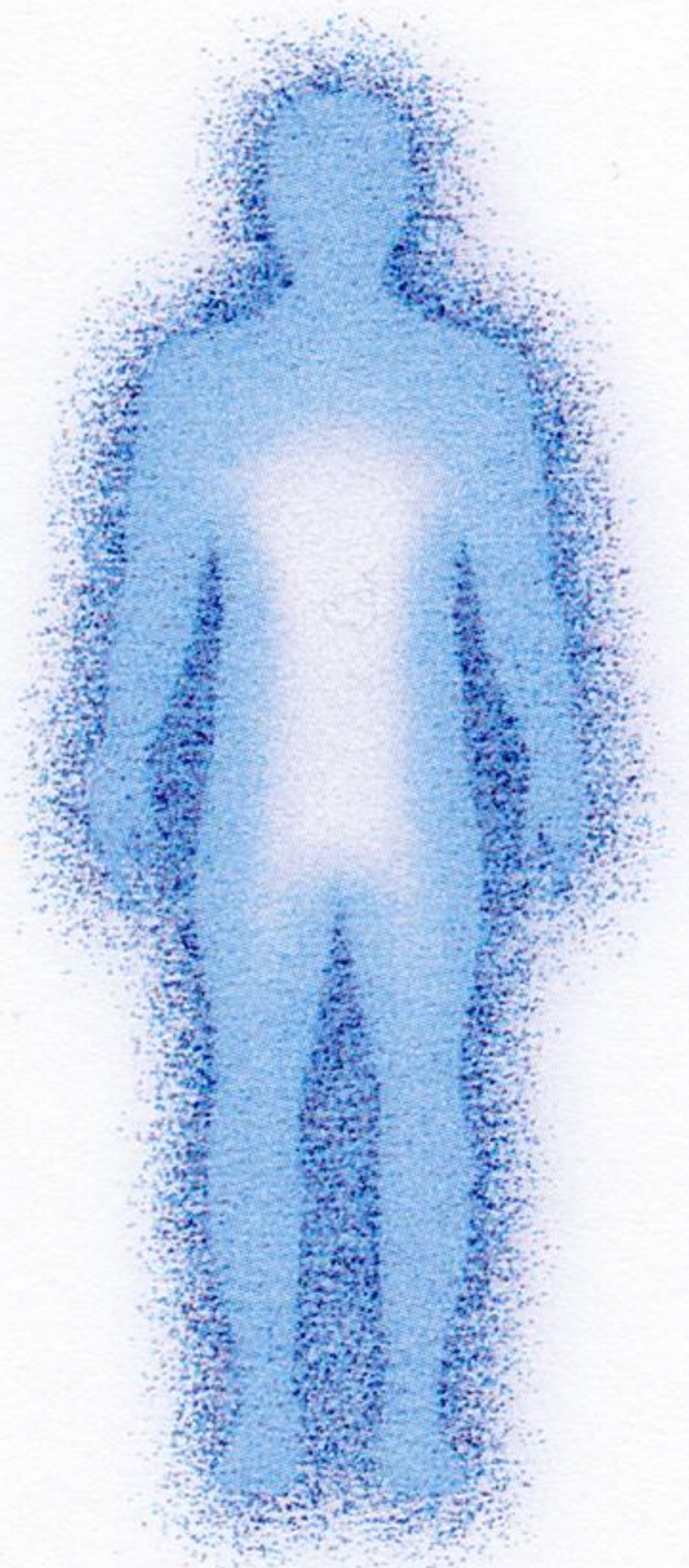




THE SON AND THE SPIRIT

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MIDDLE 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

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

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WEEK ONE | THE SON

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

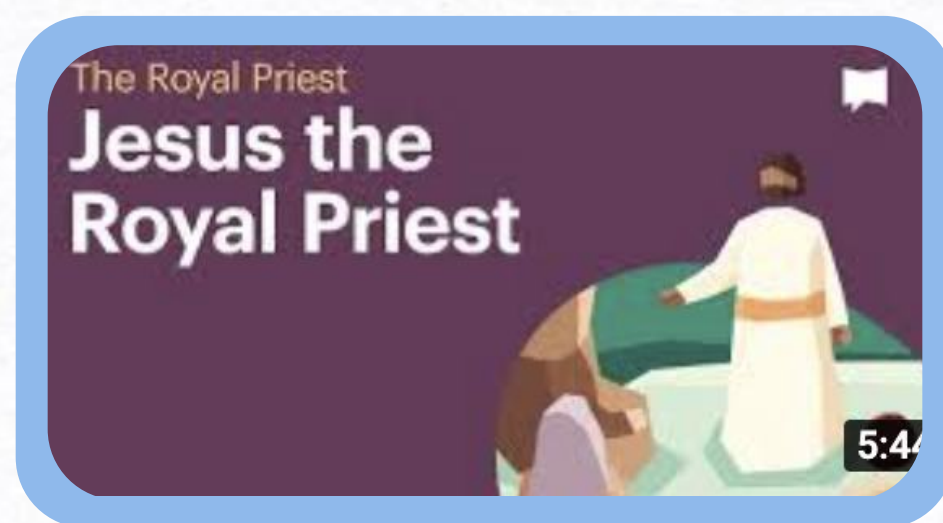
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START TALKING (CONVERSATION STARTER)

