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The following study guide is for Lesson 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Watch video: Fire in the Fireplace: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Opening thought:

Nicene Creed

...We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

Bible Readings:

- *John 14: 16-17*
- *John 15: 26*
- *John 16: 7*
- *Matthew 12: 28*
- *John 3 :5*
- *John 7: 37-39*

The Holy Spirit is a member of the Trinity. He is God Himself, and we worship Him just as we worship the Father and the Son together. Notice how Jesus uses the personal pronoun 'him' not 'it' when he talks about the Holy Spirit. Also notice the four marks of the Holy Spirit's personality: mind, voice, heart and will.

Questions:

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. What is the will of the Holy Spirit?
3. Why does Jesus tell Nicodemus he must be born again?
4. Why did Jesus say he must go away before the Holy Spirit comes?
5. Why do you think the Holy Spirit directed Jesus into the wilderness?
6. What did Jesus do when he was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit?