

# IN HIS NAME

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## LIFE GROUP LEADERS

Welcome to Student Life Camp! What you hold in your hands is the Life Group Leader Guide to walk through our Theme *In His Name*. Our hope is that this Leader 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. Before we get started, thank you. Thank you for being trustworthy enough to lead students in studying the Bible and for being willing to come and 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 **Scripture Passages** the lesson will cover. Lastly, there is a **Prep Section**, this will help you prepare prior to the lesson. This overview 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, spark discussions to keep students engaged. Lead them to consider the truths of Scripture and how those truths relate to their lives. We have provided questions and suggested answers in parentheses to help guide discussions. While these are not necessarily the only correct answers, they are meant to help you get to the key thoughts of that question. Although awkward silences and avoiding eye contact may terrify you, don't panic! If your students get quiet, allow them to answer questions individually in their Camp Booklet, and then ask them to share what they wrote. Given enough time, we think your students will open up!

Finally, we are praying for you! We have been praying for this summer for 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.

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## 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!*

We hope you had a great first service at camp! Tonight's group time will be a great chance to debrief the service and get to know each other. Before we do any icebreakers, let's talk about tonight's session.

## TONIGHT'S SESSION

- What was your favorite part of tonight?
- What questions do you have from tonight's session?  
*(Answer any questions your students have. If you don't know ALL the answers to their questions, that is OK!)*
- What did you learn about God today?
- Was there a moment you sensed the Holy Spirit trying to get your attention? (If so, what was He saying?)
- What are you looking forward to this week?

## ICE BREAKERS

### Two Truths and a Lie

Direct each person to make three statements about himself: two true statements and one lie. For example: "I've never broken four bones. I have 10 siblings. I was born in Utah." The group tries to guess which statement is the lie.

### Human Knot

Prompt everyone in the group to stand in a circle. Guide each person to hold hands with two people *not* standing to your immediate left or right. This creates a human knot. Encourage the group to untangle the knot. End the icebreaker when the knot has been fully untangled.

### Most Unique

Go around the room, and challenge each person to 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 six kids." The more unique the facts, the more fun the icebreaker becomes.

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## OVERVIEW

### LESSON ONE: OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

#### MAIN POINT

- God is our righteousness.

#### LIVE IT OUT

- Through faith in Jesus, God gives His righteousness to me.

#### FOCUS VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

- “He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

- Romans 3:9-31, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

#### PREP

- Read Romans 3:9-31 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.
- Reflect on how God has met you in your unrighteousness and redeemed you through Jesus. Be prepared to share your own story of reconciliation to your group.
- Ask God to begin revealing His righteousness to your group today. Pray for your students not to experience shame from their sin but to encounter God’s grace as they receive the righteousness of Jesus.



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## WELCOME

Hey, everybody! I'm excited to spend more time in God's Word together. What was everybody's favorite part of today? *(Allow time for students to answer.)*

Before we dive in, let's review the Main Idea from yesterday's sermon. What was the main point of yesterday? *(Suggested answer: God is our wonderful Creator.)*

## ENGAGE

### ICEBREAKER: THE NIFTY TWENTY Q'S AND A'S

Objective: Attempt to guess the identity of your teammate by asking up to 20 yes or no questions.

- Direct everyone to silently think of a secret identity (for example, a famous person, character, occupation, or other predetermined category by the leader). Then, everyone in the group will break into pairs of two.
- Guide the "Answerer" to respond with "yes" or "no." Direct the "Questioner" to guess the identity of the Answerer at any time. If their guess is correct, they win the game. If their guess is incorrect, the game continues until the Questioner correctly identifies the identity or reaches the 20-question limit. If the Questioner fails to guess correctly within 20 questions, the Answerer reveals the identity and wins.
- Encourage pairs to alternate between who is asking and answering the questions. Allow students to use their booklet to keep track of how many questions they have asked. Celebrate the student who identifies their teammate with the fewest amount of questions.



