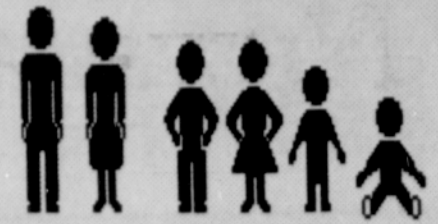


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BIBLE QUIZ BOOK

Insight from The Word

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Hearing the Spirit of Truth

The Sunday School lesson for March 11 in the uniform series will be John 16:12-24. Again in this week's text, the Lord Jesus turns our attention to the Person of the Holy Spirit. For the original band of disciples, poised on the edge of an awesome and unknown future, the promised "Comforter" or "Counselor" would have been a welcome friend. And the Lord wanted them to know how the Spirit would serve them after the Lord's death and Ascension. So we ought to look carefully at the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers, and respond properly to his presence within us.

For one thing, the Lord says that "when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth" (16:13a, NIV). He actually is referring to something he'd told the disciples earlier: "the Counselor, the Holy Spirit . . . will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (14:26). In this first instance, he assured them that the Spirit would give them true and accurate recall of the words and deeds of the Lord. We have the record of the Spirit's work in the four Gospels, which are complete records of Christ's work, though not by any means exhaustive (see 21:25). But in the second instance (16:13A), the Lord says the Spirit will guide us into all truth. That's like saying that the Spirit will

take you by the hand and lead you down the right road, the one that leads to truth, without any hint of mistake or error. Don't you often feel the need to know the right decision to make, about family, relationships, job or career? Even when we know what the Bible says about a particular question, we still aren't sure how to apply it to our own dilemmas. That's where the Spirit can guide us, as we meditate on the Scripture and pray for practical wisdom (see James 1:7).

The Spirit particularly is concerned to exalt and glorify the Lord Jesus himself (John 16:13-14). The Holy Spirit never pushes himself forward, receiving praise or wor-

ship. Rather, "he will bring glory to me (Jesus), by taking from what is mine and making it known to you." In this he serves as our Model, encouraging us to lift up Jesus Christ in every avenue of life. The more we know about Jesus and meditate on his precepts, the less important our possessions, our status and our own power become. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can truly fulfill the spirit of the gospel chorus:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
in the light of his glory and grace.

18. Which King . . . ?
The Bible is packed with kings doing good and evil. Remembering who did what isn't always easy. For instance . . .
- 306 Which king ordered slain all the children in and around Bethlehem age two and under?
 - 307 Which king (the king of which city?) joined his people in repenting by fasting, laying down his robe, covering himself with sackcloth,
and sitting in ashes?
 - 308 Which king went in disguise to ask a medium to summon up the spirit of Samuel?
 - 309 Which king was made to eat grass like an ox?
 - 310 Which king chided his servants for having brought him David, who appeared to be made?
 - 311 Which king had an iron bed that was nine cubits long and four cubits broad?
 - 312 Which king burned a scroll dictated by the prophet Jeremiah, and as punishment from God had the throne taken away from his family line?
 - 313 Which king was influenced by his wives to take up idolatry, angering the Lord?
 - 314 Which king "did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him?"
 - 315 Which king had the records of his reign read to him when he couldn't sleep?
- Now match the king with the brief words that fit.
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| Followed Solomon to the throne. | Ahasuerus |
| Jesus called him "that fox." | David |
| God called him "a man after mine own heart." | Ahab |
| A Gentile, he made Esther his queen. | Herod |
| He went into battle wearing a disguise. | Rehoboam |

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Anniversary Celebration Planned
Rev. & Mrs. O. B. Williams to be honored at celebration

Pastor's Anniversary activities will be held the weekend of March 9-11, 1990. A formal banquet is scheduled to be held at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10. The guest speaker will be Multnomah County Park Superintendent, Charles Jordan. On Sunday, March 11, there will be two services held. One at 11 a.m. and another at 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker for the afternoon service will be Dr. T. L. Lewis, pastor of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church.

For more information about tickets for the banquet and the service times, call the Vancouver Avenue First Missionary Baptist Church office 282-9496.

Spring Revivals
March 11- March 16

Revival to begin at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 831 NE Fremont Street, Rev. Percy Manuel, pastor.

The first service, of the revival, will begin on the eleventh at 11:00 a.m. There will be an evening service, on the same day, at 7 p.m.

The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Luis D. Williams pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Spokane, Washington.

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Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE.

As I got closer, the door came open wide and when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store. And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row. Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need it wherever you go.

I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH. I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race. By then my basket was getting full. But I remembered I needed some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION, for SALVATION was free. So I tried to get enough for you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill for I thought I had everything I needed to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in for I knew when I stepped outside I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf. SONG and PRAISE were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I asked the ANGEL, "How much do I owe?" He just smiled again and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."

Again, I smiled and asked, "How much do I really owe?" He smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

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