



SIC '23

# LEADER GUIDE



## LIFE GROUP LEADERS!

Welcome to Student Life Camp! What you hold in your hands is the Life Group Leader's Guide to walk through our theme Three in One. Our hope is that this Leader's Guide will equip you to effectively walk your Life Group through each day's Bible study. The next few paragraphs will give you some handles for what to expect in each day's lesson. First, THANK YOU! Someone found you trustworthy to lead students in studying the Bible, but you still had to be willing to leave your comfort at home to come pour into students at camp!

### DAILY OVERVIEW

The first page of each day's Bible study has an overview of the big idea that we will be studying. There is a Main Point, which is the central truth we want students to learn from the lesson. There is also an application to help students put truth into practice called Live It Out. You will also find a focus verse and all Scripture passages the lesson will cover. This page should help frame where the Bible study will take you.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Bible study largely relies on discussion. Instead of having students sit and listen to you read pages of content, our hope is that discussion will keep students engaged and lead them to consider the truths of Scripture and how those truths relate to their lives. With each question, we have provided a suggested answer in parenthesis in your guide. These are not necessarily the only correct answer, but are meant to help you get to the key thoughts of that question.

You may be terrified with the thought of awkward silences or avoided eye contact, but don't panic! If your students go quiet, give them a few minutes to answer questions individually in the notes section of their Camp Booklet, and then ask them to share what they wrote. We think your students will open up!

Finally, we're praying for you! Know that we have been praying for this summer for many months and we are continuing to pray for you as you lead this week. God is faithful and sufficient and His Word does not return void.



## NIGHT ONE

*Night one of Life Group is different from any other night. In order to go deep with students, we have to start shallow!*

Say: **What a great first service of camp! Tonight's group time will be a great chance to debrief the service, and just get to know each other. Before we do any ice breakers let's talk about our session tonight.**

Say: **What was your favorite part of tonight?**

Say: **What questions do you have from tonight's session?**

*[You can use this time to answer any questions that your student's have. P.S. if you don't know ALL the answers to their questions that's okay!]*

Say: **What did you learn about God today?**

Say: **Was there a moment that you sensed the Holy Spirit was trying to get your attention?** [If so, what was He saying]

Say: **What are you looking forward to today?**

### ICE BREAKERS

#### Two Truths and a Lie

[Have each person make three statements about him or herself: two true statements and one lie. For example: "I've never broken 4 bones. I have 10 siblings. I was born in Utah." The group tries to guess which statement is the lie.]

#### Human knot

[Have everyone in your group stand in a circle. Each person in the group must hold the hands of two different people who are not immediately standing next to them on their left/right. This creates a human knot. From here, let the group untangle the knot into a circle again. The icebreaker ends when there is no longer a knot]

#### Most Unique

[Go around the room and have each person share something that makes him or her unique or unusual, such as "I've never left the state I was born in" or "I am one of 10 kids." The more unique the facts, the more fun the icebreaker becomes.]



## OVERVIEW

### LESSON 1: The Father

#### MAIN POINT

God is our *perfect* Father.

#### LIVE IT OUT

Because God is my perfect Father, there is nothing I can do to disqualify me from His love.

#### FOCUS VERSES: LUKE 15:31-32

“‘Son,’ he said to him, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

#### ALL SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Luke 15:11-32; Romans 8:15

#### PREP

- Read Luke 15:11-32 and Romans 8:15.
- Reflect on how God the Father rescued you personally; spend time thanking God that you were once lost, and now you are found!
- Ask God to begin rescuing youth in your group! Pray for anyone in your group who hasn't trusted in God as their perfect Father to have an awakening in their heart today.
- Pray for God to come and heal the hearts of youth in your group who can't see God as their perfect Father because of their earthly parental relationships. Invite the Holy Spirit to come and heal.



