

## The Holy Spirit Is God

### Bible Lesson

Families can read the Bible together to teach kids truth and demonstrate the importance of Scripture. The lesson today comes from Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:8. Show younger kids how to look up Bible verses. Point out the title page for Matthew and Acts and show them how to find the correct chapter and verse. Talk about how the books of Matthew and Acts are in the New Testament. Pray together to start your Bible lesson time.

### Story for the Youngest Listeners

We believe in one God who exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus wanted his disciples to know that **the Holy Spirit is God**.

Jesus taught his disciples and gave them instructions to follow.

The disciples went out to tell people that Jesus died for their sins and rose from the dead.

The disciples baptised new Christians in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We cannot see the Holy Spirit, but we can see what the Holy Spirit is doing.

The Holy Spirit gives power to God's people so that they can tell others about Jesus.

**The Holy Spirit is God.**

### Story for Older Children

We believe in one God who exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We do not believe in three different gods. We do not believe in a god who morphs between forms, so that sometimes God is the Father, sometimes God is the Son, and sometimes God is the Holy Spirit. We believe that God has always existed in three persons. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit together are called the *Trinity*.

The Bible is full of pictures describing what the Holy Spirit is like. We cannot see the Holy Spirit, but the pictures in the Bible help us understand more about the Holy Spirit. The Bible says the Holy Spirit is like fire, strong and powerful. The Bible says the Holy Spirit is like breath that gives people life. The Bible says the Holy Spirit is like a dove who came down from heaven when Jesus was baptised. The Holy Spirit makes dead things come alive, gives God's people power, and helps God's people stop doing what is wrong and start doing what is right. **The Holy Spirit is God.**

Jesus wanted his disciples to know that **the Holy Spirit is God**. After Jesus rose from the dead he gave special instructions to his disciples. We call these verses in the Bible the *Great Commission*. Jesus told his disciples to go and make more disciples all over the world. The disciples should tell people that Jesus died for their sins and rose from the dead. The disciples should baptise people who believe that Jesus is the Saviour who rescues people from their sins. Jesus told his disciples to baptise new Christians in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus was telling his disciples that the Father is God, the Son is God, and **the Holy Spirit is God**.

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven to be with God the Father. Before Jesus sent his disciples into the world, he promised that the Holy Spirit would come to them. Jesus told them, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And

you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8, NLT). **The Holy Spirit is God.**

### **Questions**

*Questions reinforce key facts from the Bible lesson for younger kids and help older kids make connections between the lesson and their own relationship with God.*

Younger Children

We believe in one God who exists in three persons: who are the three persons?

Who died for our sins and rose from the dead?

Who gives power to God’s people so they can tell others about Jesus?

The Holy Spirit is ...

Older Children

How can you describe the Trinity?

What are some pictures the Bible uses to describe the Holy Spirit?

What is the Great Commission?

What promise did Jesus give to the disciples before he ascended into heaven?

### **Music Time**

*Songs offer the opportunity to respond to God with praise. Don’t worry about beautiful singing voices, use this as a time to worship God together with joy! Add to your worship time with motions or simple instruments such as egg shakers.*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

How Good is the God We Adore

*Written by Joseph Hart, 1712-1768*

How good is the God we adore!

Our faithful, unchangeable friend:

his love is as great as his pow'r

and knows neither knows measure nor end.

For Christ is the first and the last;

his Spirit will guide us safe home;

we'll praise him for all that is past

and trust him for all that's to come.

### **Catechism**

*Catechisms are collections of questions and answers that distill biblical truth into a form that’s easy to learn and remember. Practice the question and answer together until you can all say it. Listen to the song together.*

The question for this week:

Question 36: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

Visit [newcitycatechism.org](http://newcitycatechism.org) for a question and answer that families can learn together.

Click on the tab at the top that says 'Web App.'

Click the down arrow on the orange tab where it says, 'Part 1.' Scroll down to Part 3 and choose question 36.

To the right of the 'Part 1' tab there are three dots. Click on these and select 'Children's Mode.' In the children's mode the answers are simplified and there is an accompanying song.

### **Family Activity: Puzzle**

#### **Materials:**

Printout sheet (one page, with a version for younger children and a version for older children)

Pens, coloured pencils, or crayons

Scissors

Optional: cardboard and glue

#### **Instructions:**

Colour in the puzzle page, filling up the space with lots of bright colours.

*Optional: Glue the sheet onto a piece of cardboard, making sure the glue is spread evenly across the page.*

Carefully cut out the puzzle pieces (children may need help from adults).

Work together to assemble the puzzle. You can keep the puzzle in pieces, or you can glue it onto another sheet of paper.

