

CURRICULUM:	UNIT:	PROJECT:
APOSTLES' CREED	I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT	GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

## LESSON BLUEPRINTS

- I. The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Trinity.
- II. Given to us through faith in Christ (dwells in us)
- III. Works to transform our hearts, convicting us of sin and spurring us to holiness (not uprightness)

*Our Points of Truth in the INTRODUCTION echo these lesson truths in more accessible language for the students.*

## MATERIALS & SET UP

### ON EACH TABLE

markers  
colored pencils  
3 black ball point pens  
Washi tape

### ONE PER STUDENT

thick paper plate  
ceramic magnet  
large popsicle stick  
1/2 popsicle stick  
glue dot  
binder clip  
1/2 pipe cleaner



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## BREAKING GROUND

### REVIEW

The Creed is a list of the most important truths in the Bible that help grow and strengthen our faith. The first section of the Creed taught us about God the Father and second part about God the Son (Jesus). Let's read what we've learned so far. *Read the creed statements, stopping at the current unit.* This week, we start the last section of the creed that teaches us about another person of the Trinity—The Holy Spirit or The Holy Ghost. Let's read this line all together, **"I believe in the Holy Spirit."**

Today we will be doing a special project that will help us remember what we have learned about the Holy Spirit.

### PRAYER

Let's pray together now, before we start our project.

*NOTE: This project is based on the Magnet Track Craft found at [meaningfulmama.com/magnet-track-craft.html](http://meaningfulmama.com/magnet-track-craft.html)*

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## CONSTRUCTION

### DEMONSTRATION

God created our world and by studying our world we can learn more about His power and creativity. Today we are going to be using magnets. What do magnets do? What are some ways we use magnets? *Take answers from students.* Here are some things to know about magnets:

- A magnet has two ends called poles, one of which is called a north pole or north-seeking pole, while the other is called a south pole or south-seeking pole.
- The north pole of one magnet attracts the south pole of a second magnet, while the north pole of one magnet repels the other magnet's north pole. There is a common saying: "like poles repel, unlike poles attract."
- The north pole of a magnet points roughly toward Earth's north pole and vice-versa. That's because Earth itself contains magnetic materials and behaves like a gigantic magnet.
- A magnet creates an invisible area of magnetism all around it called a magnetic field.

If you push a magnet slowly toward a nail, there will come a point when the nail jumps across and sticks to the magnet. That's what we mean by magnets having an invisible magnetic field that extends all around them. Another way of describing this is to say that a magnet can "act at a distance": it can cause a pushing or pulling force on other objects it isn't actually touching. Magnetic fields can travel through all kinds of materials, not just air. You probably have little notes stuck to the door of your refrigerator with magnets—so you can see that magnetic fields go through paper.

The very first project we did used magnets. We talked about how the magnetic field reminded us of God's almighty power, and how God's people were like the objects that were pulled to the magnet. Those objects were designed to react to the magnet just as we were created to worship God. Let's look at how our project this week will help us remember the truths we have learned from the Creed, "I Believe in the Holy Spirit:" *The teacher will demonstrate constructing the Magnetic Path while explaining/teaching about the Points of Truth from the unit.*

- I. **The Holy Spirit is God and is called the third Person of the Trinity. God isn't three different people, He is Three in One.**
  - A. We learned that the Holy Spirit is God. Just as the magnet represented God in our first project, the magnet in our project today represents God, specifically the Holy Spirit.
    1. I am going to use a glue dot to attach this magnet to the end of a popsicle stick (*full stick*).
- II. **The Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of God's people and helps us to live the way that God wants us to.**
  - A. Let's read John 14:15-17:
 

**15** "If you love me, you will do the things I command. **16** I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper. He will give you this Helper to be with you forever. **17** The Helper is the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it does not see him or know him. But you know him. He lives with you and he will be in you."

    1. These verses say that the Holy Spirit lives with us and in us to help us live in a way that shows we love God. We have our magnet that shows the Holy Spirit; now we need to make us! *Hold up the 1/2 popsicle stick person and show the face, use washi tape for the clothes, pipe cleaner for the arms and attach a binder clip for the feet. Demonstrate how the binder clip sticks to the magnet.*
  - B. When the Bible says that the Holy Spirit is our helper, what does the Holy Spirit help us do? *Take answers from students.* We learned last week that it is the Holy Spirit who helps us understand the Bible and remember the things that Jesus taught us; He helps us know how to pray even when it's hard, He helps us love others, and obey God and say "no" to sin.

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<p><b>DEMONSTRATION</b> cont.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our paper plate is going to represent our life and the choices we make. You will get to create a path on your plate using markers or stickers and you will get to draw pictures of things you might see in your life. You can draw family and friends or places you might go like the beach or the mountains. When we place our popsicle person on the plate we can see how he/she can walk with the Spirit. <i>Demonstrate how the popsicle stick moves along the path as you move the magnet underneath the plate.</i> Walking with the Spirit means understanding and remembering the things that Bible teaches us and loving and obeying God just like Jesus did.</li> </ol> <p>Finally, as we play with our magnets we can rejoice and praise God that He has sent the Spirit to be with us to help us live like Jesus did.</p> <p><b>BUILDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS</b></p> <p><i>PAPER PLATE</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw or use stickers to create your path across the plate.</li> <li>Color and decorate your plate.</li> <li>Use a glue dot on the end of a full popsicle stick to attach a magnet.</li> </ol> <p><i>STICK FIGURE</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a ball point pen to draw a face on the round end of the 1/2 popsicle stick.</li> <li>Use washi tape to make clothes for your stick figure.</li> <li>Wrap and twist a pipe cleaner around the stick to make arms.</li> <li>Attach a binder clip to the bottom (flat end) of the popsicle stick to make it stand.</li> </ol> <p><i>Pray together.</i></p> <p><i>Students may play with and "lead" their stick figure along the path by moving the magnet underneath the plate.</i></p> <p><i>Class should spend time cleaning up the project together.</i></p>		