

LESSON 3

THE ROLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

OBJECTIVES

1. To learn that the Holy Spirit justifies us when we are cleansed during water baptism.
2. To recognize that the Holy Spirit testifies that we are God's children and have a part with Him.
3. To know that the Holy Spirit seals us when we receive Him because He is a guarantee of our heavenly inheritance.
4. To understand that the Holy Spirit sanctifies us by purifying our hearts and gives us the power to overcome temptation and lust.

MEMORY VERSE

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."

(Romans 8:16-17)

PRAYER

1. Thank You, Lord, for keeping us safe in Your love through this week so that we can gather together on Your holy Sabbath day.
2. We know that You have given Your Holy Spirit to us to be our Counselor, give us wisdom, and remind us of what is right.
3. Lord, today we will learn about the roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
4. Please help us concentrate during class and guide us to understand even deeper the works of the Holy Spirit.



Overview

1. **The work of the Holy Spirit in God's salvation plan for us**
 - a. The Holy Spirit justifies
 - b. The Holy Spirit testifies
 - c. The Holy Spirit seals
 - d. The Holy Spirit sanctifies
2. **Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs**—the Holy Spirit; Salvation
3. **Life Application**—Testimony
4. **Activity**—Vocabulary Detective



Background Knowledge for Teachers

The prophet Joel declared at the time of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah that God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh, as a part of God's salvation plan for all who call upon the name of the Lord (Acts 2:16-21). Therefore, we know that the promised Holy Spirit is an essential part of God's salvation plan for us. The Holy Spirit works in our lives from moving us to believe in Jesus Christ (1 Cor 12:3), bearing witness of our sonship (Rom 8:16), being given to us as a guarantee of our heavenly inheritance (Eph 1:14), to abiding in us through our whole lives (Jn 14:16-17) to give us power to live holy lives according to God's commandments (Eze 36:27).

A good place to start studying the roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to read Romans 8 in its entirety. In this chapter, we discover that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ that dwells in us who belong to Him (v. 9). There is no condemnation (v. 1) and no fear (v. 15) for the children of God, because we are absolutely confident in His love for us (vv. 31-39), which is proven by the pouring of the promised Holy Spirit in our hearts (Rom 5:5). Moreover, we can only live holy lives, free from sin, if we walk according to the Spirit (vv. 1-2). In God's great wisdom, He knows that we are weak, so His Spirit (which is the Spirit of Christ) intercedes for us according to God's will (vv. 26-27, 34). We understand, then, that the Holy Spirit is not just our ticket into heaven, but also our lifelong Counselor, constantly reminding and helping us, on our long journey to heaven. Therefore, throughout our lives we must walk in the Spirit so that we do not fulfill the lust of the flesh (Gal 5:16-17). Those who are led by the Spirit are truly the children of God (v. 14).



Reaching Out to Your Students

Elementary 2 students usually have a simple understanding of the Holy Spirit: (1) Receiving the promised Holy Spirit means to be able to speak in tongues during prayer; (2) it is necessary to pray earnestly to ask God for the Holy Spirit; and (3) it is necessary to receive the Holy Spirit to go to heaven. Though these are all true and fundamental, we must instill in our students the roles of the Holy Spirit, which works continuously through our lives as a process of God's salvation plan. In this way, students can understand that receiving the Holy Spirit is not just a goal for which they can pray, but the start of a lifelong journey of living a holy life towards eternal life. The Holy Spirit is not just a ticket to heaven, but a Helper that works throughout our lives to help us get to heaven.

We can reach our students by using the analogy of their relationship with their parents. When we're born, our parents get a birth certificate that shows that we are their children. When we get older, our parents might leave us an inheritance in their will, and in order to receive it, we must prove that we are their children. These things are all very important, but it is the love of our parents that helps us grow up, and it is their guidance that helps us become good people. When our parents are around, they give us confidence to do the right thing. In the same way, God gives us the Holy Spirit to prove that we are His children, to guarantee our inheritance, and to guide us to overcome temptations and live a holy life.



Opener

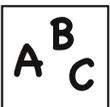
5 Minutes

Prepare the following materials before class:

- Birth certificate (official or photocopy)
- Will (can be found online)
- Picture of a parent teaching/guiding a child

At the beginning of this lesson, tape the birth certificate, the will, and the picture on the board. Boys and girls, do you know what these three things are? [Let students answer.] Explain that the birth certificate is a document that proves that this person is the child of the parents specified on the certificate, the will is a document that states what the parents leave to the children as inheritance, and the picture of the parent teaching/guiding a child is an example of how parents love their children and want them to grow up doing the right thing.

Today's lesson is about the roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We will learn that the Holy Spirit is a lot like these three things you see on the board.



Vocabulary

Before the beginning of class, tape the vocabulary clues in different places throughout your classroom. To make the vocabulary clues, type or write the vocabulary words and their provided definitions in large print, with each word and definition on one sheet of paper. After prayer and the Opener, begin with the Activity.