## LESSON 1: The Father

Say: **Welcome to Student Life Camp and your first Life Group Bible Study! We are excited for this week of camp and cannot wait to see what God does in our lives this week. Some of you may already know each other, but to help us get to know everyone better, let's take turns and introduce ourselves by saying our name and favorite movie.**

Say: **This week, we are going to unpack one of God's beautiful mysteries, the Holy Trinity. We will be diving into the identity of God through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we learn about the Trinity, we are going to discover more about who God is and, as people made in the image of God, who we are.**

### ENGAGE

#### ICEBREAKER: THE LOST & FOUND

Say: **We are going to play a game called “Lost and Found.” Turn in your booklet to the “Lost and Found” game. At one point in our lives, we’ve lost or misplaced something that was really important!**

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

*There's a slip of paper titled “Reporting a Lost Item” that has the following information for students to fill out the details of their story. Think back to a time in your own life when you could not find something you own. Use the illustration in your booklet to help you fill in the details of your story. Then, we'll go around and share.*



## IMPART

Say: **What a fun way to get to know each other a little more! Hopefully, none of us will lose anything while we're here at camp! Even though we've all lost objects or things we care about, did you know that we actually all have something else in common? The Bible says that all of us at one time were *lost*. And, this isn't just talking about being physically lost like when your phone dies and you can't use maps on your phone anymore! What the Bible means is that we are all *spiritually lost* before we decide to follow Jesus.**

Say: **Today, we're going to read a story about a dad who had two sons, and one of his sons gets really lost. This story is what's called a *parable* in the New Testament. Can someone explain what a parable is?**

*[Suggested Answer: Jesus would tell simple stories to illustrate a spiritual lesson.]*

Say: **As we read this parable, we're going to learn about God as our perfect Father. Then, we'll answer some questions together. Everyone, grab your Bible and let's turn to Luke 15:11-32.**

*Leader Note: Be mindful to help anyone who is unfamiliar with the layout of Scripture and might need some help in how to locate a specific Bible chapter and verse.*

Say: **Let's read Luke 15:11-32.**

*[Ideas for reading the passage: Invite volunteers read as the narrator, father, younger son, older son, and servant. Call on different people to read different people to volunteer to read certain sections.]*

Say: **This parable that Jesus teaches reveals so much about God as our Father and us as His children. What was something that stuck out to you in this passage?**



*Leader Note: This moment may be awkward, but give them space to try to hear what the Spirit points out to them. If someone says the wrong answer—that's okay. Gently point out what the passage is actually saying.]*

**Say: The Father is the first Person of God. Sometimes, we picture God as the Person of the Trinity who judges and pours out wrath on us. Is that the way the Father is pictured in this story? Although the wrath of God is what we deserve because of our sin, the Father in His loving-kindness, sent His Son to bear that wrath. In this story, the father of the lost son is a beautiful picture of how our heavenly Father sees us!**

**Say: From this story, we get to see how each of us were before we chose to follow Jesus. Just like the lost, young son, before we decide to follow Jesus we are spiritually dead, pursuing things of this world that won't last and eventually finding ourselves hopeless and lost.**

**Say: But, just like the younger son, when we turn from our sin, or repent, and return to our Father, He meets us with grace, forgiveness, celebration and eternal life in Jesus!**

**Say: God's Word is so amazing because as we read it, we get to respond! This story reminds us of our sinful nature as humans, *and* of God's grace and forgiveness as our perfect Father! Spend a moment in your booklet writing down some of the sin in your life that distracts you or pulls you away from God. Confess that sin to your perfect Father and receive His forgiveness.**

**Say: Imagine for a moment being the younger son and going to your father and asking for all of your inheritance. Or, imagine walking up to your parents and demanding they give you half of all of their savings. What reaction do you think you would receive? What might be their reaction?**

*[ Suggested Answers: Anger, getting grounded, they would give me some money, and so forth]*





Say: **It can be hard to read a story like this about a father and his sons when we all have such different and unique experiences with our earthly parents. And, oftentimes those experiences with our earthly parents can cause us to see God as a less-than-perfect Father. But, Jesus knew this when He was sharing this parable! God knows that our moms and dads here on earth are not perfect.**

Say: **Take a moment to answer this question in your booklet—Do you feel like your relationship with your parents has impacted your view of God? If so, how? Let's take a moment and write down in our booklets some of the ways our earthly parents impact our view of God.**

*Leader Note: Students do not have to share this with the group. Please use your discernment to decide if this is the right space. Silently pray for the Holy Spirit to bring memories of parental wounds to mind that He wants to heal and bring freedom to. As students share about their trials at home, offer to pray for them. Pray that God would bring healing and freedom at home. This is a good time to push pause on the Bible study and pray for your students as a group. If a student shares anything that is especially concerning, be sure to invite your student pastor into the conversation.*

Say: **Let's look back at this story to see what we can learn about God as our perfect Father. Let's read Luke 15:17-24.**

