

**The Helper—The Trinity**  
**Study Questions**  
**John 14:15-26**

**Warm-up**

**1) Have you recently said or done something that surprised you (in a good way)?**  
**Why was it surprising?**

**A little deeper**

**2) [John 14:15-17]** On the final night that Jesus spent with His disciples, He told them that he would be sending them an advocate, the Holy Spirit, who would live with and in them. **Looking at the following verses from the Old Testament, how might the disciples have interpreted what Jesus said, if they were to connect His statements to scripture?**

Genesis 2:7	Exodus 31:1-5	Numbers 11:16-17,29
Judges 15:14-15	1 Samuel 10:9-11	2 Kings 2:8-14
Nehemiah 9:30-31	Psalms 51:4, 10-12	Isaiah 44:3-5
Ezekiel 36:26-28		

**3) [John 14:18-24]** Jesus explained that He would be with His disciples, but the world would not see Him. **How does the Holy Spirit relate to people—how do some see Him and others don't?**  
**What do you think would cause God to withdraw the Spirit from someone, if anything? What role does Jesus have in this?**

**4) [John 14:25-26]** The disciples did not understand much of what Jesus said at the time He said it. They needed the help of the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of truth) to later remember and understand how to apply what Jesus had told them. **What other ways can the Holy Spirit be our helper as we seek to fulfill God's will in our lives?** (Look back at the shaded verses in Question 2 for inspiration.)

**Bringing it home**

**5) Do you recognize the Holy Spirit working in your life? If so, in what ways?**

**6) Were there times in your life when disobedience hindered the work of the Holy Spirit?**  
**How was your relationship with God restored?**  
**Or if one of those times is now, what can be done to restore your relationship with God?**

**Reflection & Prayer**

**7) Consider how you relate to the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What action words would you use to describe these relationships** (perhaps words such as obey, emulate, empower, or praise)?  
**Pray together, letting God's Holy Spirit guide your prayer.**