

# EXPLORING ARTICLE THREE

**Bible Text:** John 14:15-17; Acts 2:1-13

**Lesson Focus:** The Holy Spirit nurtures us and advocates for us.

**Big Question:** The Holy Spirit works in my life every day?

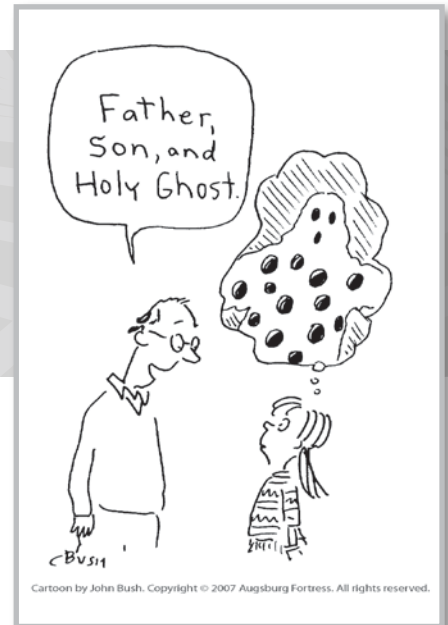
**Key Words:** HOLY SPIRIT, COUNSELOR, PENTECOST, CHURCH

## BIBLE CONNECTION

- ] The third article of the Apostles' Creed is about the Holy Spirit.
- ] Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit on the disciples before he went up to heaven (Acts 2).
- ] The Spirit opens our eyes, gathers us together as the church, and makes us holy.
- ] The Spirit is a living force who is always at work—but difficult to define.
- ] The Spirit existed before, during, and after Jesus walked the earth.
- ] The Spirit is an advocate (or helper) for us on our journey of faith (John 14:16-17).
- ] The Spirit is often misunderstood because he is so mysterious.
- ] Humans are created to be spiritual beings.
- ] The term *catholic* (with a small *c*) refers to the universal church; it's different from the Roman Catholic Church.

## CARTOON CONNECTION

- ] How do you think of God in your life?
- ] What are some of the images of God in the Bible? Which ones do you find troubling? Why?
- ] How can the many different images of God in the Bible be the same God?



## STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 200: Three Essential Personal Spiritual Rituals

- ] Do you have any experience with these rituals?
- ] Why can they be meaningful?
- ] How can they be started if they are not happening now?
- ] What other rituals do you practice and how are they important?

## LIFE CONNECTION

Tune in to the Holy Spirit moving in your life this week. Put together how you think about God with the experiences you have every day. Pray daily for God to reveal the Spirit to you, and pay attention! Be patient—the Spirit sometimes works on a different timeline than ours.

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## Word Search

Answer the clues below, then find and circle the words in the puzzle.

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D Z L V T A K L X I E W X C N V Z A  
R X C W X T I D A Y V C Q L N G Y Z  
A U A Y D H Z G G O W D I L Q Q G I  
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G M L X I R S M L I H A I O J P C O  
D Z S A H S P E N T E C O S T U S F  
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B N R W Y V S Y G F C A O B A N V U  
V B I N E F S Z F Y Z V G G U U I Q  
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G V I X L X A Y F T Q S N Z F N R G  
I V T S V M A C R H U L E N E N O T  
G I Y H X K C O O Z X D H E W A F P  
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U L T U D A M B C B D N A D R Y P P  
W W L M O B R F R W D A X V K I O R

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ article of the Apostles' Creed deals with the Holy Spirit.
2. Acts 2:1 tells about this day when the Spirit came to the disciples. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Another word for helper. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Luther says the Spirit does these four things: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Spirit has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ sins.
6. The Spirit is part of the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: 1. third 2. Pentecost 3. advocate 4. calls, gathers, enlightens, makes holy 5. forgive 6. Trinity