Say: **What does that passage teach us about God as our Perfect Father?**

*[Suggested answer: There's nothing we can do to disqualify ourselves from God's love. God is always on the pursuit as our Father. God is gracious, merciful, loving, kind, and forgiving.]*

Say: **Because the Bible is true, we can trust that God is our Perfect Father! What does it mean for you to have a Perfect Father in Heaven? Write it down.**





Say: **From this story, we learn a few things about God as our Perfect Father. First, He doesn't hesitate to forgive us when we come to Him in repentance. Second, God is patient. The father in the story waited for his son to come home. Third, He is filled with love for His children. When the father in the story saw his son, he ran toward him and embraced him. God does the same for you and me.**

Say: **Although we know these things are true about God as our Perfect Father, sometimes they aren't true for our earthly parents. Our earthly parents are human, so that means they are imperfect. Later, we are going to spend some time receiving God's perfect love and forgiveness, so we can extend that love and forgiveness to our earthly parents.**

Say: **Let's read through the end of the story one more time together. Read Luke 15:25-32.**

Say: **What does the response of the older son teach us about ourselves? What do we learn about God as our Perfect Father as the father in our story responds to his older son?**

*[Suggested Answers: We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; none of us is more deserving of forgiveness or grace than the other. We are meant to celebrate when someone repents of their sin and chooses to follow Jesus! Comparison is the thief of joy! God's grace is sufficient! He truly does rejoice when anyone repents of their sin and returns to Him as their Father.]*

Say: **It's been so fun learning about the Father today. If you have a hard time understanding the Trinity, you are in good company. This is a mystery that the church has wrestled with over centuries. We tend to define the Trinity more by what this does not mean than by what it does. For example, we are not talking about three different gods. Also, we are not talking about three different expressions of God, nor do we mean that this is just the way we interact with the Trinity. Rather, God eternally exists as three Persons in One—a perfect unity of Father, Son, and Spirit.**



## IMPACT

Close down the lesson, giving students some time to reflect, either individually (a short quiet time where students write in their books), collectively (a group-sharing time), or both. This might be a good moment to ask, “What is God revealing to you right now?”

## CHRIST

Say: **What is something you’re sensing God the Father saying to you now?**

**Write it down.**

*[Suggested Answer: He loves them as their Perfect Father; there is nothing they can do to outrun His love for them.]*

## COMMUNITY

Say: **We don’t want to be like the older brother, filled with jealousy and frustration, when others repent and return to the Perfect Father. We want to be eagerly anticipating people to choose to follow Jesus, like the Father was eagerly anticipating the return of his youngest son. Who is someone you can be praying for their salvation?**

*[Suggested Answer: Friend, teammate, coach, family member, and so forth]*

## CULTURE

Say: **How does knowing God as your Perfect Father inform or change how you interact with your family and others in authority around you?**

*[Suggested Answer: God is the best leader and parent, so because of that, I can honor my parents/leaders even though they aren’t perfect. Sometimes our experience with authority can bleed into how we view God as our ultimate authority. We have to ask the Holy Spirit to renew our trust in our earthly authority figures.]*

**CREATED TO ...** (i.e. “Who am I now that I know this?”)

Say: **Read Romans 8:15. When you’ve decided to follow Jesus, this Scripture is true about you. How does receiving a spirit of adoption from your Perfect Father change you?**



*[Suggested Answer: I am a child of God! There isn't anything I can do to disqualify myself from His love; I'm made complete by the love of my Perfect Father.]*

**PRAY AND DISMISS**

*Suggested Prayer: Thank you, God, that You are our Perfect Father. Thank You that there is nothing we can do to disqualify ourselves from Your amazing love. We thank You for the forgiveness You extended toward us today as we confess our sins, and we ask that You will continue to set us free this week at camp from sins that keep us from running toward You as our perfect Father. God, help us this week to receive more of Your love for us as our Father, and help us to love others because of Your love toward us. Amen.*



## **LIFE GROUP: REFLECT & PREPARE**

*Each night you and your Life group will reflect on the day, and pray for the night service to come. Use this page as a guide for your group.*

### **REFLECT**

Say: **What was your favorite part of today?**

Say: **What is one new thing you have learned about God as our Father today?**

Say: **What is something you are hopeful for going into tonight's service?**

### **PREPARE**

Say: **Thank you all for sharing about today! Now we are going to spend some time in prayer. In a group setting like this, sometimes we can feel nervous to pray! But I'm going to ask us to take steps outside of our comfort zone this week.**

