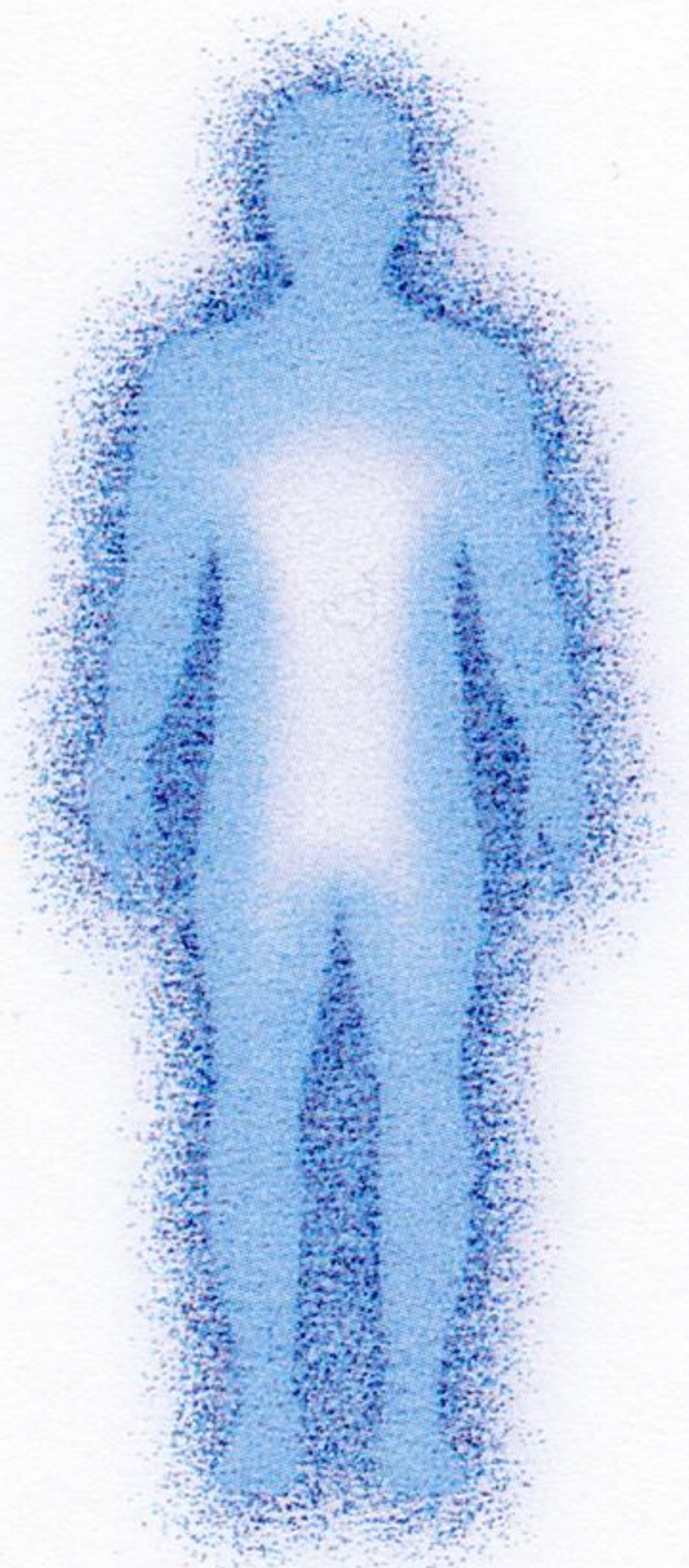




THE SON AND THE SPIRIT

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HIGH SCHOOL



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Understanding the Person of Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit

We've been learning about God's character and nature through exploring His names — but names aren't the only thing God has more than one of. He's also three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

Knowing these persons, how they relate to us, and having a relationship with each one of them helps us have a much deeper understanding of God. And the better we understand Him, the better we can live for Him!

