

● **Walking by the Spirit - fruit of the Spirit**

\* Galatians Ch 5: v 16-25

How should we live? \_\_\_\_\_(v 16)

What is contrary to the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_(v 17)

What else can the Spirit do for you? \_\_\_\_\_(v 18)



Read through the things produced by our sinful nature one by one (v 19-21). Are you still doing any of these things? If you are — repent now!

Why is it important not to live this way (v 21)?

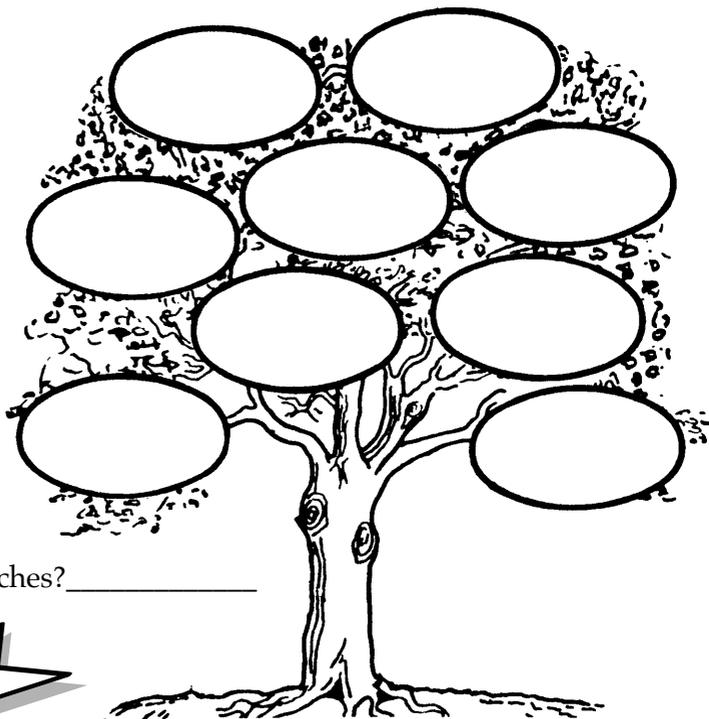
Write the fruit of the Spirit in the ovals on the tree (v 22-23).

These qualities grow in our lives as we develop as Christians.

\* John Ch 15: v 1-8

Who is the Vine?

Who are the branches? \_\_\_\_\_



Am I bearing this fruit of the Spirit in my life? How can I develop more in this way?

Ask other Christians about their experience of the Holy Spirit.



# Holy Spirit



● **Who is he?**

Throughout the Bible, we read of *God working in the world through his Spirit*. The Holy Spirit is sometimes called the *Spirit of the Lord*, the *Spirit of God*, the *Spirit of Christ* and often just *the Spirit*.

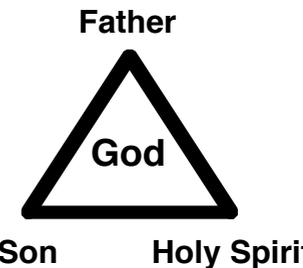
He is a *person*, not just an influence and it is through the Spirit that God gives *power and life*.

- He creates and sustains life.
- He inspires the Bible and helps us to understand it.
- He gives men power to work for God and to speak the Word of God.
- He convinces people of their sin.
- We are born again of the Spirit.
- He gives supernatural power and spiritual gifts to men — he is responsible for the miraculous.
- He helps us to pray.
- He helps us to praise God and glorify Jesus.
- He guides us.
- He helps us to live for God.

The Holy Spirit was gently working in the background before you became a Christian, helping you to understand the gospel and to respond. Now you are a Christian, he can move into the foreground of your life and give you *power for living*.

\* John Ch 15: v 26  
Who sends the Holy Spirit?

Where does he come from?



## ● A promise

At the last supper, Jesus explained a lot of things to his disciples (*John Ch 13 - Ch 16*). He said that he would send the Holy Spirit to help them when he had gone.

What did Jesus promise that the Holy Spirit would do?

- \* John Ch 14: v 16-17 \_\_\_\_\_
- \* John Ch 14: v 26 \_\_\_\_\_
- \* John Ch 15: v 26 \_\_\_\_\_
- \* John Ch 16: v 7-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- \* John Ch 16: v 13 \_\_\_\_\_
- \* John Ch 16: v 13 \_\_\_\_\_ (prophecy)
- \* John Ch 16: v 14 \_\_\_\_\_

## ● Baptised with the Holy Spirit

### \* Acts Ch 1: v 3-9

Before Jesus ascended, he promised his disciples that in a few days' time they would be *baptised with the Holy Spirit* (v 5). This means *immersed* in the Holy Spirit — they were going to receive new *power* (v 8).

What was this power for?

Every Christian *has the Holy Spirit* and has been *born of the Spirit* (born again). We need to be *baptised with the Holy Spirit*. Being baptised with the Holy Spirit is an *entry into the power of God*. This is only a beginning and we need to be continually *filled with the Spirit* in order to live effective and powerful lives for God.

### \* Acts Ch 2: v 1-21

What were the outward signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit?

\_\_\_\_\_ (v 2-3)

What did the disciples do when they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

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What were they saying? \_\_\_\_\_ (v 11)

What else can we expect when people are filled with the Holy Spirit?

• \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ (v 17)

What was the result of Peter's preaching after he had been baptised with the Holy Spirit (v 41)?

## Other examples

There are other people mentioned in Acts who were baptised with the Holy Spirit. Look and see what happened to them and tick or cross the boxes.

Were hands laid on them?

Did they speak in tongues?

... They had received power!

Acts	People	hands	tongues
2: v 1-4	Apostles and others	X	✓
8: v 14-19	Samaritans		
9: v 17-18	Paul (see 1 Cor 14:18)		
10: v 44-48	Cornelius's family		
19: v 1-7	Ephesians		

## Tongues

This gift may seem rather weird and pointless. You can read more about it in *1 Corinthians Ch 14*. It is a sign of the coming of the Holy Spirit, it can be a great help in personal prayer, it can be spoken out in a meeting and someone may interpret (another gift) and you might sometimes hear people singing in tongues! Why God chose this gift is not stated but it may be to do with the fact that the tongue is a very powerful part of our body which needs controlling — see *James Ch 3: v 1-12*.

## ● Your turn!

Have you been baptised with the Holy Spirit?

### \* John Ch 7: v 37-39

If you are thirsty, then you must

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and start to praise him. Ask those who are Spirit-filled to lay their hands on you. Expect to receive a new language (tongue) with which you can glorify God. Move into a new dimension of the power of God and spiritual gifts. Allow the streams of living water to flow out from you.



### \* 1 Corinthians Ch 12: v 4-11

Speaking in tongues is one of the **gifts of the Spirit**. Find *nine* spiritual gifts in this passage.

