

Send St. Louis

Kids learning to live life on mission

Games and Activities

Hot or Cold

Illustrate that the Holy Spirit points people to Christ by playing the game “Hot or Cold.” Explain to the children that pointing people to Christ is one of the jobs of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit always seeks to bring glory (positive attention) to Christ. The Holy Spirit always points people to Jesus because He is the only way people can be reconciled to God. Only through Jesus can we have a relationship with God.

Write the word *Jesus* on a card or choose an item, such as a cross, to represent Jesus. Choose a child to be the seeker and a child to act as the Holy Spirit. Ask the seeker to leave the room and hide the representation of Jesus somewhere in the room. Bring the seeker back into the room. The “Holy Spirit” will guide the seeker, through the clues of cold, colder, warm, warmer and hot, to the representation of Jesus.

Trust Maze

The Holy Spirit also guides us on the path we should take in life. He leads us on a path that will keep us from harm. Before playing, explain to the children that the Holy Spirit guides us by helping us understand God’s Word and sometimes as a small voice that we sense inside ourselves.

Set up chairs, tables and other items as obstacles in a maze pattern around the room. Blindfold a volunteer and have him or her attempt to navigate the maze without help. Make sure the volunteer doesn’t get hurt or knock anything over. Make note of how we are in danger of taking a wrong path and running into obstacles when there is no one to guide us.

Now assign a person to guide the volunteer safely through the maze through verbal instruction, such as: take three steps and turn left, etc. Alternately, the volunteer may be led by the hand safely through the maze.

Explain to the children that the Holy Spirit is a guide in our everyday lives. If we listen to what the Spirit tries to tell us, through God’s Word as He helps us understand it and a voice we sense on the inside, we are less likely to stumble over life’s obstacles.

Fruit of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit also works to develop godly character traits in us. We call those traits the fruits of the Spirit. In Galatians 5:22, the apostle Paul tells us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Be prepared to discuss what each trait would look like in the life of a believer.

Cut up some apples, oranges, grapes, lemons, limes, bananas, pineapple, plums or prunes and watermelon. Put the fruit chunks into cups with a different fruit in each cup. Have each student close his or her eyes, taste the fruit and try to identify each type. For more fun see if the students can agree on which fruit matches best to the fruits of the Spirit.

Pray for St. Louis

Review the overview document and prayer cards on St. Louis by going to namb.net/send-cities/stlouis or namb.net/childrens-missions-education.

Download, print on cardstock, cut apart and distribute the printable prayer cards. Read the information on the cards to the children. Invite a child to pray for the requests listed on the card. Tell the children to put the card in a place they will be sure to see it daily as a reminder to pray for St. Louis.