

## Piecing Together Life in the Spirit Series :: May Lessons

**Memory Verse** :: John 14:26 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.

### ■ April 29th/May 1st | The Holy Spirit Gives Gifts | Eph 4:1-16

Gifts are given by the Holy Spirit.

**Connect as a Family...**Read **Ephesians 4:1–16**. After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What are your strengths? What kind(s) of gifts has God given to you?
- How can you use your gifts to benefit the church?
- Share with your children the importance of respecting the spiritual gifts that others have. Encourage them to be in unity with those who may have different strengths than they do.

### ■ May 6th/8th | The Holy Spirit Heals | Acts 3 | Peter Heals the Beggar

Peter healed a beggar through the Holy Spirit's power.

**Did you know?...**Read **Acts 3:1-10**

*Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- The temple in first-century Jerusalem was divided into sections. Social status determined how far into the temple one could go.
- Solomon's portico was known as the Court of the Gentiles. It was a section of the temple that most anyone could enter.
- The only section of the temple that the crippled man had ever been in was Solomon's portico.
- This man grew up his entire life wanting to enter the temple and was never allowed to. Now that he was no longer crippled, he was allowed to enter.

### ■ May 13th/15th | The Holy Spirit Unifies | Acts 8:1-8, 26-40 | Phillip

Philip told an Ethiopian eunuch the good news about Jesus.

**Did you know?...**Read **Acts 8:1-8, 26-40**. *Share these facts to get the conversation started.*

- In Acts we read how God's Spirit unified many different people to become His family. Acts 8 gives us a specific example of this as we see how God brought an Ethiopian eunuch into the faith community.
- This man wasn't just a Gentile from a distant land; he was also a eunuch—a man who, because of his physical condition, was considered by the Jews to live in a constant state of ritual impurity (Leviticus 21:16–23).
- A prophecy in Isaiah held hope: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me ... to them I will give ... a name better than sons and daughters" (Isaiah 56:4–5). This prophecy spoke of the day when Jesus would fulfill the Law and give everyone the opportunity to join His family.

### ■ May 20th/22nd | The Holy Spirit Transforms | Acts 9 | Paul's Conversion

Jesus spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus and the Holy Spirit transformed Paul's life.

**Connect as a family...**Take a short walk with your children. After your walk, find a quiet spot and read the biblical account of Paul's conversion in Acts 9:1–18. When you finish reading, ask your children what they think Paul might have felt like when he suddenly heard from God and found himself blind. Ask them if they feel like they've ever heard from God. (Remind them that it's okay if they haven't heard from Him.) *After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:*

- How do you think Saul might have felt while he was speaking with Jesus on the road?
- Why do you think God sent Ananias to pray for Saul?
- How has Jesus changed your life?

### ■ May 27th/29th | Jesus is the Beginning and the End | Revelation 19:11-21; 21-22 | Jesus' Return

Jesus is coming again.

**Blessing...***Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.*

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you experience joy because of the gift that God has given you—the gift of eternal life with Him.**