Say: **Tonight we are going to pray out loud. Remember this type of prayer is just talking to God. There is nothing we can do to impress him, so we don't need pretty words. I'm going to assign some things to pray for tonight.**

#### Prayer Prompts

- *Read Psalm 68:4-6*
- *Thank God for being a Perfect Father.*
- *Ask God for the lost sons and daughters in the room will receive salvation from God our Father*
- *Pray for leaders and students in the room to heal from parental hurts.*
- *Pray for no distractions.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to use the pastor and worship leader.*



## **OVERVIEW**

### **LESSON 2: The Son**

#### **MAIN POINT**

Jesus is our Savior.

#### **LIVE IT OUT**

There is nothing I can do to earn salvation, it is a free gift from God through Jesus!

#### **FOCUS VERSE: ROMANS 5:8**

“But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

#### **ALL SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

Luke 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-17; Romans 5:8-11

#### **PREP**

- Read Luke 15:1-7; Colossians 1:15-17; Romans 5:8-11.
- Spend time praying for each of your students by name.
- Pray for today to be the day of salvation for any of your students who haven't yet decided to follow Jesus.



Say: **Hey everybody! I'm excited to spend more time in God's Word together. What was everybody's favorite part of today?**

*[Give space for an answer.]*

Say: **Before we dive in, let's review the main idea from yesterday's lesson. What was the main point of yesterday?**

*[Suggested Answer: Because God is my Perfect Father, there is nothing I can do to disqualify me from His love.]*

## ENGAGE

### ICEBREAKER: MISSING PERSONS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Scenario—You are a room full of witnesses responsible for filing a missing persons report with an agent from the CIA (Lifegroup Leader). But, you're not allowed to corroborate your story with the other witnesses, so you have to work together without talking to create a unified description of who has gone missing!*

*You, the Lifegroup Leader, will be filling in details of a mad lib-style missing persons report. The only way the group can complete the report is by silently acting out or referring to objects in the room, their own clothing items, and features on others. The group is working together to complete the report.*

On a cold and \_\_\_\_\_ day, I was walking home from \_\_\_\_\_. When I  
(adjective) (noun)  
got to my \_\_\_\_\_ house, I realized \_\_\_\_\_ was missing. I \_\_\_\_\_  
(adjective) (noun) (verb)  
to the police station to file a report. The officer asked when \_\_\_\_\_ was last  
(noun)  
seen. I told the officer, I saw the missing person \_\_\_\_\_ on a swing set  
(verb)  
after \_\_\_\_\_. The officer then asked for a description of the missing person. I  
(noun)  
said, \_\_\_\_\_ is extremely \_\_\_\_\_. They have \_\_\_\_\_ hair.  
(noun) (adjective) (adjective)



They love to \_\_\_\_\_ every day. The officer let me know they will not stop  
(verb)  
\_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_ is found.  
(verb) (noun)

## IMPART

Say: **Today we are going to read another parable that Jesus taught. Can someone remind me what we said the definition of a parable is yesterday?**

*[Suggested Answer: Jesus would tell simple stories to illustrate a spiritual lesson.]*

Say: **When Jesus was teaching this specific lesson we are reading today, there were a couple of very different people in the crowd around Him. Some of these people were tax collectors, sinners, Pharisees, and scribes. Does anyone know why it's significant that tax collectors and sinners were there listening to Jesus' teaching?**

*Leader Note: If no one in your group knows the answer, provide the answer: Tax collectors and sinners were not the kind of people that priests and "holy people" would be seen with! Jesus welcomed (and still welcomes) all people to come and sit, receive, and be loved by Him.*

Say: **Can someone tell me what it means for someone to be a Pharisee?**

*[Suggested Answer: Religious leaders who were distinguished by strict observance of tradition and written laws of the Old Testament.]*

Say: **Does anyone know what it means to be a scribe?**

*[Suggested Answer: Religious leaders who were distinguished by strict observance of tradition and written laws of the Old Testament.]*

Say: **What were the Pharisees known for throughout Jesus' time of ministry?**





*[Suggested Answer: Frequently appalled and offended by the behavior and teachings of Jesus that were so different from the religious tradition they knew. For example, the Pharisees would have never interacted with tax collectors, lepers, sinners, and so forth like Jesus did.]*