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## IMPART

Today, we are learning all about how “God is our righteousness”. Now, righteousness is kind of a big, important-sounding word, isn’t it? What do you think the word *righteousness* means? Shout out some ideas! *(Answers may include doing only what is right, being perfect, and so forth.)*

Leader: Share what it means when the Bible uses the word righteous. *(Answers may include innocent, faultless, guiltless. keeping the commands of God, and so forth. The word righteous describes someone whose way of thinking, feeling and acting is completely conformed to the will of God.)*

Woah! Hearing how the Bible describes righteousness, can anyone raise a hand and say, “That is fully me! I am always righteous—innocent and without fault!” I know I *cannot* say that about myself; I make mistakes all the time!

*Leader Note: Establishing vulnerability as their leader will be so powerful! Help your group see that even you, an adult who loves Jesus, makes mistakes. Share about a time you sinned, or missed the mark. (We encourage you to share something that is age-appropriate for your group.) For example, “The Bible says not to worry about anything, but just this week, I was so anxious and worried about all of the work I had to complete before coming here to camp. That worrying caused me to speak to my family in sharp, rude ways. I had to repent for this and ask for their forgiveness. When I asked God to forgive me for worrying, I received His peace over all my worries.”*

According to today’s Theme, God *is* our righteousness! So, let’s read some Scripture together to see how we become righteous through God. Everyone, turn in your Bible to Romans 3:9-20.

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

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## Read Romans 3:9-20.

Who can summarize or retell what we just read?

So, because this is in the Bible, and the Bible is the true Word of God, then this is true about us too! We are *not* righteous on our own, and we are *not* capable of becoming righteous on our own.

But the story doesn't end there, does it? Let's continue reading in Romans 3:21-31.

## Read Romans 3:21-26.

*Idea for reading the passage:* Go around your group, each reading one verse from the passage until you've read through it once. It might be helpful to repeat the passage twice.

What does this passage teach us about God?

*(The righteousness of God has been made manifest, or shown, through Jesus. The redemption of Jesus is a gift available to all people.)*

What does this passage teach us about ourselves?

*(Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's glory. We can receive the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus, not by our own works.)*

We can never become righteous on our own. We are all sinners. Every single person has sinned and fallen short of God's glory. What does the word sin mean?

*(Sin is choosing to disobey God, or choosing to act in a way that opposes God.)*

So, to summarize what we have learned so far: We have all sinned and cannot earn God's righteousness on our own. It is only through faith in Jesus that God

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becomes our righteousness! When we believe in Jesus and trust in and follow Him, we can have a right relationship with God. But what happens when we sin again? Is it all over? Do we lose God's righteousness forever?

We are going to end our time together by looking at one more passage of Scripture and answer some questions in our booklet. Let's all turn over a few books of the Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.**

## 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

In 2 Corinthians 5:21 it says, "He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Even though Jesus never made a mistake—*Jesus was righteous!*—He died on the cross for our sins so that we could become God's righteousness. Spend a moment writing down a prayer, which is just a simple conversation with God, thanking him for making a way for us to be righteous through Jesus.

Because God is righteous, we are able to know ourselves as unrighteous. We have all sinned and will continue to sin. But Romans 5:8 says, "But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God knew that we are unrighteous and would continue to sin, yet He still loved us enough—in our messy, sinful, unrighteousness—to send Jesus to die in our place. He died on the cross, **FORGIVING OUR SINS**, so that we could become God's righteousness. That is a crazy amount of love! Take a minute to let the revelation of God's extravagant love for you sink into your mind and heart. Write down how God's love makes you feel.



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While reflecting on God’s love, you might feel joy, peace, or freedom. If you feel shame or guilt, allow God to meet you with His grace and mercy. There is no condemnation for you today because of Jesus.

Verse 17 says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!” When we trust in Jesus, we are made brand new! Our sins, mistakes and trespasses are not held against us! This is great news! Fill in the blanks below to remind yourself of your new identity in Jesus.

Have Them Fill In The Blanks In The Booklet:

Before Jesus, I was alive to \_\_\_\_ (**sin**). Because of Jesus, now I am a new creation! I am \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ (**dead to sin**) and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ (**alive in Jesus**)! What areas in your life has Jesus freed you from sin? Are there any sins you are currently asking God to help you overcome?

