

John 14:15-31

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give you." John 14:27

Main Truth: God gives the Holy Spirit to help people who love and believe in Jesus.

It was Jesus' last night on earth. He knew He was going to die on the cross and come alive again to save us from our sins, but before He did that He many important things to tell His disciples. First Jesus started by washing His disciples feet. Jesus was giving His disciples and us an example of how we are to act. People who love Jesus care for one another. Then Jesus promised He would come back for His disciples and for you and me! But they were still sad and confused. The disciples were troubled so Jesus gave them another promise to help them not be sad or afraid.

Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another helper. This helper will be like a friend, but a friend that lives inside of you that helps you to love and obey Me. And this friend will never leave you."

This friend Jesus was talking about is called the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would help the disciples. The Holy Spirit would comfort them and help them to have no fear and to trust God the Father. The Holy Spirit would help the disciples understand what Jesus had taught them.

Now we cannot see the Holy Spirit. He is like wind. We can see what wind does to things like blow branches and leaves but we can't actually see it. The Holy Spirit is like that, you can't see Him, but you can see what He is doing in your life.

Jesus told His disciples, "People will not be able to see your new friend, the Holy Spirit." People who do not know or love Jesus do not know about the Holy Spirit, but Jesus tells the disciples, "You know Him, He lives with you and will be in you." Jesus promised the disciples that they would know when their new friend, the Holy Spirit would come to live in them. **God gives the Holy Spirit to help people who love and believe in Jesus.**

Soon Jesus was going to die on the cross and come alive again to save us from our sins. Then Jesus would go back to live with God the Father in heaven. Jesus did not want to leave His disciples alone. So Jesus promised His disciples the Holy Spirit so that way they would not be alone. The Holy Spirit would live inside of them. Jesus told the disciples the Holy Spirit would help them to understand things that Jesus had taught them and when it is the right time the Holy Spirit would help the disciples write the Bible. The Holy Spirit would give the disciples God's words to write. How neat is that?!

Then Jesus gave them another promise. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." This means the disciples have nothing to be sad or afraid of. They would have peace and know Jesus would take care of them with His Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a special friend, it is Jesus living inside of His believers. The Holy Spirit was not just for Jesus' disciples. We can have the Holy Spirit too! Anyone who believes and loves Jesus has the Holy Spirit living inside of them. The Holy Spirit living inside of us helps us to make good choices and to be brave and to give us God's words when speaking to people. **God gives the Holy Spirit to help people who love and believe in Jesus.**

Q/A

What was Jesus going to do soon? Die on the cross

Who would Jesus go to live with? God the Father

What would Jesus send to help us? The Holy Spirit

Who does the Holy Spirit come to? People who believe and love Jesus

What does the Holy Spirit do for us? Gives us peace. Many answers acceptable

What did the Holy Spirit do for the disciples when writing the Bible? Gave God's Words

How does the Holy Spirit help you?

### Infant Story

-Jesus was leaving soon

-Jesus was going to die on the cross for our sins

-Jesus' friends were sad and afraid

-Jesus promised His disciples the Holy Spirit

-The Holy Spirit is Jesus living inside of His people who believe in Him

**-God gives the Holy Spirit to help people who love and believe in Jesus**