The Holy Spirit as Illuminator

Activity: Flashlight search

Materials:

Flashlight (may want one per child)

Things for hiding (get a variety of sizes, make sure to remember what you hid)

Prep:

In a dark room, hid the objects.

Activity:

1. Have the kids go into the room and look for things (do not use lights or leave the door open, for younger kids, parents join them. If they become discouraged, or fearful, stop and move on to the next step). If they find everything then re-hid the objects and move onto the step 2.

2. Using a flashlight, have the kids search for the hidden things.

Discuss: What was it like trying to find things in the dark room? How did using a flashlight change things? What did the flashlight do to the things in the dark room?

**Say:** Today we are going to be talking about The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our moral compass (directing us in the ways of right and wrong), our connection to God, and a member of the Trinity. He provides giftings and develops the Fruits of the Spirit within each member of the family of God, among other things.

Today we are going to look at the role of The Holy Spirit in our everyday lives. Have you ever had someone read you something in the bible, hear something said in a sermon or lesson at church, that made it feel like they were talking directly to you? That is the work of the Holy Spirit. In John 14:26, Jesus says “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.” God sent the Holy Spirit to remind us of His teaching in our lives. He draws our attention to things that we need to work on, to know and/or do.

The Holy Spirit is the feeling you get when you know you are doing something wrong, or when you feel like you need to talk to someone, give someone something etc. He is like the flashlight in the dark room, he brings to light things that are hidden in our lives. He also makes the scriptures “come to life.” This means that when we read scripture He draws our attention to certain passages, and makes them stand out in our minds. This is because God is trying to tell us something. It may convict us (feel like we have done something wrong that we need to change), challenge us to live different, and/or it may ignite in us a desire to do something; to stand up for something.

The Holy spirit does not just come to us when we are born. Just like you were not just given the flashlights at the start. The Holy Spirit comes when we choose to have a relationship with God. It’s God’s gift to us. It is our direct connection to God. Through the Holy Spirit, God talks to us

We can also ask God for help. When you were unable to find something in your search, did you ask for help? When we read the bible and go about our day, we can ask God to reveal to us His heart, His plans, and even to encourage us, if we are feeling down. The Holy Spirit is guide in life, walking with us from the moment we choose Jesus to the day we meet Him in Heaven.

**Additional Resources:**

Holy Spirit changes me (science): <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/06/come-holy-spirit-fizzy-explosion-prayers.html>

Elementary lesson: <https://childrensministry.com/holy-spirit-experiment/>

For parents: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/VideoElement/135366>