **POWER** to **<u>LOVE God</u>** and to **<u>LOVE others</u>!**

B. **<u>WITNESS</u>:**

The **Holy Spirit** gives us the **POWER** to boldly **<u>SHARE JESUS</u> (witness)** to others (without being scared)!

C. **<u>PRAYER</u>:**

The **Holy Spirit** gives us the ability to **Worship** and **Pray** in a special **<u>HEAVENLY LANGUAGE</u>!** This helps us express how much we love God and helps us pray when we don't know what to pray for (Read I Corinthians 14:15.)

ALSO, THIS IS <u>REALLY COOL</u>! Read the following verses and note what happened each time a group of disciples were **Baptized in the Holy Spirit!** (Acts 2:1-4; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-7.)

Are You Ready for Your Big Opportunity?

SECTION TWO

I Can Be BAPTIZED in the HOLY SPIRIT!

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1. **<u>REMEMBER</u> – IT IS A FREE GIFT, BUT YOU HAVE TO ASK FOR IT!**

2. **<u>ASK</u> – Your Parents, Sunday School Teacher, or Pastor will be glad to lay their hands upon you** (just like they did in the Book of Acts) **and pray for you to be <u>Baptized in the Holy Spirit</u>!**

   Here is a prayer they can lead you in, as they lay their hands upon you:

> *"**Father**, I come to you in **Jesus Name!"***
>
> ***"Jesus**, I ask you to baptize me with the **Holy Spirit!"**.*
>
> ***"Like rivers of living water**, let Your special **<u>Gift of Love</u>** begin to flow through me so that I can **love God and others with Your Love!"***
>
> ***"Like a rushing mighty wind**, let me receive the **Holy Spirit's Power** so I can boldly **Tell Others about Jesus!"***
>
> *"And, **just like the disciples in the Book of Acts**, let me receive my **very special "Heavenly Language"** to tell you how much I love You, and to help me pray each day!"*
>
> ***"Thank you for Baptizing me in the Holy Spirit! In Jesus Name!"***

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3. **<u>GIVE THANKS</u>!**

- **After you finish praying, begin to <u>thank the Lord</u> for Baptizing you with the Holy Spirit!**
- **Tell Him how much you love Him <u>in your own words</u>!**
- **As you are talking to God, <u>don't be afraid</u> to begin speaking in your "<u>heavenly language.</u>"**

CHECK IT OUT!

Remember – the disciples "<u>spoke,</u>" as the <u>Holy Spirit gave them</u> the words to speak. Acts 2:4: *"And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, **<u>as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability"</u>*** (NLT).

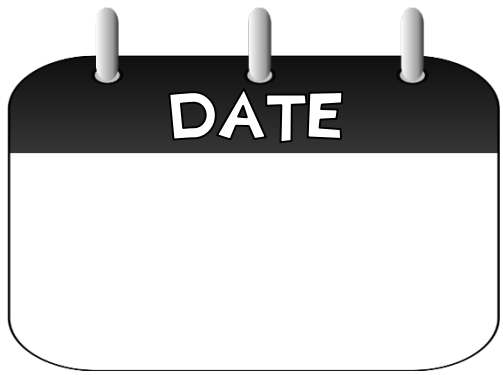
CHECK IT OUT!

You will never need to make anything up. When this **"heavenly language"** is from the Holy Spirit. **YOU WILL KNOW IT, AS IT WILL FLOW FROM YOUR LIPS!**

CHECK IT OUT!

If you don't experience your **"heavenly language"** right away, **<u>Don't Worry</u>!** All you have to do is just keep your heart open to the Holy Spirit and He will give you this new ability to pray **<u>very soon</u>!**

- **<u>Write This Date Below</u>! You have been filled with the HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER!**



NOW TURN THE PAGE TO FIND OUT HOW TO START EVERY DAY NOW THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

SECTION THREE

The Holy Spirit Is My FOREVER HELPER!

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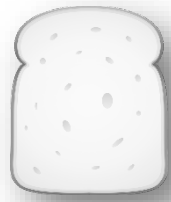
I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR "DAILY HELPER!"

