



WEEK 1

FAMILY LESSON GUIDE

LEGACY

THE BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.

THE BIBLE

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch: Acts 8:26-40;
(John 15:1-8)

INTRO! *These activities introduce the ideas in this week.*

MUSIC | Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Lead your family into an energetic, fun time of worship! You can sing your kids' favorites, but consider adding the following to your playlist:*
 - "[Follow You](#)" by Hillsong Kids
 - "[Follow Me](#)" by Yancy

ACTIVITY | Legacy Leg Race

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Depending on how many family members you have, divide into one or more teams of 2 players. Have them tie one of each of their legs together to create a three-legged team. Get enough balls or balloons for each team to be able to have one ball each. If you have enough teams, race with the other teams to see who can kick their balloon / ball from side of the room to the other. If you are a single team, try and navigate a specific path, bringing both your partner and the ball!*



ACTIVITY | Maze Race

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set up a maze using painter's tape, sheets, chairs, obstacles, or whatever else you have on the floor. Each kid will be given a straw and a balloon, or a ball and a stick. The kids blow on their balloons with their straws (or hit the ball with the stick), trying to make it through without leaving the boundaries of the maze. Allow all of the family members to try to do this first without any help. The second time through, guide the family members by giving them step-by-step directions so they can go through the maze focusing on their balloon and not trying to watch where the maze is.
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** For an added challenge, have preteens walk through the maze while keeping the balloon afloat overhead with their straws / bouncing the ball with their hands. You can also time them to see who can complete the maze in the shortest amount of time possible
- **ASK THE QUESTION:** Life can be confusing. **Have you ever felt like your life is a maze?**
- **SAY:** The legacy of the Holy Spirit is to connect us to God. Just like it was easier for you to travel through the maze when someone was giving you directions, the Holy Spirit helps us to travel through life loving and serving God.

GO DEEPER. This part helps your kid understand why it's important.

SCRIPTURE | Acts 8:26

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read Acts 8:26-40. You could choose to show this [video](#) instead of or in addition to the the reading.
- **BACKGROUND INFO:** The Spirit of God told Philip to go to this place in the middle of nowhere, and Philip didn't ask why – he just agreed to go just like that! When he arrived, he met a person from Ethiopia. And this guy was really important because he was the treasurer – that's the person in charge of money – for the Queen of Ethiopia! The man brought with him on his trip to Jerusalem a big part of the Hebrew scriptures, which is what we call the Old Testament, and specifically, the book of Isaiah. He was reading it out loud. Even though he was well educated and worked for the queen, the man still didn't understand what he was reading – it didn't make any sense to him.
- **ASK THE QUESTION:** **Have you ever read something you didn't understand?**
- **SAY:** Well, Philip heard the man reading, approached him and asked, "Do you understand what you're reading?" You see, Philip had heard the Holy Spirit's voice telling Philip to help someone. And even though he was a little nervous, he helped the man anyway because Philip knew this was what the Holy Spirit wanted him to do.
- **REMEMBER THE POINT! The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.**

VIDEO | Legacy, Episode 1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** [Play this week's teaching video. Click this link to access it.](#)



STORY | My Own Travel

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell your family story about a time when you were growing up and you didn't understand something that was going on. You didn't understand it at the time, but looking back, it's easy to see how the Holy Spirit was helping guide the situation.*

ACTIVITY | Legacy Lotto

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Make a grid on a full-size piece of paper that has 6 columns and 5 rows. Write one letter of legacy each in the top cell of each column. Have kids write four things they like in each column that begin with the letter of that column (e.g., lemonade, lollipops, lizards, labradors for column "L"). Once they complete their board, they can try and contact friends and family who like the same things on their list, and write their names in the corresponding boxes. This activity will be played kind of like "Bingo" except that instead of trying to get five-in-a-row, kids will try to get one item from each column, in any order.*
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *For each column, have kids find one person who likes one of the items in that list, and another person who really dislikes something on that list. And tell them they can't have the same person in the same column!*
- **SAY:** This game helped us to get to know each other a little better. What can we do to get to know God better? We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us.
- **REMEMBER THE POINT! The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.**

SCRIPTURE | Romans 15:13

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read Romans 15:13.*
- **BACKGROUND INFO:** A man named Paul was trying to help all the new churches get started. Paul's legacy is that he wrote letters to these churches, which were later put in the Bible. Paul wanted to encourage church leaders because they were only just learning what it meant to be followers of Jesus. Paul shared with them that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are filled with joy and peace. And that gives us power to do what Jesus wants us to do . . . which helps us know God better.



WRAP IT UP. *These help your kids do something with what they learned.*

REFLECTION | Fill In the Blank

- Give each family member a piece of paper and some writing or drawing utensils
- **SAY:** I'm going to ask you a few question out loud. Think about the question and quietly write down your answers. This is a special time for you and God to get to know each other.
- Write down these questions:
 - **What is something I already know about God?**
 - **What is something else I want to learn about God?**
 - **How can knowing more about God can help me be more like Jesus?**
- Encourage your family to take some time with the activity – and even come back to the questions on another day!

ACTIVITY | Legacy Locket

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Encourage the kids to create their own locket necklace to help them remember today's Big Idea. Get as creative as you wish in using materials to build them. Encourage the kids if they can to decorate their pendant with the Big Idea – **The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God!***
- **SAY:** Every time you look at your locket, you can remember that the Holy Spirit shows us which way to go and what choices we should make.
- **REMEMBER THE POINT! The Holy Spirit helps us want to know God.**

MEMORY VERSE

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *go through the memory verse with your children. Get them to repeat it after you, small sections at a time, and see if they can do it without you saying it first. Practice every week – there will be one memory verse a month!*
- **ROMANS 8:14(NIV) - For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.**

PRAYER

- Pray with your family. When you do, make sure to thank God for how much He wants to get to know us, and how much the Holy Spirit is helping us to get to know Him!



DISCUSS IT. Use these questions to help your kids process what they learned!

- What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip to do?
- Who did Philip meet on the desert road?
- What did Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch talk about?
- Read Romans 15:13. How does this verse encourage us?
- What does the Holy Spirit do for us?
- What are some things you know about God already?
- What are some things you want to know more about?