

Homework for Lesson 30: Divine Helper: The Holy Spirit as Guide

The Holy Spirit is a pivotal part of the Christian faith and understanding of Jesus' role in our lives. The Holy Spirit (or Spirit of God, "Holy Ghost," or "Helper,") has been a part of the Christian narrative since the beginning (Genesis 1). Understanding the Holy Spirit's place in our lives and how the Spirit's presence serves as a practical helper deepens our relationship with Christ and serves as an important reminder that God is always with us.

The Holy Spirit acts as a guide whenever we are in need of direction. Without the Holy Spirit speaking to us, guiding our thoughts and actions, we run the risk of running into things that can harm us or slow down our progress.

What kind of helper is the Holy Spirit?

As we explore Scripture, you will notice that the Holy Spirit not only takes on different forms (rushing wind, fire, etc.), but also is revealed to people in different ways. Have you ever said to yourself, "I had a *feeling* that was going to happen" or, "Something *told* me to help this person"? That feeling or knowing is often the Holy Spirit speaking to us, nudging us to do or act in a certain way. Can anyone share a story of when something like this happened to you? How did you respond? Did you obey the feeling or ignore it?

Scripture is our best place to look for examples of how the Holy Spirit helps and guides us. Read each Scripture and write down what the Holy Spirit is able to do for and/or with someone in the text.

<i>John 14:15-17, 25-27</i>	<i>(Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.)</i>
<i>Acts 1:8, 2:1-4</i>	<i>(The Holy Spirit gave Jesus' followers power to witness and to carry on his ministry in the church.)</i>
<i>Acts 8:29-31</i>	<i>(The Holy Spirit guides people.)</i>
<i>Romans 8:26-27</i>	<i>(The Spirit helps us in our weakness.)</i>
<i>1 Corinthians 2:12-13</i>	<i>(The Spirit teaches those who are open to God.)</i>
<i>1 Corinthians 12:4-7</i>	<i>(The Spirit gives varieties of gifts for the common good.)]</i>

Go through each scripture and write down what kind of helper the Holy Spirit is. I bet we will see that the Holy Spirit not only helps in different ways but also reveals itself to people differently.