## COMMUNITY

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 again. God has invited us to be a part of bringing all people back into relationship with him. He has called us His ambassadors! Take a moment to unscramble the definition of an ambassador below:

Ambassador: a representative or messenger of God’s kingdom here on earth

We get to live as representatives of God’s kingdom here on earth as His ambassadors. We represent God’s righteousness in an unrighteous world! What are some ways that you represent God’s righteousness in your everyday life? Use the boxes below to contrast the differences between our world and God’s righteous kingdom.

*Examples:*

- *Cheating in your soccer match – Playing fairly and by the rules*
- *Lying to your parents – Telling your parents the truth*

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- *Using ChatGPT to cheat on a test – Studying and taking the test the best you can on your own*
- *Making fun of your sibling – Encouraging your sibling or doing something kind for them*
- *Sneaking out past curfew – Honoring the boundary set by your guardian and being home when they have asked you to be*

## CULTURE

Jesus making a way for us to be the righteousness of God was not easy. His death on the cross was painful and cost him everything. As followers of Jesus, we want to grow in righteousness, 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?

*Leader Note: The Holy Spirit could bring different sins or habits that students have that they want to live free from! Pause and have students pray for one another. (Break up by gender when praying in small groups.)*

Pray and dismiss.

### *Suggested Prayer*

*Jesus, thank You that You took the price for our sin, even though You were perfect, so that we could become the righteousness of God! We will never be able to thank You, praise You, worship You, or honor You enough for dying for our sins and bringing us back to God. Thank You for continuing to make us brand new in You Jesus, even when we mess up. Help us grow in holiness and righteousness as we follow You, Jesus, throughout our lives. Amen!*

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## 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 who God is today?**

Say: **What are you hoping 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

- *Thank God for imparting His righteous to us through Jesus*
- *Ask God to lead people who don't know Him to repentance.*
- *Ask God to strengthen your community at home.*
- *Pray for no distractions.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to use the pastor and worship leader.*

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## OVERVIEW

### LESSON TWO: OUR SHEPHERD

#### MAIN POINT

- Jesus is our shepherd.

#### LIVE IT OUT

- I was lost and in need of a shepherd to rescue me. Jesus leads me as my shepherd back to God!

#### FOCUS VERSE: PSALM 23:1

- "The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need."

#### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

- [John 10:1-18](#)

#### PREP

- Read John 10:1-18.
- 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 have not yet decided to follow Jesus.
- Spend time praying and thanking God for the ways He is revealing Himself to your group. Pray for your students to encounter Jesus as their Good Shepherd today.



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## WELCOME

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.)*

Before we dive in, let's review the main idea from yesterday's sermon. What was the Main Point of yesterday? *(Suggested Answer: God is our wonderful Creator; God is our righteousness.)*

## ENGAGE

Wolves vs. Sheep

The objective of the game is for the "Sheep" to cross from one side of the play area to the other without being tagged by the "Wolves." The Wolves aim to tag as many Sheep as possible. (This is the Student Life-spin on "Sharks and Minnows").

- Assign one or more players as Wolves and others as Sheep.
- Define a rectangular play area with clear boundaries. Mark two parallel lines on opposite ends of the play area; these are the starting and finishing lines for the Sheep.
- Instruct the Wolves to stand in the middle of the play area. Guide the Sheep to line up behind the starting line. At the signal (e.g., "Go!"), the Sheep will run from the starting line to the finishing line without being tagged by the Wolves. Wolves attempt to tag the Sheep as they run across the play area. Tagged Sheep become Wolves and join the Wolves in the middle for the next round.
- Challenge the group with special instructions to keep things from getting *too wild*.
  - Sheep: Crawl on their hands and knees
  - Wolves: Walk in the "crab-walk" style
- Continues the game in rounds. Each round starts with the remaining Sheep behind the starting line and the Wolves in the middle.



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- Declare the last remaining untagged Sheep as the winner. Alternatively, if the game is played for a set time or number of rounds, the Sheep who successfully crosses the most times can be declared the winner. If all Sheep are tagged and become Wolves, then the original Wolves win.

