LESSON 4: THE BEST FRIEND IN THE WORLD

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WELCOME AND PRAYER

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MEMORY VERSE

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SUPPLEMENTARY 2: ACADEMY KITCHEN: THINGS THAT GO TOGETHER

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PRAYER, ANNOUNCEMENTS, HANDOUTS, DINNERTIME DEVOTIONAL HANDOUT (CD-ROM)

GAME REPRISE (IF TIME ALLOWS)

Memory Verse: When the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is.

John 16:13 MSG

GAME TIME

FOLLOW YOUR GUIDE

Suggested Time: 5-10 minutes

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Teacher Tip: Present the Memory Verse and allow the cadets to repeat it.

Supplies: ☐ 8 to 10 Large rubber cones, ☐ 4 Hula hoops (vertical), ☐ Hula-hoop stands or kids to support hoops, ☐ 2 Blindfolds

Prior to Game:

- Create an obstacle course. Make 2 lines of cones and 2 lines of hula hoops. Divide kids into 2 groups: One group will represent our "guide" (the Holy Spirit) and the other group will represent "followers."

Game Instructions:

- Pair a "guide" with a "follower."
- Blindfold the followers.
- Allow guides to lead followers through the course using only words.
- The followers will navigate through the obstacle course by listening to their guide as they offer instructions.
- Have your Superkids walk through this activity.
- It can be timed between 2 competing groups or it can be a one-team-at-a-time spectator event.

Game Goal:

- Guides lead followers through the obstacle course as smoothly and accurately as possible. This is a great opportunity to remind the kids of today's Memory Verse and that they can choose to listen and be good followers.

Final Word:

- The Holy Spirit is a gift to our lives. He is our helper and guide. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help guide us throughout our day.

OBJECT LESSON

THE BEST TOUR GUIDE

Suggested Time: 5-7 minutes

Memory Verse: When the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is.

John 16:13 MSG

Supplies: Favorite foreign-country, tour-guide book or favorite U.S. vacation destination information booklet

Lesson Instructions:

- Hello, cadets! Today, we'll be discussing our favorite vacation destinations.

Ask **Does anyone like to travel?**

Ask **Where are some of your favorite places to travel?**

- *(Allow time for kids to share their experiences.)*
- It's always an adventure to travel to new places and it's also an adventure to enjoy the area and people around the area you live.

Ask **Has anyone ever been to a foreign country?**

Ask **If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?**

- *(Allow time for the cadets to share their experiences and dreams.)*

Teacher Tip: This would be a great opportunity to share about your favorite travel experiences or favorite vacation spot. It would be great to share pictures, guide books, souvenirs, etc. Help your Superkids experience as much as possible from your favorite travel experience. It will be fun taking them on vacation with you!

Traveling can be challenging and a lot of fun! Our Memory Verse today is John 16:13, "When the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is."

When we travel or when we face challenging situations, we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us and He will lead us in the right direction.

OFFERING

GOD TIME

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Offering Scripture: Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:12 AMPC

Supplies: Small gift items

Offering Instructions:

- Hi cadets!

Ask **How many of you like Christmas?**

Ask **What is the best thing about Christmas?**

- It's always great to receive gifts at Christmas, but the best gifts are the ones we give others. Our lives will be so much more enjoyable when we look for ways to bless other people.
- God, our Father, is the ultimate gift giver! He blesses our lives each day with protection, love, favor, peace, joy, etc.
- Just like the Offering Scripture today from 1 Corinthians 2:12, we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the gifts from God in our lives each day.
- We also want to take time to thank our heavenly Father for His goodness in our lives. We can call these moments, "God Time!"
- "God Time" is when we stop what we're doing, and thank God for doing something special in our lives.
- We have a few small gifts we would like to share with you today!
- *(While passing out the small gifts, encourage kids to share and express thankfulness to the Father for His goodness in their lives each day.)*
- Let's take a few moments of "God Time" and thank God for all the gifts He gives us, and let's honor Him by bringing Him a gift, our offerings.