A. Do you ever get hungry?

1. Can you imagine if you were told you could only have one meal – ***for the rest of your life?***



2. God loves us and provides us with our **"Daily Bread"** when we are hungry. (Read **Matthew 6:9-11.**)

3. Did you know that the gift of the Holy Spirit is a lot like our **Daily Bread?** Jesus does not fill us (baptize us) with the Holy Spirit **only once. Jesus delights in filling us with the Holy Spirit – *every day!***

B. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would be our "Daily Helper"!

1. Before Jesus died and rose from the dead, He began to tell His disciples that He would be leaving to return to Heaven so that he could be with God the Father. When the disciples heard this, **they were filled with sadness**.

2. **Yet, Jesus told them this was Good News!**
Read the verse below to find out why!

- **John 16:5-7:** "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. **It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.**"

- This verse tells us that the Holy Spirit is our (my) **Daily**

_____.

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B. **Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would be our "<u>Daily Helper</u>"! –** *Continued*

3. The Holy Spirit doesn't just fill us with **"Power."** (<u>Review</u> **Acts 1:8**.) **T**he Holy Spirit is our **constant and faithful <u>Forever Friend</u> and <u>Helper!</u>**

4. The **Holy Spirit <u>lives in us</u>**, **<u>works through us</u>,** and **<u>walks with us</u>** – **every day**, and **every moment of our life**!

5. The Holy Spirit will ***<u>HELP YOU</u> every day as you follow Jesus!***

"If we <u>live</u> in the Spirit, let us also <u>walk</u> in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25).

II. LET'S DISCOVER HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US EVERY DAY!

Read the following Scriptures and write down your discovery of what the Holy Spirit will do for you each day!

A. **<u>Acts 9:31</u>:** "Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the **<u>comfort</u> of the Holy Spirit**, they were multiplied."

The Holy Spirit _____ me.

The Holy Spirit is called the **"<u>Comforter.</u>"** This means that He is there to walk along side of us every day. He understands the times when we are worried, sad, and in need of **<u>comfort</u>!** When Jesus said He would never leave us or forsake us, He was talking about the abiding presence and help of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

The Holy Spirit is My FOREVER HELPER!

II. LET'S DISCOVER HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US EVERY DAY! – *Continued*

B. **<u>John 14:25-26</u>:** "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will <u>teach</u> you all things**, and **bring to your <u>remembrance</u>** (*to remember*) all things that I said to you." (NKJV)

The Holy Spirit _____ me, and helps me to

_____.

The Holy Spirit is our <u>Teacher</u>. He will help us as we read the Bible to understand what Jesus said. And as we **learn** God's Word and **memorize it** (hide it in our hearts), the Holy Spirit will bring these wonderful promises to our memory so that we can find **strength and courage** – ***right when we need it!***

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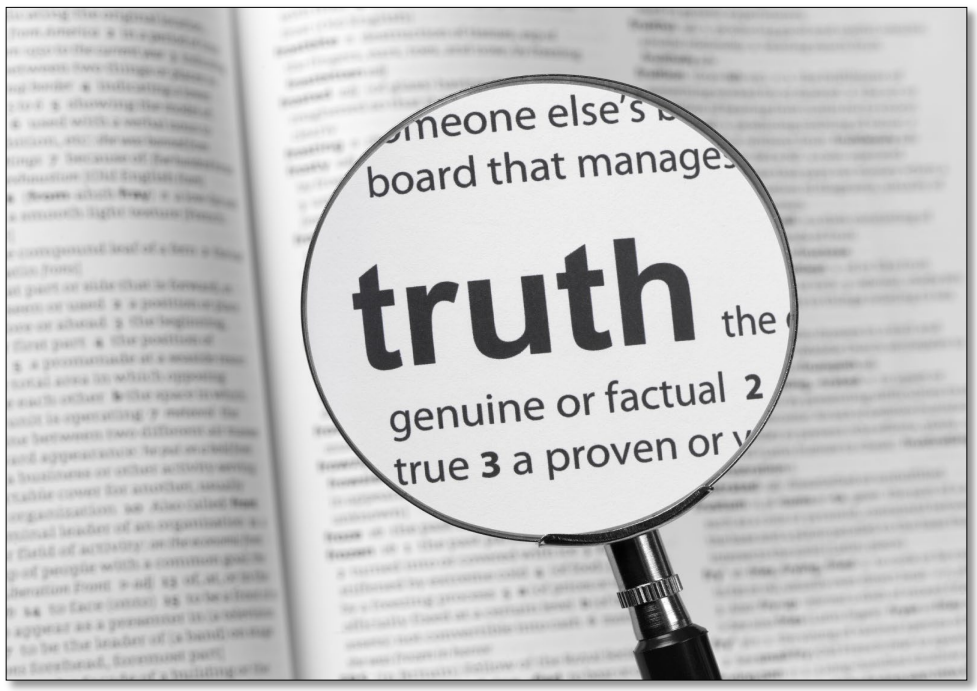
II. LET'S DISCOVER HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US EVERY DAY! – *Continued*