Say: **So, knowing that all of those people were in the crowd around Jesus, let's read the parable He had to share with them. Everyone turn in your Bible to Luke 15:1-7.**

**Read Luke 15:1-7.**

*[Ideas for reading the passage: Invite each member of the group to read one verse. Go around the room until the entire passage has been read.]*

Say: **What was something that stuck out to you in this passage?**

*Leader Note: This moment may be awkward, but give students the space to try to hear what the Spirit points out to them.*

Say: **What Jesus was teaching through this parable is that *He is our Savior!* This parable teaches that Jesus loves and pursues those who are far from Him to draw them back to Himself. Jesus is our Savior, the one who saves us from a life of sin, alienation, and spiritual danger. That's our Main Point for today: Jesus is our Savior. Hearing this parable would have been amazing news for all of the tax collectors and sinners gathered around and listening to Jesus' teaching. And, guess what? We are sinful *just* like the people who were there with Jesus, so this story is good news for us too!**

Say: **Looking at the passage in your Bible, what are some things we learn about Jesus as our Savior from this parable?**

*[Suggested Answer: There is no one who has wandered too far for Jesus to rescue (v. 4). Jesus is not distant when He rescues and saves. He draws us close to Him to rescue us (v. 5). Jesus rescuing us causes delight in His heart and celebration in all of Heaven (vv. 6 and 7).]*



Say: **Yesterday we learned that God, our Perfect Father, rejoices when we repent of our sins. Today we see that Jesus, in perfect unity with the Father, does the same when we repent. Our God is three in One. He is a Father waiting for His children to come home and a Shepherd that rescues His sheep. But, this does raise the question: *How does Jesus actually save us?***

*[Allow your students to explain it in their own words.]*

Say: **The Bible says that in the beginning, God made everything! He created everything we get to enjoy in nature. And, He also made people in His image. Being made in the image of God made us unique from everything God created in Genesis. He gave us purpose to fill the world and take care of it. He made you and me and He said we were very good.**

**The Bible also says that Jesus was with God when He made everything! Can someone read Colossians 1:15-17 for us?**

**Read Colossians 1:15-17.**

Say: **When God created Adam and Eve, they lived in a perfect and right relationship with God. But then, we read in Genesis that Satan came and tempted Eve and Adam, and they chose to sin.**

Say: **Does anyone know what it means to sin? We've mentioned that word a couple of times so far this week, but what does it actually mean?**

*[Suggested Answer: Choosing the opposite of God.]*

Say: **This sin severed the relationship that Adam and Eve had with God. e read all throughout the Old Testament that there was nothing the people of God could do to earn a perfect relationship with God again.**

Say: **The same is still true today! There is nothing that we can do to earn a relationship with Him. We need a Savior! Because God loves us so much, He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life on earth and to die on a cross for all of our sins. The third day after Jesus died on the**



**cross, He was raised back to life, which defeated sin and death forever!  
Jesus really is our Savior!**

Say: **Let's all turn to Romans 5:8-11 together. Will someone read that for us? Read Romans 5:8-11.**

Say: **God loved us even when we were *still* sinning! We didn't get all perfect to then *deserve* Jesus saving us. While we were still sinning, Jesus died to save us and reconciled us back to God.**

## **IMPACT**

Close down the lesson by giving students some time to reflect, either individually (a short quiet time where students write in their books), collectively (a group-sharing time), or both. This might be a good moment to ask, "What is God revealing to you right now?"

## **CHRIST**

Say: **Have you made a decision to follow Jesus? Like the Bible says in Romans 10:9, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Jesus wants to be your Savior!**

Say: **If you have never decided to trust in Jesus as your Savior, today can be that day! Jesus offers eternal life to all who confess with their mouths and believe in their hearts that he is Lord! If you sense God leading you to give Him your life, take time to pray. Tell Jesus that you believe in Him. Admit that you are a sinner and ask Him to forgive you of your sins. Decide that rather than serving yourself, you will follow and obey God. Ask Jesus to save you. And if you make this decision, let us, your leaders, know!**

Say: **Your leaders can answer questions and celebrate what God has done in your life! Surrendering your life to Jesus is the greatest decision you**



**could ever make—there are parties in heaven to prove it! (just like Jesus taught us in Luke 15)**

**Say: If you have made a decision to follow Jesus, have you strayed away from God? The Bible says in Isaiah 53:6, “We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all.” Jesus died for the sin that has caused you to stray. Spend time receiving the grace and forgiveness of God, and thank Jesus for dying for your sin as you allow Him to return you to the 99!**

