



Sunday, May 14, 2023
Promise of the Holy Spirit - John 14:15-21



What's the Big Idea?

Faith Leads to Love

In today's Bible story, Jesus tells his disciples that their love for him will lead to works of love. That's how it works—faith leads to love. "If you love me," Jesus says, "you will keep my commandments." Jesus' commandments were these: Love God and love your neighbor. Sometimes we think that "keeping commandments" means obeying them perfectly. But none of us can do that! And Jesus knew that. Some days we do better than others, but we never manage to love God and each other perfectly. And when we royally mess up, Jesus calls us to try again...and again.



When God's spirit comes, it moves us to faith. Faith always leads us to love.

Read It

Find this week's story on page 450 of your Spark Story Bible.



Try It

Play this game to remind you that the Holy Spirit is always with you, even when you don't expect it. Start this week-long game by giving each member of your family a sticky note with a cross on it. Each family member can remind other members of the family of the Holy Spirit's presence by hiding the notes in unexpected places, like the inside of a cupboard door, lunch box, or windshield. Be creative. When someone finds a note, they must hide it again. Make new sticky notes each day and see how many you find by week's end!



Talk About It

- 1) Have you ever made a promise? Did you keep it? What promise did Jesus make this story?
- 2) Who do you trust? How do you know you can trust them? How do your friends and family know they can trust you?
- 3) What proof do we have that the Holy Spirit is present in our lives everyday? How do we know it is at work in each of us?
- 4) How do you see the Holy Spirit at work? at school? At work? At church? In our community?

Pray: Dear God,

May the Holy Spirit be around us and inside us. May it guide us as we learn, work, and play. Amen.

Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15

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Holy Help

Jesus had good news for the disciples. He told them he loved them and then gave them a promise for the future. Cross out all the Q and Z letters in this code to discover Jesus' message.

QTZZHQEZQHZQOZLQQY
QSZPQIRQZIZZTQWQZIZLQQL
ZHQELZPQYQOQUZ



The disciples knew that
the Holy Spirit would
help them because that
was the promise Jesus
made.