If you could spend a whole day hanging out with anyone on earth, who would you choose and why?

WATCH IT TOGETHER

We've spent the past few weeks learning who God is and how He works. But here's something cool: God is three persons in one — one being, but three distinct persons! Today, we're getting to know Jesus — God's Son — a bit better, and He has a lot to teach us.



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.

THINK IT THROUGH (AND TALK IT OUT)

01 Read [John 8:12](#), [Romans 5:6-8](#), and [Hebrews 4:14-16](#). How do these verses describe who Jesus is? (e.g., the light of the world, a high priest, love, etc.)

02 How does knowing who Jesus is help us understand God's love and plan for us?

03 Why is it important for us to know Jesus and have a personal 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.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

01 Read [John 3:16](#). What does this verse tell us about God's love for us? What does it tell you about Jesus that He came to give His life for us?

02 What does it mean to "believe" in Jesus? How can believing in Him change our lives?

03 How does the promise of eternal life change the way we look at each day and our relationship with God? What does it look like to share this hope with others?

SALVATION CONVERSATION: 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.

WEEK TWO | THE SPIRIT

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

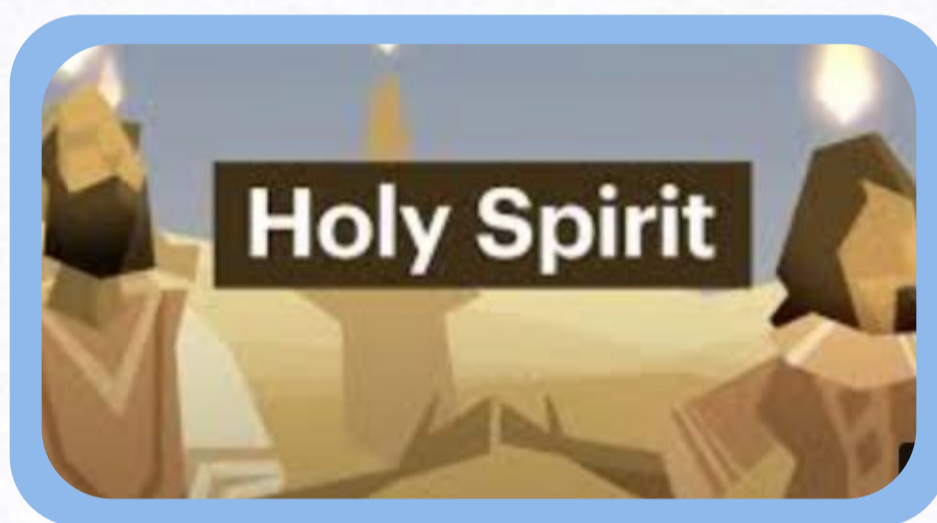
JUNE 12

START TALKING (CONVERSATION STARTER)

What's your favorite movie or book that involves ghosts? (e.g., Goosebumps, Ghostbusters, Casper, etc.) Why?

WATCH IT TOGETHER

We've been exploring who God is and how He operates, right? Last week we learned God is three persons in one — one being, but three distinct persons! We call this the Trinity — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Today, we're getting to know the Holy Spirit a bit better because He's a vital part of the Trinity and has so much to share with us.



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.

THINK IT THROUGH (AND TALK IT OUT)

01 Read [Acts 1:8](#), [John 14:16-17](#), and [John 16:7](#). How do these verses describe the Holy Spirit, and what role does He play in the life of a believer? (e.g., a source of power, an advocate, a helper, etc.)

02 Why is it important for us to understand why we need to know the Holy Spirit?

03 How does understanding the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives help us navigate challenges and grow closer to God?

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.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

01 Read [John 14:26](#). Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would teach us “all things” and “remind” us of Jesus’ teachings. How can the Holy Spirit help change the way you read and understand the Bible?

02 What's something you'd like the Holy Spirit to help you with? (e.g., being nicer, facing a fear, making a wise choice, etc.). How can you open yourself up to His help?

03 What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is our Advocate? How can understanding this help you when you are facing challenges?