### **COMMUNITY**

**Say: Just like for everyone who was listening to Jesus teach the parable of the lost sheep, the truth that Jesus is our Savior is good news for everyone who turns to Christ! Who is someone you know who needs to hear the good news that Jesus is their Savior? Who can you tell the good news to?**

*[Suggested Answer: Friend, teammate, coach, family member, and so forth]*

### **CULTURE**

**Say: Jesus saving us was not casual. His death on the cross was painful and cost Him His reputation, His dignity, and even His life. As followers of Jesus, we want to grow in holiness, becoming more like Jesus the longer we follow Him. What is a way that you were living before today that you want to turn from and live differently because of the impact Jesus has had on your life?**

*[Suggested Answer: The Holy Spirit could bring different sin or habits that students have that they want to live free from! This is a great time to pause and have students pray for one another. (It is recommended to break up by gender when praying in small groups.)]*

**CREATED TO ...** (i.e. “Who am I now that I know this?”)



Say: **It is an amazing truth that there really is nothing you can do to earn salvation. You have received the gift of salvation through Jesus! Spend time writing out a note to Jesus thanking Him for making a way for you to have a perfect relationship with God.**

### **PRAY AND DISMISS**

*Suggested Prayer: Jesus, thank You so much that You are our Savior! We will never be able to thank You, praise You, worship You, or honor You enough for dying for our sins and reconciling us back to God.*

*If someone in your group made a decision to follow Jesus, pray this suggested prayer: Jesus, we celebrate [insert student's name] with You! Thank You for saving [insert student's name] today! We thank You for continuing to save us when we mess up. Help us grow in holiness and righteousness as we follow You, Jesus, throughout our lives. Amen!*



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Say: **What was your favorite part of today?**

Say: **What is one new thing you have learned about Jesus as our Savior today?**

Say: **What is something you are hopeful for going into tonight's service?**

### **PREPARE**

Say: **Thank you all for sharing about today! Now we are going to spend some time in prayer. I know we tried praying out loud yesterday, so we are going to do that again! Remember we are just talking to God, and he *wants* to hear from us.**

#### Prayer Prompts

- *Read John 14: 6-14*
- *Thank Jesus for making a way for you to have a relationship with Him.*
- *Ask God to lead people that don't know Him to repentance.*
- *Pray for no distractions.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to use the pastor and worship leader.*



## OVERVIEW

### LESSON 3: The Holy Spirit

#### MAIN POINT

The Holy Spirit is our Gift and Counselor.

#### LIVE IT OUT

The Holy Spirit is a gift to me who empowers me to do the will of God.

#### FOCUS VERSES: JOHN 14:16-17

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn’t see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you.”

#### ALL SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Genesis 1:1-2; John 16:1-7,12-15; Luke 24:49-53; Acts 2; John 14:16-17

#### PREP

- Read Genesis 1:1-2; John 16:1-7,12-15; Luke 24:49-53; Acts 2; John 14:16-17.
- Spend time praying and thanking God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Welcome the Holy Spirit into the space where your group will be meeting. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to the members of your group today.





Say: **Welcome back to Life Group! Today is our last day of Bible study. Before we get started, let's review the main idea from the past two days. What was the main idea on Day 1?**

*[Suggested Answer: Day 1: Because God is my Perfect Father, there is nothing I can do to disqualify me from His love.]*

Say: **Okay, great! Can anyone tell me yesterday's main idea?**

*[Suggested Answer: There is nothing I can do to earn salvation. Because God loves me, Jesus is my Savior! If someone made a decision to follow Jesus, take a moment to celebrate any salvations in your group.]*

## **ENGAGE**

### **ICEBREAKER: TELEPHONE CHARADES**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** In this game, a person acts out a charade only for the next person in the line, who then acts out for the next person. The last person in line attempts to guess what the original clue was.

How to play:

- The group leader will secretly decide on the title of a movie.
- Form a line of five or six students (or the entire group, if desired). Instruct the front student to face forward while the rest of the students are turned backward.
- Whisper the movie title to the student in the front of the line and then instruct him to tap the next person in line. She will turn, face the first student, and try to guess what movie title he is acting out.
- Allow students to tap and act out the same movie title using classic charades rules (no talking or noises permitted) until the movie title reaches the last person in line. Guide the last person to guess the movie title.
- Rotate positions, choose a new movie title, and replay.

