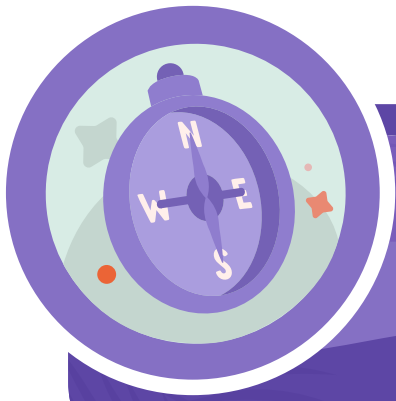


WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2023



CHOSEN

PREPARE



BEFORE
YOU BEGIN

TALK TOGETHER

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A COMPASS DOES? It helps people find the right path to follow and guides them home.

Before Jesus died on the cross, He told His disciples He wouldn't be able to stay with them on Earth forever. When Jesus finished His work on Earth, He returned to heaven.

But He didn't leave Christians alone to navigate this broken world. Jesus asked God the Father to send a chosen Helper to guide us through life, like a compass that guides hikers and helps them stay on the right path. **Let's read about the Helper in John 14:15-21 and 25-26.**



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



‘IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS. AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER, TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER, EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHOM THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE IT NEITHER SEES HIM NOR KNOWS HIM. YOU KNOW HIM, FOR HE DWELLS WITH YOU AND WILL BE IN YOU.

‘I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS ORPHANS; I WILL COME TO YOU. YET A LITTLE WHILE AND THE WORLD WILL SEE ME NO MORE, BUT YOU WILL SEE ME. BECAUSE I LIVE, YOU ALSO WILL LIVE. IN THAT DAY YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM IN MY FATHER, AND YOU IN ME, AND I IN YOU. WHOEVER HAS MY COMMANDMENTS AND KEEPS THEM, HE IT IS WHO LOVES ME. AND HE WHO LOVES ME WILL BE LOVED BY MY FATHER, AND I WILL LOVE HIM AND MANIFEST MYSELF TO HIM.’

‘THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU WHILE I AM STILL WITH YOU. BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS AND BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE ALL THAT I HAVE SAID TO YOU.’

JOHN 14:15-21 AND 25-26

Did you hear Who Jesus promised to send the disciples? The Holy Spirit, Who is also called the Helper and Spirit of Truth!

But how does the Holy Spirit help believers? When we pray, the Holy Spirit talks to God the Father for us. In other words, He intercedes for us. He also guides Christians to the truth of God’s Word and lives inside us forever. This means the Holy Spirit will help us when tricky situations arise. He is fully God and part of the Trinity.

Jesus is the descendant of Abraham, the King worthy of all our praise, the Messiah promised from ancient times and the perfect sacrifice to save us from our sins. When Jesus went to heaven, He didn’t leave us alone. He sent the Holy Spirit, the perfect Helper, to guide us and help us follow Him.



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

JOHN

This week's story comes from the book of John. John is the last of four books known as the Gospels. The book is written by the disciple whom Jesus loved, John. The book of John tells about the miracles or signs of Jesus.

WHY DO I STILL SIN IF I AM A BELIEVER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN ME?

When we trust Jesus as our Savior, sin no longer controls us. **(Galatians 2:20)** But we won't be perfect until we reach heaven. **(Philippians 3:21)** The Holy Spirit guides us toward the will of God, but sometimes we still make wrong choices. This world is affected by sin. At times we will mess up and choose to do the wrong thing. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit shows us what we did wrong and Jesus's sacrifice on the cross has paid our debt forever. When we confess our sin, He forgives us and restores our fellowship with Him. **(1 John 1:9)**

OT-NT CONNECTION

The Holy Spirit can be seen in the Old Testament as early as **Genesis 1:2**. Before the creation of the world, God (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) existed.

- What was the Holy Spirit doing in **Genesis 1:2**?
- What have you learned about the Holy Spirit this week that you didn't know before?

JOURNAL

Draw a maze in your journal. Ask an adult to help you look up ideas online. There should be only one correct way to navigate the maze you create.

Sometimes, your life may feel like a maze. But the Holy Spirit will guide you!

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

In the Bible we read about the one true God **(Deuteronomy 6:4)**, who shows us who He is in three different persons. We call this the Trinity, and the Trinity includes God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is fully God and has always existed. He is the chosen Helper for believers and convicts the world of sin, guides believers to truth in God's Word, lives in believers and helps believers communicate with God. **(John 14)**

READ



The Holy Spirit helps believers live for Jesus. The Bible tells us the kinds of actions a believer should be doing when living for Jesus. Check out **Galatians 5:22-23** to learn more.

What characteristics will you show when the Holy Spirit lives in you?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2023

♥ MEMORIZE

**"AND I WILL
ASK THE
FATHER, AND
HE WILL GIVE
YOU ANOTHER
HELPER, TO BE
WITH YOU
FOREVER."**

JOHN 14:16

**Q: WHO DID GOD
SEND FOR US?**

A: A CHOSEN HELPER.

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of John. Help your child find the book of John. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

SHARE

Tell your children about a time you prayed for guidance in your life. What happened?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR JESUS, THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME THE CHOSEN HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT. PLEASE HELP ME TO LISTEN TO HIS GUIDANCE AND LIVE A LIFE THAT FOLLOWS YOU. AMEN.

