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Lunchtime Group
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WELCOME

This resource has been specifically written with school groups in mind but can be adapted depending on your needs. It is based on the group running for approximately 30 minutes each meeting.

WHAT'S INSIDE?

- 9 sets of leader's notes for regular meetings. The leader's notes provide an aim, fun activity, guidelines for an interactive talk as well as prayer, memory verse and song ideas.
- 2 colour advertising posters designed to grab the attention of students and help increase awareness of your group. There is space for you to fill in your group name and where you meet. We encourage schools to use the 'CRU School Groups' logo when promoting their group so as to link students with the work that God is doing in other schools.

BEFORE YOU START

- Please note that all pages in this resource can be photocopied but Crusaders requests each school purchase at least one original.
- Whilst this resource is aimed at easing the load for the group leader, it is vital that time is spent adapting it to the specific needs of your group. Time also needs to be spent on working through the Bible passage and talk before the group meets.
- A variety of video clips and other resources are used in this series. All resources, including video clips, should be checked before the meeting to make sure they are appropriate for your group and there are not technical problems. The resources can be accessed from the Web Extras section of the CRU website:

www.crusaders.edu.au/ministry/resourcewebextras

- It would be very easy to spend too much time on the fun activity each week. Remember that looking at the Bible and praying together are the most important parts of the meeting and divide time accordingly.
- All suggested songs are linked to the theme of the talk. The intention of including a wide variety of songs from different CDs is so that you have options if your group enjoys singing - please do not feel it necessary to buy every CD listed. The CDs listed are available in Christian bookstores and many include sheet music.
- Several meetings involve volunteer students eating confectionery and other food. Please take care to ensure that this food is suitable for students in your group, particularly considering allergies.
- Note that the outreach meeting (Week 5) needs a bit more planning than other meetings. It may be wise to look ahead now at what needs to be done.

We pray that this resource will be a great help as you join in God's work of bringing students to Himself and growing them to be like His Son.

*"We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.
To this end I labour, struggling with all His energy which so powerfully works in me."*

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Week	Title	Passage	Main Idea
1	Not a What, a Who	John 14:16-17; 16:7 2 Corinthians 3:17; 13:14	The Holy Spirit is both a person and God.
2	Given by God	Acts 1:8; 2:38-41	The Holy Spirit empowers us to be Jesus' witnesses.
3	It's all about Jesus	John 15:26-27	An important part of the Spirit's role is to be pointing to Jesus.
4	God is Speaking	2 Peter 1:20-21	The Holy Spirit helped write the Bible and helps us to understand the Bible today.
5	The Greatest Problem <i>Outreach Week</i>	John 16:7-11	The Holy Spirit shows us that sin is the biggest problem the world faces and Jesus is the only solution.
6	Sealed and Delivered	Ephesians 1:13-14	The presence of the Holy Spirit in our life guarantees our acceptance by God.
7	Praying for Me	Romans 8:26-27	The Holy Spirit helps us pray.
8	Inside Out	Galatians 5:22-25	The Holy Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus.
9	Giver of Gifts	1 Corinthians 12:4 and 7	The Holy Spirit gives gifts to Christians to help them do His work.

Not a What, a Who

Who is the Holy Spirit?

John 14:16-17, 16:7; 2 Corinthians 3:17, 13:14

AIM

To help students to see that the Holy Spirit is a person and God.

PREPARE

- Pray as you prepare that God's will might be done and the students are drawn closer to Him.
- Read through John 14:16-17, 16:7 and 2 Corinthians 3:17 and 13:14, familiarising yourself with the context and content of the passages.
- Photocopy the page of the Bible containing the True or False verses for students to look up (Gen 1:1-2, John 14:16-17, 2 Cor 3:17 and 13:14, Eph 4:30).
- Print enough copies of the double-sided Web Extras document 'Holy Spirit File' for each person to have one.
- Optional - Bring a prize for the fun activity.
- Make sure there is a garbage bin in the room.

FUN ACTIVITY

Celebrity Head

Begin your time playing Celebrity Head. This will help your group to start thinking about characteristics of certain people. It's also a fun game to play.

To play the game, seat three students with their back to a whiteboard. Above the head of each player write the name of one famous person or character that the students will know.

Each player is only allowed to ask "Yes/No" questions to establish the identity of their celebrity. When a player's question is answered with a "Yes", they are allowed to ask another question. If the answer

is "No", their turn is over and the next player can ask their questions. The first player to establish the identity of their celebrity wins the game.

SHORT TALK

A - A Secret Celebrity

Start by explaining that in the game players were trying to discover information about well known people.

Today you're going to be discovering information about someone who is both known of by many people, and also one whom a lot of people don't know much about.

See if anyone in the group can guess who you are talking about. You could let them ask you questions like they did in the game, and give a prize to the person who guesses correctly.

Explain that this term you're going to be learning about the Holy Spirit. And right now you're going to be discovering from the Bible more about what the Holy Spirit is like.

B - True or False

Using a series of statements ask the group to vote on which questions they think have a "True" or "False" answer. You could do this with a show of hands, or for more interaction the students could move to one side of the room for "True" and the other side for "False".

After each statement have a student look up the relevant verse on the photocopied page of the Bible which gives the answer.

Statement One: The Holy Spirit is like God, but is not God.

Answer: False



Verses: 2 Corinthians 3:17 and 2 Corinthians 13:14

Explain the Holy Spirit is God. Point out that the Bible shows us that "the Lord (i.e. God) and the Spirit are one and the same" (2 Cor 3:17 CEV) and that the Bible often speaks of the Holy Spirit in the same way it speaks of both God the Father and Jesus (e.g. 2 Cor 13:14).

Statement Two: The Holy Spirit is a Person.

Answer: True

Verse: John 14:16-17

Explain that the Holy Spirit is a person. He is not a thing or an "it". Show in the passage that Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "who" and as "living" – "who is with you and will keep on living in you." Only a person can be spoken of like this. You wouldn't refer to a garbage bin like that. Point to the garbage bin in the room and say, "Here is a garbage bin, who will stay with you and who will live in the corner of the room collecting rubbish." The Holy Spirit is a person.

Statement Three: The Holy Spirit only existed after Jesus went up to heaven.

Answer: False

Verse: Genesis 1:1-2¹

Explain that the Holy Spirit is eternal, just like God the Father and God the Son. Genesis 1:1-2 shows us that the Holy Spirit has been around since before the world was created.

Statement: The Holy Spirit has feelings.

Answer: True

Verse: Ephesians 4:30

¹ In Heb 9:14 the Holy Spirit is referred to as "the eternal Spirit". The CEV translation does not reflect this but the verse could be referenced for this activity.

Explain that the Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit has feelings. In Ephesians 4:30 we're told not to make the Holy Spirit sad. If we can make the Holy Spirit sad then He can also be angry, and happy. He can have all the feelings that God has, because He is God.

Finish by summarising what you have learnt about the Holy Spirit today – that He has a personality, He is eternal, He has feelings, and He is God. With all this new information it is clear that there is going to be a lot more to learn about Him over the rest of the term.

ACTIVITY

When you have finished going through the attributes of the Holy Spirit give each student a copy of the Web Extras document 'Holy Spirit File' to complete. In the picture section encourage them to draw something that represents the Holy Spirit for them.

When you've finished give time for different people to share about what they've written/drawn and why they've written/drawn it.

Encourage them to take the file home and stick it on their wall to study the Holy Spirit, so they can understand Him better over the term.

SONG IDEA

God is Everywhere - Colin's Favourites - Colin Buchanan

FINISH

Finish by praying for the group and asking that over the next term you would know the Holy Spirit better.