C. **<u>John 16:12-13</u>:** "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will <u>guide</u> you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own *authority,* but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." (NKJV)

The Holy Spirit _____ me into all truth.

How do you know if someone is telling the truth? Sometimes it is pretty hard to know what is true and what isn't. Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit to be our **<u>Guide</u> through life.** The Holy Spirit will help us understand the difference between the truth and a lie. The Holy Spirit helps us walk in what is true as He daily teaches us through **God's Word of Truth** (the Bible)**!**



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D. **<u>John 16:8</u>: "**And when he comes, he will prove to the people of the world that they are **<u>wrong</u> about sin** and about **what is <u>right</u>** and about God's judgment" (GNB).

The Holy Spirit shows me what is _____ and what is

_____.

FOREVER HELPER!

The Holy Spirit speaks to us through our conscience. Our conscience is that small voice in our heart that helps us know the difference between **<u>right</u>** and **<u>wrong</u>**. As the Holy Spirit guides us into God's truth, He also helps us know the difference between right and wrong – so that we can choose to do what is right!

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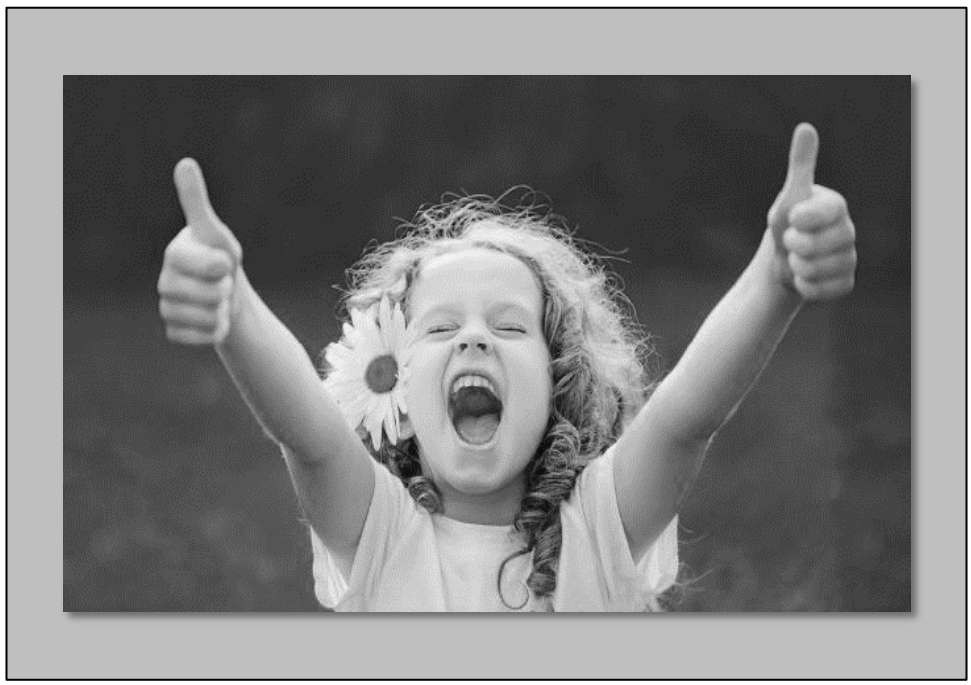
II. LET'S DISCOVER HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US EVERY DAY! – *Continued*

E. **I Thessalonians 1:6:** "You imitated us and the Lord; and even though you suffered much, you received the message **with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit**" (GNB).

