

# THE HOLY SPIRIT REMAINS WITH US

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## SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:15-25

## I WONDER

- I wonder why Jesus didn't just stay around forever after he rose from the dead?
- I wonder how the disciples felt when they heard Jesus would be leaving them?
- I wonder what it means that the Spirit dwells with us?

## DIGGING DEEPER

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the "Helper". In what ways does the Holy Spirit help us?
- Do you notice the whole Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) anywhere in the passage? (Hint: John 14:16)
- What role does each person of the Trinity have in John 14:16? What does the Father do? What does the Son do? What does the Spirit do?
- How is Jesus' peace different from the world's peace?

When Jesus was on the earth, he could only be at one place at one time. The reason he said that it was better for him to go to the Father, was because he could then send the Helper. The Holy Spirit can be at all places at all times. Because he is with us, we do not need to feel like God has abandoned us.

## ACTIVITY: COTTON BALL WARS

Materials Needed

- Cotton Balls
- Straws
- Masking Tape
- Stopwatch

Put a line of masking tape down the center of a table, and put an odd number of cotton balls down the center masking tape line. Have family members face off against one another and try to blow cotton balls to the other person's side. Who ever has the least cotton balls on their side at the end of 2 minutes wins.

Rules:

- Players must stay on their side of the table
- A cotton ball that blows off the table maybe picked up and put back into play by dropping it on the center line.
- Only cotton balls on the table will count toward the final score.

**Parent's Note:** This activity can be a good object lesson for discussing the activity of the Holy Spirit. The word "spirit" in both Greek and Hebrew is the same as the word for "breath". "Breath" or "wind" is a good metaphor, because although we can't see the Holy Spirit, we can see the effects of his work in our and others' lives.