Lesson #2   Who is the Holy Spirit?  What is He like?  (Trinity)

Opening Shot:
Jesus promised that, if He went away, He would send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.) During the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit had rested on one person or another. But now Jesus was promising the fulfillment of an ancient prophecy: The Holy Spirit was to be poured out on the disciples (and on all believers to come.) From now on the Holy Spirit would live with them and be in them.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (OPTIONAL)
John 16:7  “But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”
Matthew 28:19  “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, “
Joel 2:28-29  “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”
John 14:16-17  “…I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

Ask Me No Questions/ I’ll Tell You No Lies:
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We’ve Got Questions/ God’s Got Answers:
Bible histories that tell how the Spirit of God was with one person or another:
1 Samuel 10:9-10  (the Spirit of God came upon Saul);
1 Samuel 16:14  (Spirit left Saul)
1 Samuel 16:13  (the Spirit of God came upon David)
Luke 1:15  (John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth)
Luke 1:35  (Mary was to have a child conceived of the Holy Spirit – the child was Jesus)
Psalm 139:7-10  Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.  (The Spirit of God is everywhere.)
John 14:16  Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Spirit of Truth
Acts 1:8  Jesus says that the disciples will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes
Romans 5:5  …God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Parting Shot:  The Holy Spirit was promised by Jesus. He was to be poured out on to all of God’s people in the last days.  Should we be worried about this?  No.  The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Living God.  He is everywhere.  It is though Him that we learn truth and receive power to do all that God has asked us to do.  God pours out his love to our hearts through His Holy Spirit.  What a wonderful thing!
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