The Holy Spirit gives me _____.

Do you know the difference between Joy and happiness? Happiness depends on what is happening in our lives. If we are having a good day, we are happy. If we are having a bad day, we are not happy. **Joy** is different. It stays with us through the good times and the bad times – because **Joy** is not a feeling; **Joy** comes from the Holy Spirit living in our hearts! **And this Joy (the Holy Spirit) will never leave us!**



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F. **<u>Ephesians 1:14</u>:** "This **Holy Spirit is the <u>guarantee</u>** that we will receive our inheritance. We have **this <u>guarantee</u>** until we are set free to belong to him. God receives praise and glory for this" (GW).

The Holy Spirit is God's _____ that everything He has promised will come true!

How can you be sure that God will always be with you, and that you will go to heaven? You can be sure because **God has given you a <u>guarantee</u>!** When you buy a toy or something electronic, it usually has a guarantee, but this guarantee is only temporary. However, God's **<u>guarantee</u>** lasts forever, because His **<u>guarantee</u>** is the Holy Spirit Himself. Because the Holy Spirit abides with you every day, you can be assured that **God is with you**, **you will always be with Him**, and **all His promises will come true!**

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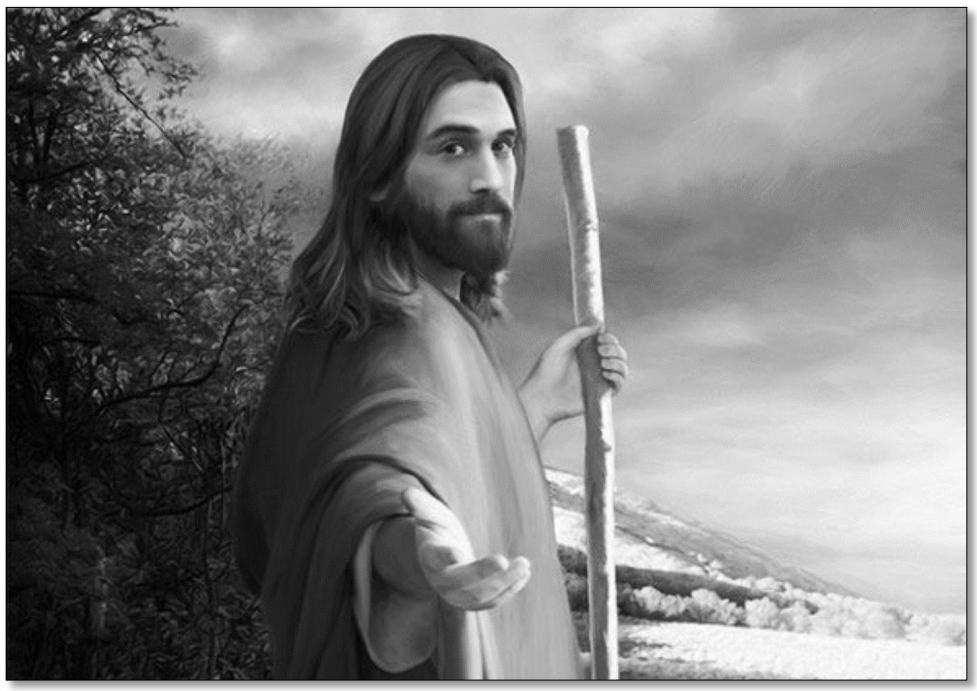
G. **<u>II Corinthians 3:17-18</u>:** "For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So, all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—**who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him (*<u>Jesus</u>*)** as we are changed into his glorious image" (NLT).

The Holy Spirit makes me more and more like _____.

Do you want to be like Jesus? Every child of God does. We want to love like Him, obey the Father like Him, forgive like Him, and understand the truth like Him. But - how can we do this? The Holy Spirit is **changing our hearts** every day. **He is helping us to become more like Jesus** in every way. And the Holy Spirit will continue to do this until the day we see Jesus, face to face!



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<u>Remember</u> - The Holy Spirit is your <u>Forever Helper</u>!

Ask Jesus to <u>fill you</u> with the Holy Spirit <u>every day</u>!