WORD TIME

THE BEST FRIEND IN THE WORLD

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I. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR COUNSELOR AND GUIDE John 14:26

a. The Holy Spirit is a gift from the Father.

b. The Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus in the world. John 15:26

c. The Holy Spirit will help us make godly, God-led decisions!

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH US

a. The Holy Spirit is our "Truth Guide." John 16:13

b. The Holy Spirit will teach us about things to come. John 16:13

c. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is like having your own "personal trainer"!

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES IN US

a. We ask God for the Holy Spirit in our lives. Luke 11:13

b. When you receive the Holy Spirit, you receive power! Acts 1:8

c. When the Holy Spirit lives in us, we become a "powerhouse"!

A Word From Commander Dana: The Holy Spirit was sent from heaven to be our friend and helper. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us be good friends and care about the needs of other people. Thanking the Father for His gifts in our lives each day is one way to honor God and grow in our friendship with Him. Let's take a few minutes and thank God for sending us the ultimate friend, the Holy Spirit!

ACADEMY KITCHEN

THINGS THAT GO TOGETHER

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Teacher Tip: For safety, it's important to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow kids to partake in sampling the food items.

Supplies: ☐ Small plates and/or bowls (if choosing to share food items with kids), ☐ Cookies, ☐ 2 Small glasses of milk, ☐ Cheese slices, ☐ Crackers, ☐ Vanilla ice cream, ☐ Chocolate syrup

Prior to Lesson:

- Place the ingredients in a random order on the table.

Lesson Instructions:

- Hello, cadets!
- In our Kitchen Lesson today, we'll be sharing about different foods that taste great together.
- Allow kids to select from the foods on display that pair up to make a great team! (Ex: milk and cookies, cheese and crackers, and ice cream and chocolate)

Ask **Can you think of anything else that would make a great team?**

- Being a great friend and having great friends makes a great team! We can thank God for sending us the Holy Spirit to be our counselor and friend.

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HANDOUT

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Superkid Handout Grades 1-3

1. In today's Offering Lesson we learned that the best gifts are the ones we give _____.
(Answer: others)

2. God is the best gift giver! Circle some of the things He gives us:

peace love sickness joy protection pain

3. When you receive the _____ _____, you receive power. (Holy Spirit)

4. The Holy Spirit is our _____ and _____. (John 14:26)
(Answer: Helper, Teacher/Guide/Counselor)

5. "God Time" is when we stop what we're doing and thank God for doing something special in our lives. What will you be thankful for in your "God time"?

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6. Learn the Superkid Creed! Memorize this part, and soon you'll know the whole "Superkid Creed"!

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Superkid Handout Grades 4-6

1. In today's Offering Lesson we learned about taking "God Time." How can we use "God Times" in our lives?

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2. The Holy Spirit is our _____ and _____. (Answer: Helper, Teacher/Guide/Counselor)

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DINNERTIME DEVOTIONAL HANDOUT

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Ask Your Superkid to name the chapter and verse of the above memory verse.

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Family Review Questions:

1. How does the Holy Spirit help you? Read John 14:26.
2. Tell of a time this week that the Holy Spirit helped you.

Tips for Parents: This Dinnertime Devotional can be used at any mealtime, and is designed to reinforce the truths being taught at Superkid Academy.

Make sure you set the example by reading the verses out loud from your Bible. (We use the *New Living Translation* with most of our lessons, but reading from other translations can also provide a great teaching opportunity.)

Take a few minutes to read any other scriptures listed in the lesson so you can reinforce the main theme.

Let your questions guide the discussion time. In other words, allow your kids to do most of the talking. We've provided some questions here, but feel free to add more, using examples from your own life. (Remember to avoid asking questions that only require yes or no answers, since they do not foster conversation.)

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SUPPLY LIST

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