*[Leader Note: Some great movie titles that produce some funny acting scenarios include A Bug's Life, Lion King, Despicable Me, and Monsters Inc.]*



## IMPART

Say: **Today, we're talking about the third and final Person in the Trinity: the Holy Spirit. What are some of the words that come to your mind when you hear the name Holy Spirit?**

*[Suggested Answer: Mysterious, confusing, Holy Ghost, Helper, Comforter, convictor, Counselor, Healer, holy, Trinity, and so forth]*

Say: **The Holy Spirit can be really mysterious! Let's look at what the Bible says about who the Holy Spirit is. Let's all turn in our Bibles to the very beginning in Genesis 1:1-2. Will someone volunteer to read that?**

**Read Genesis 1:1-2.**

Say: **From these verses, we see that the Holy Spirit (or "the Spirit of God") was hovering there in the beginning. He was a part of God's plan for the world from the beginning.**

Say: **What else do we learn about the Holy Spirit from these verses?**

*[Suggested Answer: The Holy Spirit, just like Jesus, was there in the beginning when God made everything. (like what we touched on in our lesson yesterday).]*

Say: **Like we talked about yesterday, God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a cross to be our Savior. This next passage happens right before Jesus was betrayed and was killed on the cross. Turn to John 16:1-7; will someone volunteer to read this passage?**

**Read John 16:1-7.**

Say: **What was something that stuck out to you in this passage?**  
**[Allow students to respond.]**



Say: **What is Jesus talking about in these verses?**

*[Suggested Answer: Jesus was foreshadowing the persecution of the disciples and early church and of His own death on the cross.]*

Say: **Jesus was clear that life on earth will not be rosy all the time. Although persecution for us right now looks different than in Jesus' time, it's still a reality for those who follow Christ. Thankfully, God in His kindness sent His Spirit to dwell in us. The Holy Spirit is a gift from God to His children.**

Say? **What do we learn about the Holy Spirit in these verses?**

*[Suggested Answer: It was better for Jesus to go so that He could give the Holy Spirit to His followers! He is our Counselor or Helper.]*

Say: **Different Bible translations will refer to the Holy Spirit differently. Some might refer to Him as Advocate, some as Counselor. The Greek word for *Holy Spirit* in this passage is all-encompassing of our “helper, advocate, counselor, and so forth.”. The Holy Spirit *is* our Counselor! Let's have another volunteer read.**

**Read John 16:12-15.**

Say: **What else does Jesus teach us about the Holy Spirit?**

*[Suggested Answer: He is our teacher. The Holy Spirit will never contradict the Bible. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus and honors the Father.]*

Say: **Sometimes when we read the Bible we might think the disciples had it easy because they were with Jesus, but Jesus tells them that there is someone greater coming after Him. The Holy Spirit reveals all truth that glorifies Jesus!**



Say: **This next passage happens right after Jesus was resurrected from the grave and before He ascended into Heaven. Turn to Luke 24:49-53. Will someone read these verses for us?**

**Read Luke 24:49-53.**

Say: **What can we learn about the Holy Spirit from this part of Scripture?**  
*[Suggested Answer: The Holy Spirit is promised. Jesus is going to send the Holy Spirit.]*

Say: **Jesus promised His disciples He was going to send the Holy Spirit, and we know Jesus is faithful to keep His promises! So, let's read what happened when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit. Turn to Acts 2 in your Bible.**

**Read Acts 2:1-21.**

Say: **So, the Holy Spirit comes and fills all of the disciples. The Holy Spirit gave them the gift of being able to speak in other languages. All of the people from the other nations began hearing them speak in their language and could understand them! Peter explains why this is so significant in Acts 2:17-21; let's read that again.**

**Read Acts 2:17-21.**

Say: **According to these verses, what is so significant about what happened when the Holy Spirit was given?**

*[Suggested Answer: The Holy Spirit is given to all people who receive Jesus as their Savior. The Holy Spirit is given to males and females, rich and poor, old and young. The Holy Spirit has gifts to give that reveal heaven on earth.]*

Say: **Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, and then boldly shared the good news that Jesus had died and been raised to life to save all people! That day, we see in Acts 2:41 that over three thousand people repented of their sin, believed Jesus is Lord, and were baptized! It is amazing how the**



**Holy Spirit empowered Peter to do the will of God. And that's true for us today too. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do the will of God.**

## **IMPACT**

Close down the lesson, by giving students some time to reflect, either individually (a short quiet time where students write in their books), collectively (a group-sharing time), or both.

