

Middle School Discussion Guide

The Helper: For the week of July 3 - 9, 2022

Main Thought, Scriptures & Discussion:

John 14:15-31 reminds us of the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus has given to us after he left His disciples and went to be with God. Jesus knew that as sinful people, we wouldn't be able to continue what Jesus' started here on Earth, He knew we needed his power to carry out Jesus' commands. Therefore, God has given us his Holy Spirit.

"If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever... ¹⁷you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." (John 14:15-17 NIV)

"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me." (John 14:21 NIV)

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:26 NIV)

Discussion Question(s):

- Who is someone in your life that was a huge support to you? Share examples of why you chose that person.

Just like the person that helps support you in life, the Holy Spirit is the one who supports us and helps us be obedient to Jesus' commands. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is vital to living a devoted life to God. We have the choice to invite the Holy Spirit to influence our lives and help lead us to become the people God desires us to be. We must learn to trust the Holy Spirit and allow him to help us if we desire to live devotedly to Jesus' teachings and commands.

Discussion Question(s):

- What is an area of your life you would like the Holy Spirit to help you in? (repenting from sins, sharing your faith, living like Jesus, etc.)
- What is God challenging you to be obedient to do in this season?

Prayer:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower one another to live for God.
- Pray for the people that the Holy Spirit is leading you to share your faith with.