*Leader Note: Alter this game if weather or space does not permit., Play a spin-off of this game by having one student portray the "Wolf." This student will close his eyes while the rest of the "Sheep" choose to stand in one of four corners or areas. Instruct the Sheep to be as quiet as possible so they do not alert the Wolf. With eyes closed, the Wolf will choose a number between one and four. All sheep in the chosen number area are eliminated. The rounds continue until there is one Sheep remaining.*

## IMPART

Today, we are talking about who Jesus is to us. Our Main Point for today is *Jesus is our Shepherd.*

Now, back when the Bible was written, a shepherd was a pretty common job. But fast forward to today here at \_\_\_\_ (*insert camp location*), it would be *wild* to see a shepherd leading a flock of sheep across camp!

What is a shepherd? What is their job? Shout out some ideas! (*Answers will vary, but may include protects the flock, defending sheep from predators and other dangers; guides the flock, leading the sheep to plenty of food and water; provides for the sheep, making sure they were rested, nourished and healthy; works and sleeps outside with the sheep; and so forth.*)

We are going to look at a passage in the Bible today found in the New Testament. So, this is when Jesus was alive here on earth and was teaching to a group of people called *pharisees*.

Can anyone tell me who the Pharisees were in the Bible?  
*(Pharisees were religious leaders known for their strict emphasis on traditions and their own personal religious practices.)*

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In this passage, Jesus uses three metaphors to describe Himself—the gatekeeper, the gate, and the shepherd. Let’s dive in to see what Jesus means! Turn in your Bibles to John 10:1-18.

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

Let’s pray and ask Jesus to teach us through this passage.

*Suggested prayer:*

*God, thank You for your Word! We welcome Your presence to come and speak through the Bible today. Teach us about being our Good Shepherd, Jesus. Amen!*

## **Read John 10:1-18.**

*Ideas for reading the passage:*

Option 1: For younger students, read straight through the passage one time. Then read through the passage again as students respond with an action as specific words are read. When they hear the word, do the following:

- Sheep: Make a “baaa” sound.
- Gate/Door: Use your hand to knock on the ground, table, wall, and so forth.
- Shepherd: clap twice.
- Lay down: Make a cross shape with your arms.

Option 2: Read through the passage popcorn style. Direct students to randomly choose the next reader by calling out someone’s name. This keeps all students on their toes, as they never know when they’ll be picked.

What is standing out to you from this passage?

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Reflect on and study the scripture. What does this passage teach us about Jesus being the gatekeeper?

- *He is the gatekeeper. (John 10:7)*
- *He pursues us and leads us to the gate. (John 10:16)*
- *The sheep hear and know his voice as he calls them by name. (John 10:3)*

What does this passage teach us about Jesus being the gate?

- *If we enter the pasture through Jesus, we will be saved. (John 10:9)*
- *There are others who have tried and will try to get sheep to enter through another way, but they are thieves and robbers. (v.1 and 10)*
- *Jesus is the only way/entrance*

What does this passage teach us about Jesus being our Good Shepherd?

- *He is the Good Shepherd. (John 10: 11)*
- *He would die for His sheep because He knows them. (John 10: 11, 12 - 15)*
- *All sheep unify under Him as our Good Shepherd. (John 10:16)*

Now, can you imagine? You are sitting with the crowd of Pharisees, disciples, and other Jews listening to Jesus say that He is a gate and a Shepherd, but you know that He grew up as a carpenter! He's never worked a day as a Shepherd! The Bible says people were confused by what Jesus said, and even people divided over what He said.

So, let me summarize what we just read to make sure we understand—Jesus is the gatekeeper. He is the One who leads us to the gate through the Holy Spirit, who convicts us of our sins. When we experience *conviction*, or being made aware of our sin, Jesus leads us as the gatekeeper to the gate.

Jesus is also the gate. Scripture describes Jesus as the Way, the door, and the gate into heaven. There is no other way to live with God forever except through Jesus.



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Then, once we have entered through Jesus, He is also there as the Shepherd to protect, guide, provide, and so forth. All of the things a shepherd does for his flock, Jesus does for us as our Good Shepherd.

Sometimes, Jesus would use parables, like what we read today, to teach people about Himself and God's kingdom. Often the words that are used can be confusing, but don't miss the main point—Jesus is all we need!

Another way we could explain this passage is through what is called the *gospel*, which means “good news.” Let me tell you this story of good news!

Gospel explanation:

In the beginning, God made everything! He made the trees and grass, birds and fish, and even the \_\_\_\_\_. (*Reference something at camp like the beach, mountains, lake, and so forth.*) He also made people in His image. He made you and me, and He said we were very good.