Over the next two weeks, we're going to talk about the power and the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

SERIES VERSES

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WEEK ONE | THE SON

Discussion Goal: To learn who Jesus is and why we need to know Him

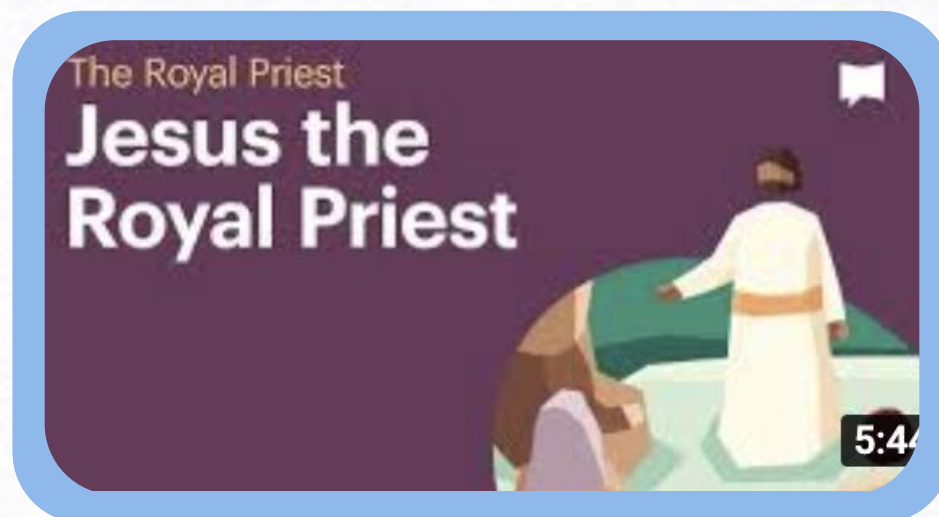
JUNE 5

START TALKING (CONVERSATION STARTER)

If you could spend 24 hours getting to know anyone alive, who would it be? Why?

WATCH IT TOGETHER

We've spent the past few weeks learning about who God is and His nature, but did you know God is three persons in one? He's one being, but three distinct persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Today, we're going to learn more about Jesus, God's Son.



THINK IT THROUGH (AND TALK IT OUT)

LEADER TIP

The goal of group discussion is to have youth talk about God, ask and wrestle with questions, and to grow and own their faith. If your group time is short, make sure to discuss the three questions below.

01 Read [John 8:12](#), [Romans 5:6-8](#), and [Hebrews 4:14-16](#). What do these verses say about who Jesus is?

02 Does it matter if we know who Jesus is? Why or why not?

03 What does it mean to have a relationship with Jesus? How can you grow in your relationship with Him?

PRAY: God, thank You for showing us who Jesus is through the Bible. Help us understand Him and know Him better so we can have a stronger relationship with Him. Amen.

SALVATION CONVERSATION: Be in prayer for students in your group who do not yet have a relationship with Christ. Answer any questions they have, and if they're ready to accept Christ, lead them in the salvation prayer.

Heavenly Father, today is the day I give my life to You. This is the day of my salvation. I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. I believe He died for me so that I would be forgiven and rose again to give me new life. This is the day I turn away from my old life and begin a new life with you. This is my new beginning. In Jesus name, amen.

Celebrate this decision with them, their parents/guardian, and your YTH Director.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

01 What's the difference between God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

02 Read [Romans 3:22-23](#) and [John 3:16-21](#). Why did we need God to send Jesus for us?

03 How can the way we live show others what we believe about Jesus? How can others see Jesus through our speech and actions?

04 Read [1 Peter 2:9](#). If Jesus is our high priest, and we are a royal priesthood, what does this mean for us today? How does that make you want to live differently?

BIBLE BITE: The role of a Biblical priest was to represent the people before God and celebrate His goodness. And guess what? As followers of Christ today, that's what we are commissioned to do too! We love God and tell others about Him.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about what 1 Peter 2:9 means when it talks about a royal priesthood.

