

# KIDMUNITY | This I Believe

## Lesson 05: God The Spirit

### Small Group Guide

#### Bottom Line:

*The Holy Spirit is God with us, helping us follow Jesus every day.*

#### Memory Verse:

*“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

**John 14:26**

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## Activity: Guess Who?

### Supplies Needed:

- 1 deck of 15 “Guess Who?” cards per group

### How to Play (Standard Version)

Have students sit in a circle.

Each round:

1. One student draws a card.
2. They read the identity silently.
3. They give clues one at a time.
4. The group guesses who they are.
5. Once correct, the next student takes their turn.

### Younger Group Modification (K-1)

The leader holds the cards and reads the clues. Kids raise their hands and guess. Keep it fast and simple.

### Older Group Modification (2nd-5th)

Students create their own clues instead of reading the provided ones. Optional challenge mode: one-word clues only until everyone guesses.

## Leader Debrief (Transition to Fruit)

After several rounds, ask the group how they recognized each person. Guide them to recognize that the clues gave it away – the evidence matched the identity. They weren't guessing randomly; they were paying attention to what they saw and heard.

Explain that if someone wears a stethoscope and works in a hospital, you know they're a doctor because the evidence reveals who they are. The clues point to the identity.

“By their fruit you will recognize them.”

**Matthew 7:16**

Explain that in the same way, clues reveal identity, fruit reveals identity. You know an orange tree is an orange tree because you see oranges on it. You know a banana tree is a banana tree because you see bananas. An orange tree can't produce bananas, and a banana tree can't produce oranges. The fruit tells you what kind of tree it is.

In the same way, the fruit in someone's life reveals what's inside them. If the Holy Spirit lives in someone, there will be evidence – and that evidence is fruit.

Say, “So what is the fruit of the Spirit? Let's read it together.”

## The Fruit of the Spirit

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

**Galatians 5:22-23**

## Discussion: Fruit Check

- If someone watched how you acted at school this week, what fruit would they see?
- Which fruit do you feel doesn't show up as often in your life right now?

**Leader Emphasis:** Remind them that fruit doesn't grow because a tree tries harder. Fruit grows because the tree is alive and healthy. In the same way, we don't manufacture love,

joy, or patience by effort alone. As we stay connected to Jesus, the Holy Spirit produces that fruit in us.

Encourage students to quietly pray, asking the Holy Spirit to grow a specific fruit in their life this week: “Holy Spirit, grow \_\_\_\_\_ in me.”

## Activity Two: Trinity Recap

### Supplies Needed

- 3 signs: **God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit**
- Painter’s tape
- Open space

Place the three signs in different corners of the room so students have to move between them. Explain that you will read a statement. When you do, students must move quickly to the sign that matches which Person of the Trinity the statement describes. If a statement could apply to more than one Person, they may choose either correct location.

- This Person of the Trinity created the world. (God the Father)
- This Person of the Trinity became a man. (God the Son)
- This Person of the Trinity lives inside believers. (God the Spirit)
- This Person of the Trinity currently reigns in heaven. (God the Father)
- This Person of the Trinity died on the cross. (God the Son)
- This Person of the Trinity produces fruit in your life. (God the Spirit)
- This Person of the Trinity sent the Son into the world. (God the Father)
- This Person of the Trinity rose from the dead. (God the Son)
- This Person of the Trinity guides you into truth. (God the Spirit)
- This Person of the Trinity intercedes for believers. (God the Son)
- This Person of the Trinity helps you pray. (God the Spirit)
- This Person of the Trinity sent the Holy Spirit. (God the Son)
- This Person of the Trinity was sent by the Father. (God the Son or God the Spirit)
- This Person of the Trinity gives spiritual gifts to believers. (God the Spirit)
- This Person of the Trinity is called King. (God the Son)
- This Person of the Trinity is called Creator. (God the Father)
- This Person of the Trinity empowers believers. (God the Spirit)
- This Person of the Trinity planned salvation. (God the Father)
- This Person of the Trinity accomplished salvation. (God the Son)
- This Person of the Trinity applies salvation to your life. (God the Spirit)

## Leader Wrap-Up & Prayer

Gather everyone back together and remind them that for three weeks we've been learning about one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father planned salvation. The Son accomplished salvation. The Spirit applies salvation. The Father reigns in heaven. The Son sits at the Father's right hand. And the Holy Spirit lives in believers.

Explain that when we pray, we often talk to God the Father or to Jesus, but we don't always think about the Holy Spirit. And yet the Holy Spirit is not far away. He is personal and present. If we belong to Jesus, He is with us right now. So before finishing, lead the group in a prayer that acknowledges all three Persons of the Trinity.

**Pray together:** *"Father God, thank You for creating us and loving us. Thank You for planning salvation and calling us Your children. Jesus, thank You for coming to earth, dying on the cross, and rising again to rescue us. Holy Spirit, thank You for living in us. Thank You for being our Helper and Guide. Please grow your fruit in our lives, help us when we are weak, and lead us in truth this week. One God – Father, Son, and Spirit – we worship You and thank You. Amen."*

Remind students as they leave that God is not just above them or for them – through the Holy Spirit, He is with them.

## Final Discussion Questions

### Kindergarten / 1st Grade

1. Who lives in you if you follow Jesus?
2. What does the Holy Spirit help you do?
3. Can you talk to the Holy Spirit when you pray?

Leader Tip: Keep answers simple. Reinforce that the Spirit helps, guides, and stays with us.

### 2nd / 3rd Grade

1. What is something the Father has done?
2. What is something Jesus has done?
3. What is something the Holy Spirit does in your life right now?

Leader Tip: Help them connect doctrine to daily life – school, friendships, obedience.

### 4th / 5th Grade

1. Why is it important that the Holy Spirit is fully God?
2. What is the difference between what Jesus did and what the Holy Spirit is doing now?
3. How should knowing God lives in you shape your decisions this week?