## **CHRIST**

**Say: John 14:16-17 says, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you." The moment you decided to follow Jesus, you were filled with the Holy Spirit. He remains with you and is in you!**

**Say: Spend time praying by thanking Jesus for giving you the Holy Spirit. Prayer is a conversation with God! Tell the Holy Spirit what you love about Him by praying. You could love that He is your Counselor, your teacher, your comforter, your guide, your empowerer, all of these things and more!**

## **COMMUNITY**

**Say: Just like when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples in Acts, the Holy Spirit is not just a gift for us to keep to ourselves. We are meant to tell the world about the good news of Jesus through the power and boldness of the Holy Spirit.**

**Say: God revealed someone to you yesterday who needs to hear the good news of Jesus. Pause now and pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with boldness to tell them that good news when you get home from camp!**



## CULTURE

Say: **The Holy Spirit empowers you to follow Jesus, grow as a disciple, and to make decisions that glorify God! But, the enemy would want culture and the world around us to empower us to make decisions that don't glorify God or reflect Jesus to the people around us.**

Say: **Has the Holy Spirit brought to mind something He wants you to choose differently after camp?**

*[Suggested Answer: Pornography, gossip, video game/social media addiction, serve in my city, be kind to my siblings, and so forth]*

**CREATED TO ...** (i.e. "Who am I now that I know this?")

Say: **The Holy Spirit loves dwelling inside of you! He is the person of the Trinity who is tangibly with you always. Although sometimes it doesn't feel that way, we always have access to Him. Each day, we get the opportunity to go deeper with the Holy Spirit. Right now, we are going to practice hearing from Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak the truth about your identity in God. When we hear from the Holy Spirit, we always want to weigh what we hear with what Scripture says to verify His voice. Let's take a moment to ask Him to speak.**

*[Leader Note: This might be awkward at first, but give students sometime in silence to hear from the Holy Spirit. Ask them to share what He says if they are comfortable.]*

Say: **Our live it out statement is the Holy Spirit is a gift to me who empowers me to do the will of God. We know that God's will is for the Gospel to spread to every tribe, tongue and nation. Tonight we get to take a step of obedience tonight during the service.**



Say: **Over the past several years, Student Life campers have learned about God's work in Santiago, Chile, the vast Amazon Basin, the refugees of Venezuela and the Embera people of Colombia.**

Say: **This year, the IMB will share about the Emberá of Panama, one of over 300 unreached people groups in the Americas. They live in remote river communities in the vast jungle between Panama and Colombia. Work among this unreached people group is critical as we seek to see God do work among the Embera who desperately need Jesus.**

Say: **An unreached people group is a group of people that share unique language and culture and have very little access to the gospel message. The Emberá are beautiful people, created in God's image. Like all people, they have been separated from God because of their sin. Without access to the story of Jesus, they have no hope for eternal life and no help for problems in this life.**

Say: **We get to give and pray towards this offering tonight. Even though we aren't going into these places we have the opportunity to impact the kingdom of God right here at camp!**

### **PRAY AND DISMISS**

*Suggested Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of the Holy Spirit! We are so thankful for all of the things You are to us, Holy Spirit! We love that You are with us and in us. We ask for You to continue to reveal Yourself to us today. Help us to know You more and to grow closer in friendship with You. We love You, Holy Spirit! Amen.*





## **LIFE GROUP: REFLECT & PREPARE**

*Each night you and your Life group will reflect on the day, and pray for the night service to come. Use this page as a guide for your group.*

### **REFLECT**

Say: **What was your favorite part of today?**

Say: **What is one new thing you have learned about the Holy Spirit as our gift and Counselor?**

Say: **What is something you are hopeful for going into tonight's service?**

Say: **How can this group stay connected past camp?**

### **PREPARE**

Say: **Thank you all for sharing about today! I'm sad that this is our last night. Now we are going to spend some time in prayer. I hope tonight is comfortable for you since we've been praying together all week.**

#### Prayer Prompts

- *Read John 14: 15-21*
- *Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to lead people that don't know Him to repentance.*
- *Pray for the IMB to continue reaching people around the world with the good news of Jesus.*
- *Pray for the missionaries that we are giving to tonight.*
- *Pray for no distractions.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to use the pastor and worship leader.*