NAVIGATE

The Holy Spirit guides believers to do what's right. Like a compass, His ways are always true.

Find a compass (or use the one on your smartphone) and help your child determine which directions are east, west, north and south. Remind them that the Holy Spirit will guide them in the right direction if they follow His leading.

DRAW

Explain to your child how the Holy Spirit guides us to God's will for our lives. Life is like a map, and the Holy Spirit gives us spiritual directions on how to successfully navigate the map and know right from wrong.

Have your child draw a map of your home. Then help them write down directions for getting from the kitchen to their bedroom. Remind them that when we pray and ask for directions, the Holy Spirit will help guide us.

HELP

Jesus asked God the Father to send the Holy Spirit to believers to help guide us through life. We cannot do what the Holy Spirit does, but we can follow the example of Jesus and help others in need.

This week, help your child find a friend or family member who needs assistance with a chore or to-do item, and make time to help them out.

SING

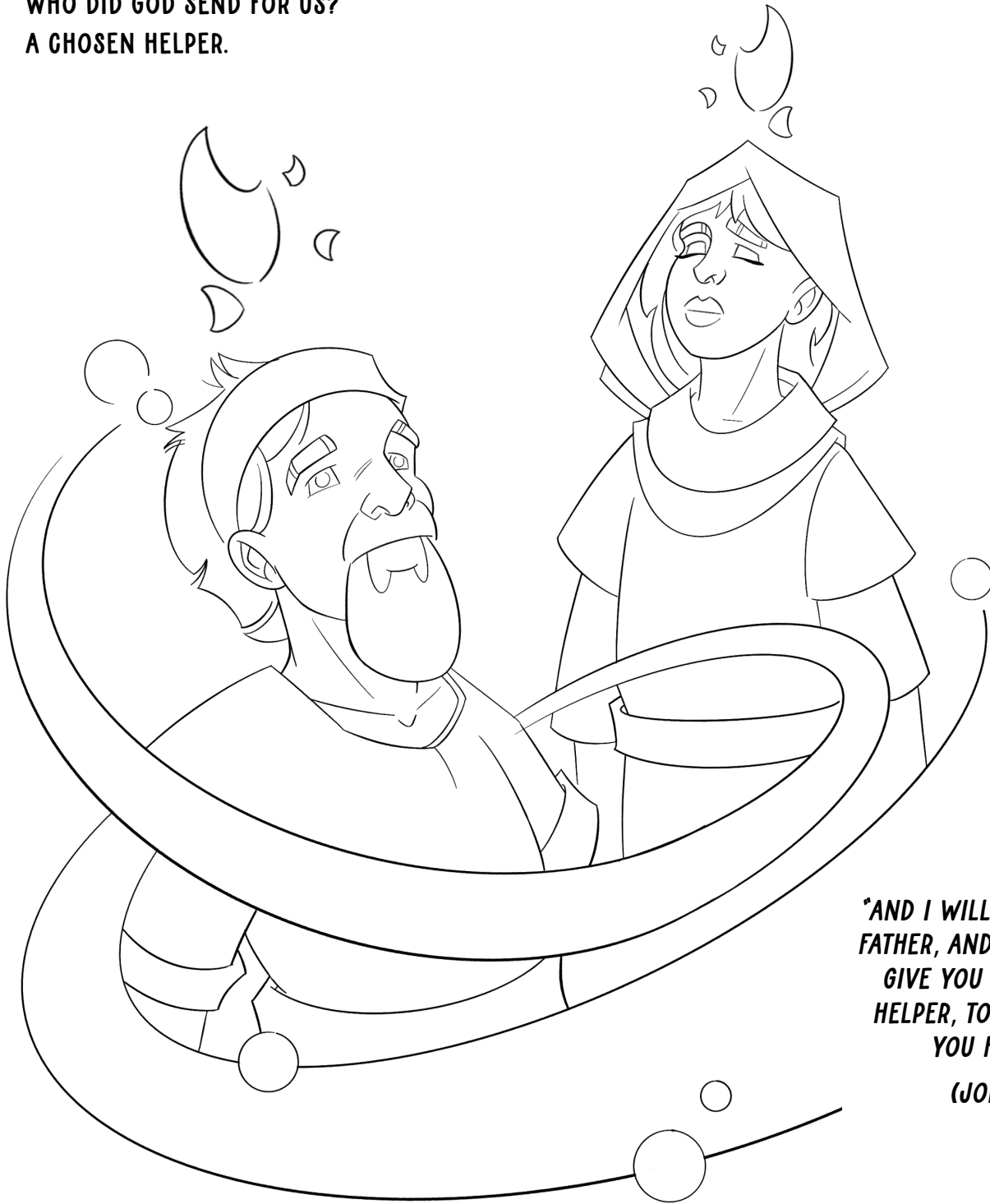


Listen to this playlist to praise God for our Savior Jesus Christ!

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



**WHO DID GOD SEND FOR US?
A CHOSEN HELPER.**



***“AND I WILL ASK THE
FATHER, AND HE WILL
GIVE YOU ANOTHER
HELPER, TO BE WITH
YOU FOREVER.”***

(JOHN 14:16)

NAME: _____