When God created the first humans, Adam and Eve, they lived in a perfect and right relationship with God. But then Satan came and tempted Eve and Adam, and they chose to sin. (See Genesis 3:1-6.)

Can someone remind us what it means to sin? (*Choosing to disobey God, or choosing to act in a way that opposes God.*)

This decision to sin **broke** the relationship Adam and Eve had with God. We read all throughout the Old Testament that there was nothing the people of God could do to regain a perfect relationship with God again, like we talked about yesterday.

The same is *still* true today! We can do nothing to fix or earn a relationship with God. God knew we needed a Savior, or Shepherd. God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin.

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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. Three days after Jesus was crucified on the cross, He was raised back to life, which defeated sin and death forever! Jesus died in our place, so that we could be forgiven of our sin and brokenness

Will someone read Romans 3:22-25 for us again from our Bible study yesterday?

## **Read Romans 3:21-25 and Romans 5:8.**

God loved us even when we were *still* sinning! You, me ... we did not get all perfect and unbroken to then deserve Jesus saving us. While we were *still sinning*, Jesus laid down His life by dying on the cross to save us and reconciled us back to a relationship with God. Jesus made a way (*or a gate*), for us to have a relationship with God here on earth and forever in heaven!

## **IMPACT**

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

## **CHRIST**

“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.” (Romans 10:9) Have you made a decision to follow Jesus? If not, Jesus wants to be your Shepherd and rescue you from your brokenness!

Jesus offers eternal life to all who confess with their mouth and believe in their heart that He is Lord! If God is leading you to give Him your life, pray and tell Jesus that you believe in Him. Admit that you are a sinner, and ask Him to forgive you of your sins. Ask Jesus to save you. If you make this decision, *tell your leader!* They can answer questions and celebrate what God has done in



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your life! Surrendering your life to Jesus is the greatest decision you will ever make!

If you have already made a decision to follow Jesus, He will never be done rescuing you from brokenness as your Good Shepherd! Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit to make us more like Him here on earth. Pray and thank Jesus for dying to make a way for you to have a relationship with God. Thank Jesus for the ways He is transforming you to be more like Him as your Shepherd.

## COMMUNITY

John 10:16 says that there are sheep who are not yet in the fold! Are there people in your life who do not yet know Jesus as their Good Shepherd? If so, pray for them by name, asking God to help those people see and know Him as their Shepherd and Savior today.

## CULTURE

In John 10, Jesus describes a thief who wants to come to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus is describing a very real enemy who is still seeking to steal, kill and destroy our relationship with God. Satan wants to steal you away to live outside of the boundaries of the pasture the Shepherd has created. But Jesus says He came to give us abundant life inside the pasture! Because you follow Jesus, you have been filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to resist the temptation of Satan and to live life with the Shepherd!

Psalm 16:5-6 says, "LORD, you are my portion and my cup of blessing; you hold my future. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance." Write some practical steps you can take to live more in the boundaries of the Shepherd's pasture and less in the culture of the world.

*(Examples: Stop watching rated R movies, tell my parents the truth, be kind to my siblings, install website blockers on your devices to block sexual images, and so forth.)*

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## Pray and dismiss.

### Suggested Prayer

*Jesus, thank You for being our Good Shepherd! Thank You that we are Your sheep. As our Shepherd, You know us, and we get to have a relationship with You now and forever in eternity.*

*Leader Note: Insert the following into your prayer if someone in your group made a decision to follow Jesus. Jesus, we celebrate \_\_\_\_ (insert name) with You! Thank You for leading \_\_\_\_ (insert name) to follow You as Lord and Savior today!*

Continue to shepherd us this week as we grow in our love for You. Help us to live within Your boundaries, Jesus. We love You! Amen!

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### REFLECT

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

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

Say: **What is something you are hoping to gain from/during 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

- *Thank Jesus for making a way for you to have a relationship with Him.*
- *Ask God to lead people who don't know Him to repentance.*
- *Ask God to strengthen your community at home.*
- *Pray for no distractions.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to use the pastor and worship leader.*

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## OVERVIEW

### LESSON DAY THREE: OUR COMFORTER

#### MAIN POINT

- The Holy Spirit is our Comforter.

