

# The Promise of the Holy Spirit & the New Covenant

## TEACHING NOTES

### KEY VERSES

John 16:7, Matthew 5:17, Matthew 20:17-19

### KEY THEMES

The promise of the Holy Spirit  
Christ fulfilled the Law  
God reveals His new covenant of grace through Christ

### The Promise of the Holy Spirit

*But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. –John 16:7*

### The future role of the Holy Spirit (John 16:13)

### The New Covenant



### Transitions (John 1:17)

INTRODUCTION

INNOCENCE

CONSCIENCE

PROMISE

LAW

## Failure under the Law



### Confusion

The Kingdom

Lion vs. lamb



### Christ fulfilled the Law (Ephesians 2:14-18)

*I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die. –Galatians 2:21*



### The Church (Ephesians 3:1-11)

#### Lesson Objective:

*Jesus introduces the future role of the Holy Spirit.*

*To lay a foundation for what was accomplished through Jesus' birth, life, and death.*

**PERSONAL STUDY****Study 1****Prepare your heart and mind**

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time. As you come away from the distractions of the world, pray that you would get to know God more as you study His Word.

**Jesus & the Holy Spirit**

When Jesus came to earth, He set aside all His divine powers to become human. The Bible is clear that Jesus was fully man and that the Holy Spirit was active in His life. Even at the moment of His conception (Luke 1:35), the Holy Spirit was a part of Jesus' life and ministry. All that Jesus did, said and taught came from the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus walked the earth, why do you think He chose to lay aside His divine powers?



As you read these Old Testament prophecies, identify in what ways the power of the Holy Spirit was to be demonstrated in the life of Christ.

Isaiah 11:1-2

Isaiah 61:1-2



Read Luke 3:21-22

How did Jesus begin His ministry?

 How does Jesus identify the role of the Holy Spirit in His life and ministry in the following scriptures?

Luke 4:18-21

John 12:50

John 14:10

Acts 10:38

 Read Acts 2:33 & John 14:16-17

What do these passages say about the Holy Spirit within us?

For Christ followers, we have the same power that was in Christ Jesus. How does it make you feel to know that we can eagerly anticipate the same work of the Holy Spirit in our own lives?

### **Prayer time**

The Holy Spirit makes known God's truth and His will for our lives. We cannot see God's character on our own, we need the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal areas in your life that you need to seek more of the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Key verse**

Put to memory John 14:26, “But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.” Repetition is the most productive way to memorize. One option is to start a scripture notebook where you can write verses over and over on a daily basis. Another option is to say scripture outloud multiple times throughout the day.

**Study 2****Prepare your heart and mind**

Begin your time by asking God to speak to you through His Word. Ask Him to show you more about Himself and how He interacts with people. Ask Him to help you focus on His Word and what He is saying to you.

**God reveals His new covenant of grace through Christ**

Read Luke 22:19-20

We see that Jesus is celebrating Passover with His disciples. God reveals through Jesus His desire to form a new covenant while simultaneously fulfilling the old covenant. No longer would people need the blood of animals to be made right with God. Jesus is explaining to His disciples that His blood would be the final sacrifice for them and the rest of humanity.

Whenever we take communion, we need to remember what Jesus did for us and what an incredible gift of grace His sacrifice was. Ask God to help you live in the reality of the new covenant of grace.

**Key verse**

Keep working on memorizing John 14:26. See if you can write it out from memory below.

**Prayer Time**

Close this time with prayer. Thank God for what He did through Christ’s birth, life, and death. Thank Him for the Bible and how it speaks to us. Ask Him to help you be mindful of His new covenant.

## PARENT GUIDE

This week we are providing a few questions to help you share about the Holy Spirit. This topic can be a challenge and with tough topics we need to lean on the Holy Spirit for direction and God's Word for the truth.

### Table Talk

What do you think a “helper” is and when are some times you think you might need one?

Jesus said to His disciples that He must go so that someone else could come. Do you know who that was? (Read John 14:16-17 and talk about what it says.)

The Holy Spirit can be a huge help to us in our lives. He is a person who can teach us what we need to know and lead us in the right direction. How can the Holy Spirit help you? (Parents, this is a great time for you to share how you allow the Holy Spirit to help you.)

**ADDITIONAL STUDY**

The subject of blood sacrifice is a strange one, especially to us as Americans. It rings of tribal rituals, but it is actually a principal in God's Kingdom. When someone sins, that person will eventually pay for the sin themselves with the death of their flesh and soul. God, in His great mercy, introduced the concept of substitutionary sacrifice in the Old Testament. The idea here is that instead of the sinner paying the wages of their own sin, which is death (Romans 6:23), an animal designated by God would be killed to atone for the sins of the offender. So here is a question: Why did Jesus need to come and die for the sins of the world if the old system, or covenant, was sufficient?



Read Hebrews 10

In verses 1-4, what was the shortcoming of the blood of bulls and goats?

In verses 5-10, what was the sacrifice that actually pleased the Father?

In verses 11-18, what did the death of Christ accomplish for all who believe?

In verses 19-39, since we have been perfected by the blood of Jesus through faith in His name, how should we live out our salvation in this lifetime?

# Foundations Timeline

