

(5) Coloring Page: “Immanuel”

(6) Bible Passage: After Jesus died on the cross, he rose from the dead and visited with his friends on earth for forty days. He then went to be with his Father in heaven. This is called **The Ascension**. His friends saw him rise into the clouds, and two angels told them that someday Jesus would come back the same way that he left.

Before he ascended, Jesus made sure to tell his friends that he would always be with them, and he asked them to tell everyone about him, saying, **“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19b-20, ESV)**. He opened their minds to understand God’s Word and all the things Jesus had taught them, and he asked them to wait in Jerusalem for the special promise from the Father. He said the Holy Spirit would come to them to give them power and help them to follow Jesus’ ways.

This same Holy Spirit is with everyone who trusts in Jesus as Savior. Because he has given us his Spirit to help and guide us, we can be sure that Jesus is always with us. Acts, chapter 2, tells about the first time the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus’ followers.

Read either the following Scripture passage or the recommended pages from *My First Study Bible*.

Acts 1:13-14; 2:1-47

My First Study Bible – “I Tell People About Jesus” pages 387-391
(The Holy Spirit comes in a powerful way, which enabled Jesus’ friend, Peter, to share with everyone that Jesus is the Savior for all people.)

To consider: The Holy Spirit is a comforter, a guide, and the one who gives us wisdom and power to live a life that is purposeful and honoring to God. Because we have the same Spirit that caused Jesus to rise from the dead, we have everything we need to do great things for God’s kingdom. We know Jesus is with us as we experience the work he is doing for us and through us.

(7) Listen to the Song Again (Track 1) – Someone will need to control the starting and stopping of the song. Bring the children to this activity. Engage an adult if you would like to participate with the children. Have everyone stand in a circle. As the song plays, the students will pass the cross from one to another in the same way as musical chairs or hot potato, periodically have a person in charge of the music stop the song. At that point the child who is holding the cross will speak out, “Jesus is with me!” Continue until the end of the song. At the end, have each child who has not had a turn hold the cross and speak out the same phrase. Make sure to explain the activity to the children as you begin.



(8) Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for your promise that you will always be with each one of us. Help us to be aware that you are right here with us. We are grateful that you are so powerful and awesome that you can be with **all** those who call on you.