Biblical pictures of the Holy Spirit

Look up the following verses. Which picture puzzle piece goes with each verse?

Job 33:4

Isaiah 44:3

Matthew 3:16

Acts 2:1-4

*What is the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed?*

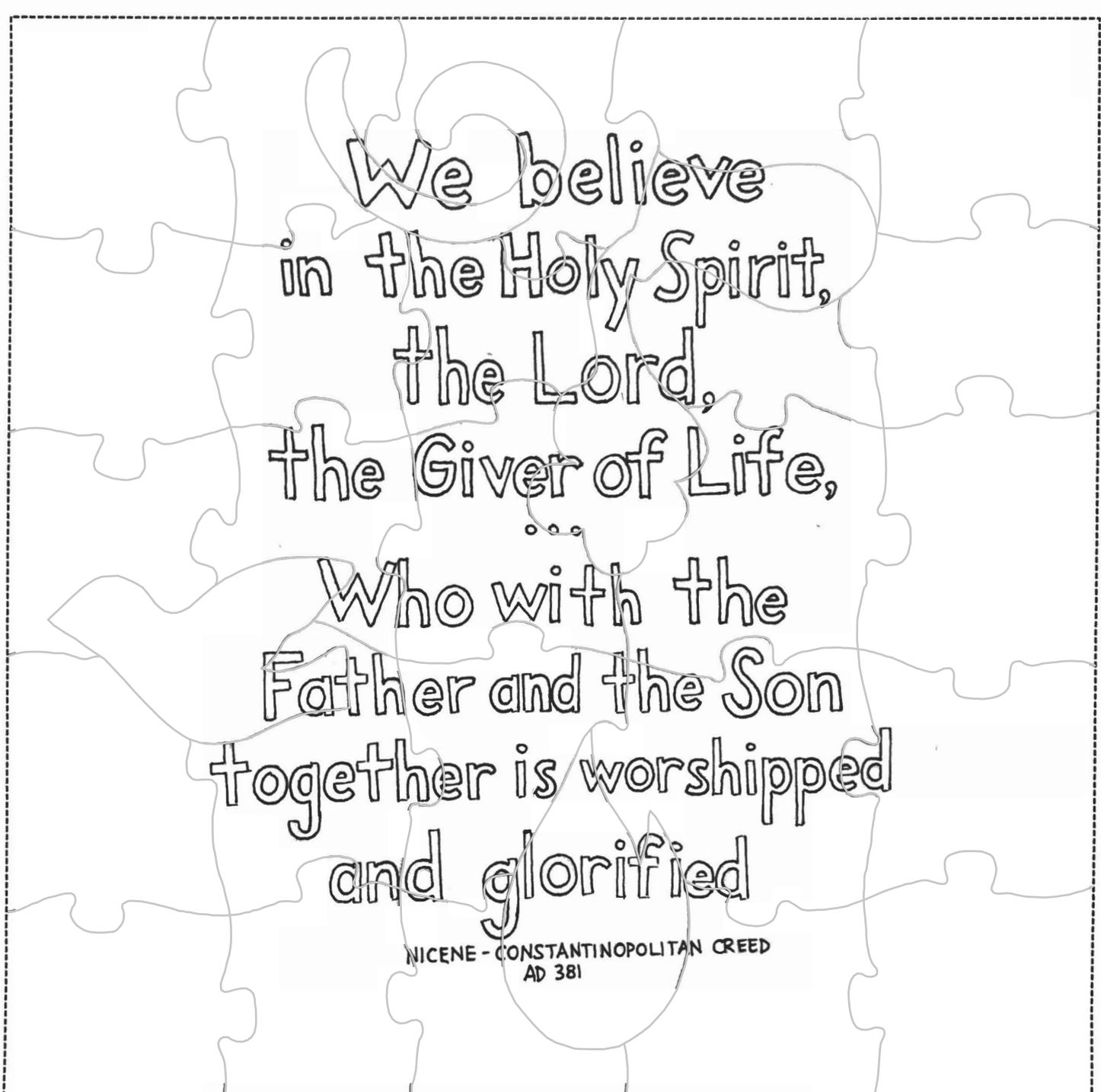
*A creed is a statement of faith. This creed was written by church leaders who gathered in Constantinople in AD 381. They based the creed on an earlier statement of faith written in Nicea in AD 325. The purpose of this statement of faith was to put in writing what Christians believed everywhere and from the beginning of the church. You can read the entirety of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed here: <https://www.apuritansmind.com/creeds-and-confessions/nicene-creed/>*

# Younger Kids Puzzle



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the Lord,  
the Giver of Life,  
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Father and the Son  
together is worshipped  
and glorified

NICENE - CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED  
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