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FUNDOCY Homework:

Apostles' Creed: The Holy Spirit

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Spirit, wind breath.

Maybe you know the tense feeling of not being able to catch your breath. Maybe you were confined in a tight spot and felt claustrophobic. Maybe you ran too fast in gym class and almost passed out. Maybe you have asthma and forgot your inhaler. What was it like to finally catch your breath? To breathe freely? How necessary was air to you at that moment?

People rarely think about breathing when air is all around them. It is only when air is in short supply that they realize how important it is.

Inhale. Exhale. Inhale. Exhale. Air is life.

Part I: The Lesson

1. Open your bible and read 1 Corinthians 12. Find and circle the word "spirit" every time you see it between verses 1 and 13. How many times is it used? _____
This lesson is all about the Spirit blowing life in your being by gifting you with purpose. God is as close to you as the air you breathe.
2. They are all the same word in Hebrew. **Ruach**. Spirit. Wind. Breath. At the beginning of time, when the Spirit of God brooded over the vast emptiness before anything was called to be, it was the Spirit, wind, breath of God that called it all to life. When God blew into Adam, the breath of life brought an inanimate lump of clay to his feet. It was the Spirit, wind, breath of God that made him a living being.
3. When our Lord Jesus breathed his last and cried out from the cross, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit," it was his spirit, wind, breath that returned to God.
4. On Pentecost day when the disciples were behind locked doors fearing for their own lives, the sound of a great wind rushed upon them. They were filled with the mighty Spirit, wind, breath of God. The Holy Spirit sent them out with boldness to proclaim Christ to the world!

5. In essence, we too are enlivened, animated, brought to life by the very Spirit, wind, breath of God. We carry a small spark of eternity within us – a living soul. We carry a small wisp of the very Spirit of the Living God.

6. The Holy Spirit is:

- a) A holiday drink
- b) A ghost that comes out of the television
- c) A good feeling
- d) God's living Spirit and presence in the hearts and lives of God's people

7. Look up and define the following words...(ask a parent if you need some help....)

a) Breath: _____

b) Gifts: _____

c) Holy Spirit: _____

d) Pentecost: _____

e) Ruach: _____

8. Read and highlight 1 Corinthians 12:4. Fill in the blanks:

There are _____ kinds of _____, but the same _____ distributes them.

9. What does it mean when we say Holy Spirit "sanctifies us?"

- a) It makes us coffee
- b) It makes us perfect
- c) It makes us sacred, holy, pure and set apart for God's use
- d) It makes us scared and scarred

10. Read and highlight Genesis 1:1-2 then fill in the blanks:

In the beginning _____ created the _____ and the _____. Now the earth was _____ and _____, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the _____ of God was _____ over the waters.

11. What does God's Holy Spirit do?

- a) Gets us out of trouble
- b) Gets us into trouble
- c) Calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith
- d) All of the above could be true when you really think about it

12. The Hebrew word "ruach" means:

- a) Earth, wind, and fire
- b) Earth, wind, and spirit
- c) Wind, breath, spirit
- d) Wind, breath, fire, and baking soda

13. What do the Holy Spirit and your conscience have in common?

- a) Nothing
- b) They are the same thing
- c) They are of equal value
- d) The Holy Spirit sometimes comes as a still, small voice that speaks to your conscience and guides you

Part II: Reflection Questions (there are no wrong answers here!)

1. Do you believe in ghosts? Why or why not?

How is God's Spirit like a ghost or unlike a ghost?

2. How is living without God's Holy Spirit like living without enough air? _____

3. "We've got Spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit how about you?" What does it mean to say a team has spirit? _____

4. What does it mean to say a person has the Holy Spirit?

Now stop...fill in the blanks to this prayer....and then pray.

Dear God,

Thank you for loving me. Breathe on me, fill me, and bring me the gifts of your Spirit.

Help me to see the gifts you have given to me. Help me to see the gifts of your Spirit in others.

Today I'm thankful for _____

_____.

Please help me today with _____

_____.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.