For this class, the students will begin with an activity that will familiarize them with the difficult vocabulary used in this lesson. Pass out the Activity worksheet to the students now. Ask the students to form pairs and go around the classroom to look for clues to help them fill in the worksheet. At the end of the activity, have the students sit in their seats and review the answers. You can assign each pair of students to write the answers for one or more vocabulary word on the board.

- justify:** To justify is to make something or someone right. When God does not count our sins but sees us as righteous in His sight, we are justified. This happens when we receive water baptism, in which the blood of Jesus Christ washes away our sins and the Holy Spirit is there to testify.
- testify:** To testify is to bear witness or to tell the true story of something you have seen with your own eyes. The Holy Spirit is there when we are baptized, so the Holy Spirit testifies that we are the children of God.
- seal:** To seal is to put a mark of ownership on something and to keep it for a special day. We know that we belong to God because He seals us with the Holy Spirit, and He promises to keep us until the day of redemption, or the day we go to heaven.
- guarantee:** A guarantee is a pledge, or something you give someone to keep when you make a promise to a person; that person gets to keep it until you fulfill the promise. God gives us the Holy Spirit as a pledge, or guarantee, until He fulfills His promise to give us the heavenly kingdom.
- inheritance:** An inheritance is something important, for example, a house, that parents give to their children because they are their children. God is our Father, so He gives us, His children, the inheritance of the heavenly kingdom.
- sanctify:** To sanctify is to make something or someone holy, pure, and sinless.
- temptation:** Temptation is something that makes you want to sin against God. Satan tempts us by using his schemes to make us think that sinning is fun or will make us happy.
- lust:** Lust is something in our bodies, or our flesh, that makes us want to sin. It is the thing that the Holy Spirit battles against inside all of us.
- flesh:** The flesh is the physical body. In the Bible, flesh often represents sinful nature.



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #1 to the students. They will be filling it out by following the instructions provided below. The answers are underlined below. Keep a copy of the worksheet to reference.

Part 1

Instruct students to read Romans 8:15-17 and 1 Corinthians 6:11 to find the clues to fill in the blanks in the Certificate of Birth. The certificate should read: "The Holy Spirit testifies and declares that [Student's Name], baptized in living water in the name of Jesus Christ and in the blood of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, is hereby justified and stands righteous before God, and shall be henceforth called the son or daughter (depending on the student's gender) of God."

Part 2

Have the students work with a partner to read Ephesians 1:13-14 and fill in the blanks.

Boys and girls, why do we need to pray for the Holy

Spirit? Yes, so that we can go to heaven! We have heard of many testimonies of brothers and sisters in the church who have seen visions of heaven, how the angels at the gates of heaven would ask for them to show their tickets or passports to get into heaven. In Ephesians 1:13-14, we learn that the Holy Spirit is not simply a ticket to heaven, but also a seal and a guarantee of God's promise: our inheritance of the kingdom of heaven.

Bring the following examples of seals to class:

- A picture of a king's seal or a letter that has been sealed
- A certificate that has a seal on it (e.g, a diploma with the school's seal)
- Sealed food or drink product

When we say that the Holy Spirit seals us, it means that God puts His mark of ownership on us, signifying that we belong to Him. Since we belong to God, He will protect us throughout our lives all the way until we die and go to heaven. In the Book of Revelation, it talks about a lot of

scary things that will happen in the world before the end of the world, but it also says that everyone who has the seal of God will not be harmed (Rev 7:2-3; 9:4). That is why it is so important for us to receive the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is also a guarantee or a pledge that God gives us to prove that He will give us the inheritance of the heavenly kingdom. That is why we often hear the analogy of the Holy Spirit as being our ticket or passport to go to heaven.

From this worksheet, we learn that the Holy Spirit works in our lives from the beginning, when we are baptized, until the end, when we go to heaven.

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #2 to the students now. The students will fill it out as you progress through this section. The answers are provided below. Keep a copy of the worksheet to reference.

Now we will learn about how the Holy Spirit works throughout our lives to sanctify us.

1. Read Romans 7:21-25 together with the class.

Q: What are the two laws inside of us?

A: *The law of sin and the law of God.*

Even if you are as familiar with the word of God and as good a holy worker of God as the apostle Paul, there are two forces inside of us that war against each other. We often know and want to do what's right, but we do just the opposite. Boys and girls, please put your heads down and close your eyes. Raise your hand if you: (1) disobeyed your parents some time this week; (2) have ever stole something that wasn't yours; (3) have told a lie to get out of trouble; (4) have said something mean to your siblings or friends; (5) have cheated on your homework or test. Thank you for being honest. Now, keep your heads down. How many of you think that when you did any of these things, you: (1) were doing something wrong; (2) were hurting others; (3) were sinning against God? You can open your eyes now. I noticed that many of you were being very brave and honest when you raised your hands. I can also tell that you all know what's right and what's wrong. In Romans 7, Paul says that we all have these two laws inside of us, and that the battle inside of us is almost unbearable. He says, "O wretched man I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

2. Read Romans 8:1-2.

Q: What is condemnation?

