

1. Motivate

What's your favorite memory of a parade you've watched or attended?

2. Transition

A video introduction to the lesson is available. Watch at https://watch.liberty.edu/media/t/1_67k8h4g3

These parades all celebrated someone or some particular occasion.

- They magnify that person or event.
- They draw attention to something worth celebrating.
- It is the Holy Spirit's role to magnify the work of Jesus, to draw attention to Him.

3. Bible Study

3.1 The Holy Spirit Empowers

Listen for who testifies.

John 15:26-27 (NIV) "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

What did Jesus reaffirm to the disciples?

How is the truth of the union of the Father, Son, and Spirit seen in verse 26?

Why do you think it is important that Jesus called Him the "Spirit of Truth?"

The Greek word used for *counselor* has to do with one who "comes along side." When you hire a counselor, what kind of service do you anticipate? How will they come alongside?

What are ways in which the Holy Spirit testifies/witnesses about Christ?

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The Work of the Holy Spirit

What does this have to do with Jesus instruction in verse 27?

3.2 The Holy Spirit Convicts/Convinces

Listen for another task of the Spirit.

John 16:7-11 (NIV) But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

What advantage would come to the disciples only if Jesus went away to the Father?

What work of the Holy Spirit did Jesus introduce and to what three areas did He apply it?

What are some other words your translations use for convict? What are some other synonyms?

What are some ways the Holy Spirit helps us recognize our sins?

Why do *unbelievers* resist the convicting work of the Spirit?

Why might *believers* resist the convicting work of the Spirit?

Why is it a positive thing to be convicted of your sin?

3.3 The Spirit Glorifies Jesus

Listen for other works of the Holy Spirit

John 16:12-15 (NIV) "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

What work of the Spirit does Jesus identify in verse 13?

Whose message does the Spirit declare and to whom does He bring glory?

What connection do these verses show between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that affirm their oneness and the consistency of their message?

How does the Holy Spirit guide believers into all truth?

Verse 14 speaks of the Spirit's task to glorify Jesus. Why is it so important that the Spirit always points to Jesus?

Application

Confess.

- The Holy Spirit comes alongside us to convict us of sin.
- If He is convicting you of an unconfessed sin, take a few minutes on your knees repent of that sin.

Submit.

- Allow the Holy Spirit to fill you and have control of your life.
- Lean on Him to guide your steps.

Share.

- Allow the Holy Spirit to use you to talk about Jesus with another person.
- Trust Him to guide the conversation and give you words that bring honor to Christ.

Hidden Message Puzzle

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AWAY	BEAR	BELIEVE
COMING	CONVICT	FATHER
GUIDE	HEARD	JUDGMENT
MINE	MINISTRY	MORE
MUCH	REFUSES	RIGHTEOUSNESS
RULER	SEND	SIN
SPEAK	TELL	TELL
TESTIFY	TRUTH	WORLD

Don't tell the Word Search Lady, but we've used her format to communicate messages to the church in the country of Waltaibujerat. There's a hidden message *between* the above words you must find in the grid. As usual, they go up, down, left, right, and diagonal. The remaining letters contain the message. It will read left to right from the top down. Use the blanks at the left to record this message from Billy Graham. You can get help at <https://tinyurl.com/fbu3skk2> where there are other intriguing Family Activities