WEEK TWO | THE SPIRIT

Discussion Goal: To learn who the Holy Spirit is and why we need to know Him

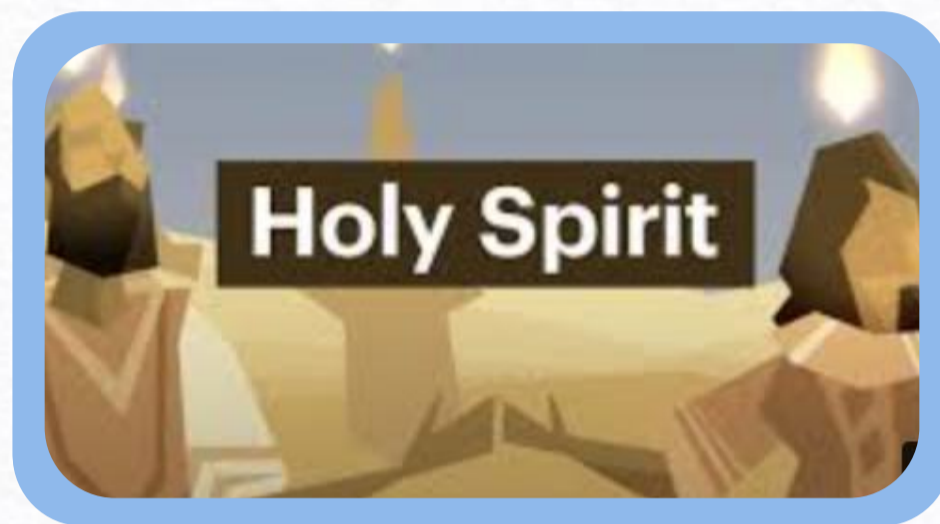
JUNE 12

START TALKING (CONVERSATION STARTER)

What's your favorite movie or story with ghosts in it? (e.g., Goosebumps, Harry Potter, Ghostbusters, etc.)

WATCH IT TOGETHER

God is one being, but three distinct persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Today, we're going to learn more about God's personal presence, the Holy Spirit, and the power we have through Him.



THINK IT THROUGH (AND TALK IT OUT)

LEADER TIP

The goal of group discussion is to have youth talk about God, ask and wrestle with questions, and to grow and own their faith. Select questions relevant to your group's age, experiences, and current understanding of faith. If your group time is super short or busy, at least make sure to discuss the three questions below.

01 Read [Acts 1:8](#), [John 14:16-17](#), and [John 16:7](#). What do you learn about the Holy Spirit from these verses?

02 What is the role of the Holy Spirit? How is the Holy Spirit different from God and Jesus? Why do we need all three (as in, we can't live without them!) in our lives?

03 How does the Holy Spirit help us? How can we access His power? (Read [Matthew 28:18-20](#), [1 John 5:13-15](#), and [Ephesians 6:10-18](#).)

PRAY: God, thank You for teaching us about the Holy Spirit in Your Word. Help us to continue to understand His role so we can lean on Him when we face challenges. Guide us with His wisdom and help us feel at peace in His presence. Amen.

BIBLE BITE: In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was given to certain people as a revelation that gave them strength, courage, wisdom, and the knowledge of God's will.

In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit was brought through Jesus Christ to be a personally present guide to comfort and strengthen those who believe in Christ.

The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. (Read Acts 2.)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

01 How would you describe the Holy Spirit?

02 The Holy Spirit is God's personal presence given to guide, comfort, and strengthen us. What does this tell us about God?

03 The Bible talks about the gifts of the Spirit ([1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)) and the fruit of the Spirit ([Galatians 5:22-26](#)). Both are given by God from the Holy Spirit to each believer. What's the difference between gifts and fruit?

04 The Holy Spirit can be a confusing topic (or even weird and scary if we don't understand Him). What's the most challenging thing for you and your understanding of the Holy Spirit? What questions do you have about Him?

LEADER TIP: Open the Bible as a group, and read what it says about the Holy Spirit. Here are a few passages to get you started:

Acts 1:4-8 (Promised by God the Father)
John 14:25-25 (He helps teach us)
2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (The Lord is the Spirit)
1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (Our bodies as temples)
Romans 8:26-27 (He's an intercessor)

BIBLE BITE: Gifts of the Spirit are any abilities given by the Holy Spirit and used to promote the gospel message. Fruits of the Spirit are evidence that the Holy Spirit is working in someone's life and helping them grow to be more like Jesus.