A: *Condemnation is judgment that someone is guilty of sin.*

The law of sin inside of us makes us sin, and the law of God inside of us condemns us, telling us that the sin we committed was wrong.

Q: In Romans 8:1-2, who is not condemned?

A: *Those who are in Jesus Christ and walk according to the Spirit!*

The Holy Spirit works in our lives to sanctify us, or make us holy!

3. Walk in the Spirit

What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?

Assign students into pairs, and assign each pair one of the passages below to read and complete. After everyone is finished, ask each pair to come to the front of the class to report their answers by reading the completed passages as the rest of the students fill in the answers.

1. Read Galatians 5:16-17.

Not to carry out the lust of the flesh—the Spirit is against the flesh, and the flesh is against the Spirit, so if we do not carry out the lusts of the flesh, then we are walking with the Spirit.

2. Read Galatians 5:24-25.

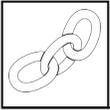
Crucify the flesh with its passions and desires—when we think of Jesus Christ, of how He was crucified for our sins, we should also make a determination to crucify our wrongdoings and evil desires. That means we stop and never turn back to our wrongdoings or evil desires.

3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19.

Do not quench the Spirit. To quench is to take something really hot and put it in cold water to cool it down. The Holy Spirit often reminds us to do the right thing, but if we purposefully ignore the Spirit, or if we purposefully do the wrong thing against the warning from God, then we quench the Holy Spirit.

4. Read Ephesians 4:30.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. To grieve the Holy Spirit means to make the Holy Spirit sad because we're doing something wrong. For example, parents are sad or grieved when their children often disobey them because, no matter how much the parents try to warn them not to disobey, they just won't stop.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

The Holy Spirit and Salvation

In this lesson, we learn that the Holy Spirit is a very important part of God's salvation plan for us. The Holy Spirit testifies that we are God's children when we are baptized, seals us for redemption, and helps us live holy lives. In other words, the Holy Spirit works in us from the beginning of our faith until the end when we go to heaven!



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **The Holy Spirit only works in our lives when we pray.** False; the Holy Spirit is there to guide us at all times, but we must pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that we can recognize when He is teaching us.
2. **The Holy Spirit is given to us as a proof of God's promise to us to let us go to heaven.** True.
3. **To sanctify means to make someone righteous.** True.
4. **What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?**
 - a. Justifies
 - b. Testifies
 - c. Seals
 - d. Sanctifies
5. **How can we walk in the Spirit?** Do not quench or grieve the Holy Spirit, but rather do things according to God's will.



Life Application

10 Minutes

Testimony

[Hand out the Life Application worksheet and read the testimony together with the students.]

One sister shared a testimony of how she did something that a child of God should not do. She received a punishment from God, and in her prayers, the Holy Spirit made her realize that she had done wrong and had grieved the Holy Spirit.

The sister had watched some movies that she knew she should not watch. After the incident, she did not feel right when praying, and within a couple of days, she developed pink eye but doctors could not help her. So she turned to God, and in her prayers, she knew she had done wrong. She repented to God and promised never to watch "bad" movies again. Her eyes were cured almost immediately.

Conclusion

For those of us who have received the Holy Spirit, when we received the Holy Spirit, did we go, "Phew, I'm done!", and think that our one big purpose for praying was fulfilled? It is quite the contrary. Whether we have received the Holy Spirit or not, the important thing to keep in mind is that receiving the Holy Spirit is not an end in itself.

As we learned today, the Holy Spirit gives us the sonship and the seal for us to gain entry to the heavenly kingdom. Receiving the Holy Spirit also helps us in so many ways to become a better Christian, for we can become more sanctified and holy. This is but the start of a lifelong journey of relying on the Holy Spirit to develop a closer relationship with God, which allows us to know Him and His will for us much better.

May God grant us all the power of His Holy Spirit so that we can know Him and glorify Him more and more each day!



Activity

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10-15 Minutes

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HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. Justify—Make righteous
Testify—Bear witness
Seal—Mark of ownership
Guarantee—Pledge
Inheritance—Gift from parents
Sanctify—Make holy
Temptation—Lead to sin
Lust—Sinful nature
Flesh—Body
2. Answers may vary. Answers should touch upon how the Holy Spirit justifies, testifies, seals, and sanctifies, as well as how He is a guarantee of our inheritance in heaven.

The Work of the Holy Spirit in God's Salvation Plan for Us

Part 1

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You were _____ with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the

_____ of our _____ until the redemption of the

purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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E2 Year 3 Book 1 Lesson 3—The Roles of the Holy Spirit

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Romans 8:16-17**)

Matching

1. Draw a line to connect the vocabulary word to the description that best matches the meaning of the word.

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| Justify | Gift from parents |
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Short Answer

2. Write a paragraph (at least five sentences) summarizing the roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