<u>Ephesians 5:18-20</u>: "…<u>keep on being filled with the Spirit</u>. Then you will recite to one another psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. You will sing and make music to the Lord with your hearts. You will always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (ISV, author paraphrase).

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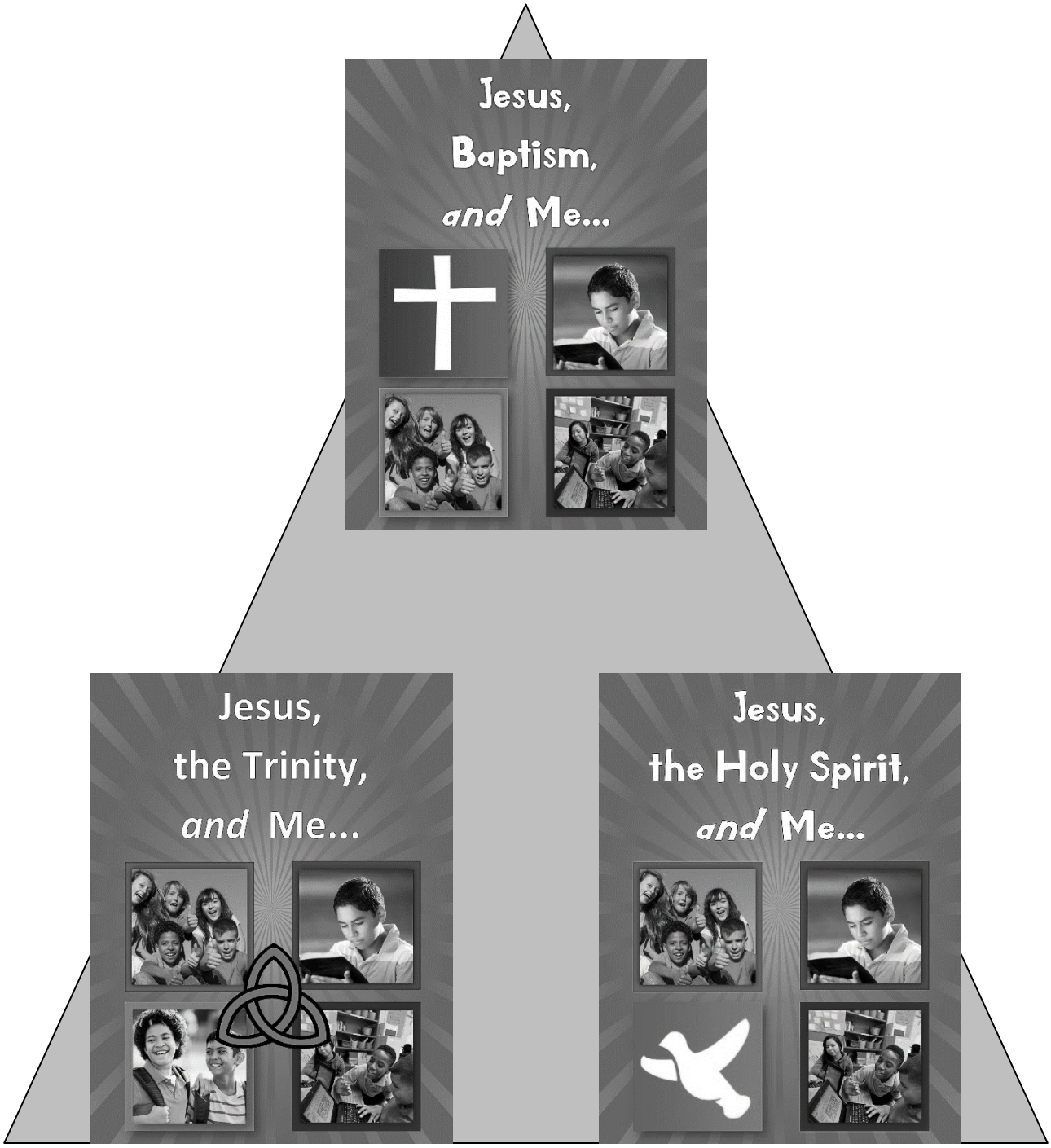

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