#### LIVE IT OUT

- The presence of God is always with me through the Holy Spirit; He guides me and comforts me as I follow Jesus in a broken world.

#### FOCUS VERSE: JOHN 14:26

- “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.”

#### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

- [John 14: 15-26](#), [Romans 8:1-17](#)

#### PREP

- Read John 14:15-26 and Romans 8:1-17.
- Spend time praying and thanking God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and how He points us back to the Father and Jesus.
- 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 through the Word of God.

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## WELCOME

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.)*

Before we dive in, let's review the Main Ideas from the past few days. *(Suggested Answer: Day 1—God is our wonderful Creator; Day 2—God is our righteousness; and Day 3—Jesus is our Shepherd.)*

Celebrate with your students on any decision they have made this week!

*Leader Note: Pursue next steps in a student's walk with Jesus. Express your joy and your willingness to walk alongside students as they take the next steps in their faith journey.*

## ENGAGE

Bring to Your Remembrance

The group will form two teams. You could divide by guys and girls, age range, etc. Read through the word bank twice. Understand that the goal is for students to remember as many words as possible from the word bank without writing them down.

Allot a specific / predetermined amount of time for students to work together as a team to find as many words as they can remember from their booklets.

Declare the team who finds the most words in the given amount of time as the winner. If teams tie, then the team who remembers the most amount of words from the word bank wins.

Word Bank: Creator, Righteousness, Shepherd, Comforter, Worship, Prayer, Rec, Mission, Beach



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## IMPART

Have you ever moved to a different town or a different school? Have you had a close friend move away? What was that experience like?

*(Answers might include lonely, confusing, hard, sad, and so forth.)*

When we move or a friend moves away, sometimes we give the people closest to us something special as a reminder of the memories you shared with them. Some of those things could be a friendship bracelet, a picture, or a picture frame. Did you know that Jesus did something similar for His friends?

Today, we are going to look at a Bible passage where Jesus talked with His disciples. Jesus knew that the time for Him to die on the cross was soon, and He shared with His disciples about what it would be like without Him.

Now, we get to read this passage knowing the full story! We know that Jesus was crucified, or killed, on the cross and three days later, He rose from the grave. Now, Jesus is reigning as King in heaven having defeated sin and death *forever!* We know this *now*, but at the time of our Bible story, the disciples did not know how the story would end.

Who were the disciples? *(Jesus' closest followers and friends.)*

Imagine one of your closest friends, who has changed your life, starts talking about what it is going to be like when he or she are no longer with you. It would be kind of confusing, right? Let's see what exactly Jesus was saying. Turn in your Bibles to John 14:15-26.

*Leader Note: Assist anyone unfamiliar with the layout of Scripture who might need help locating a specific book, chapter, and verse.*

### **Read John 14:15-26.**

Jesus says a lot of things multiple times throughout this passage. If Jesus said it multiple times, it *must* be important! What are some of the repeating themes you can find in verses 15–26?



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Because we love Jesus, we do what Jesus says. (John 15:15,21,23)

The Holy Spirit is in us; we have the presence of God with us at all times. (John 14:17,20,23)

The Holy Spirit is a gift to us from God. (John 14:16,26)

So, to paraphrase, what Jesus' closest followers just heard Him say was: "If you really love Me, you will do everything I have said. I am going to leave you, but I won't leave you alone. My Father is sending the Holy Spirit, who will be with you forever instead."

How would that have made you feel as one of Jesus' closest friends? Probably a little sad? Maybe confused? How could the disciples possibly do all the things Jesus said? Because they truly loved Jesus, they were probably sad to hear that Jesus would be leaving them.

Later on in the book of John, Jesus even says to His disciples in John 16:7, "Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. *It is for your benefit* that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you."

Jesus was convincing His disciples that the Holy Spirit was all they needed. Jesus knew this because the Holy Spirit is the third Person of what Christians refer to as the Trinity.

The Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—reflects the unity of God in three distinct Persons. You might be thinking, *How can God be three Persons?*

The Bible reveals the mystery of the Trinity. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commands, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Each person of the Trinity plays a unique role in the divine plan. In 2 Corinthians 13:13, Paul

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blessees believers by saying, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." From the Father's love in creation (Genesis 1:1), to the Son's redemptive sacrifice (John 1:14, 3:16), and the Spirit's ongoing presence as our comforter (John 14:26), the Godhead works in perfect harmony, three in one, guiding believers into all truth.

The Holy Spirit really is a gift to us from God. When we decide to follow Jesus, we are filled with the Holy Spirit, who does exactly what Jesus described to His disciples in John 14. Will someone read John 14:26 for us again?

## **Read John 14:26.**

What does this verse teach us about the Holy Spirit? *(He is our counselor or comforter. He is a gift to us from God. He will teach us. He will remind us what Jesus said.)*

It is through the gift of the Holy Spirit that we are able to live out all the things Jesus taught us during His life here on earth. The Holy Spirit teaches us and reminds us of Scripture. The Holy Spirit *never* leaves us; we will always have His presence with us to comfort us. The Holy Spirit is amazing, right?

Let's read one more passage about the Holy Spirit. This passage was written by Paul, after Jesus was killed, resurrected, and ascended into heaven. So, at this point in the Bible, the Holy Spirit had come for all believers in Jesus. Turn in your Bibles to Romans 8:1-17.

## **Read Romans 8:1-17.**

What does this passage tell us about living life with the Spirit? *(This passage teaches that the Holy Spirit is necessary for all believers to be free from sin. He gives us the power to choose what is right and live in ways that please God. He helps us know who we are as God's children and understand that our future inheritance is with Jesus.)*

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Just like the friendship bracelet or picture frame that you would give to a friend moving far away, God gave us the Holy Spirit to comfort us as we follow Jesus here on earth. Even though Jesus isn't here on earth anymore, we have the presence of God with us all the time through the Holy Spirit to guide, teach, and comfort us every moment of our lives.

## IMPACT

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

## CHRIST

Prayer is a conversation with God! Spend time praying by thanking Jesus for giving you the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to move in you like we read in Romans 8—freeing you from sin, empowering you to live righteously, assuring you of your identity as a child of God and future heir with Christ. Write down your prayer in the space below.

## COMMUNITY

Read Romans 8:1-17 again. What is one thing that stands out to you from this Scripture, and how can you apply it to your life?

## CULTURE

The Holy Spirit empowers you to follow Jesus, grow as a disciple, and partner with God in building His kingdom here on earth!

Matthew 28:18-20 says, "Jesus came near and said to them, 'All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

God invites us to partner with Him in changing the world!



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Tonight we will have the opportunity to partner with what God is doing with the International Mission Board or the IMB. This year, we continue our journey alongside North African and Middle Eastern peoples. Thousands of people in the Horn of Africa region have come to faith through the education, sports, water, health, and feeding projects we carry out each year. Over the past century, Ethiopia has faced trauma, famine, and war, creating a great need for the gospel. Despite these challenges, the church is growing in Ethiopia, with believers emerging from some underreached groups and a number of healthy churches starting to form.

However, this region of East Africa remains home to 62 unengaged and unreached people groups, many living in hard-to-reach areas. This summer, we will see how the Lord uses missionaries and local believers to reach out to children, youth, young mothers, and local populations across the Horn of Africa. A major focus for 2025 is to research each people group and develop strategies to engage them over the next 10 years.

By praying, learning, and giving this summer, we can partner together to support the work of missionaries and national workers as they seek to bring the message of Jesus to every tribe, nation, and tongue in the Horn of Africa. Let's pray and ask the Holy Spirit how He wants you to participate in the offering tonight.

Pray and dismiss.

Suggested Prayer:

*Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of the Holy Spirit! We are so thankful that You comfort us, teach us and help us follow You through Your gift of the Holy Spirit! We love that You are with us and in us, Holy Spirit. Seal in us all that You have spoken and done here at camp. Help us continue to obey Jesus' commands and grow in our love for Him. Amen.*



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## 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 who God is today?**

Say: **What are you hoping 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

- *Thank God for giving us the Holy Spirit as our Comforter*
- *Pray for the missions offering*
- *Ask God to lead people who don't know Him to repentance.*
- *Ask God to strengthen your community at home.*
- *Pray for no distractions.*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to use the pastor and worship leader.*