

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **March 13, 2022** Family Theme | **Led By the Spirit**
Study Text | **Romans 8:1-39**

Objective: Family members choose daily to submit to the guidance, direction, and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: In this section of his letter to the believers in Rome, written around AD 57, the apostle Paul described the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit and how we are to submit to His control.

Bible Basics: Memorize Romans 6:23 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Romans 8:1-39

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children about how believers can choose to follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit who will help them live for God.



Key Truth: Believers Find Life, Peace, and Power by Living Under the Control of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:1-17)

Through Christ's sacrificial work and the work of the Holy Spirit, the condemnation that sin produces no longer applies to the believer. Condemnation referred to the penalty of death under which all people live. Paul presented two contrasting laws. One law (sin and death) leads to bondage while the other (the Spirit of life) leads to freedom, the latter referring to the Holy Spirit who resides in believers. The one still living according to the ways of the sinful nature has his mind set on the things of that nature while the one living according to the Spirit has his mind set on the things of the Spirit. In Christ, we meet the requirements of righteousness. God provided the Spirit to help us be victorious over our old natures and over sin. In Christ we are legal heirs by adoption into God's family. This provides us with an intimate and fulfilling relationship with our Heavenly Father.



Key Truth: The Holy Spirit Helps Believers Have Hope in the Midst of Suffering (Romans 8:18-30)

Paul recognized we are still living in a fallen and sinful world. As such we are subject to suffering, physical limitations, weakness, and uncertainties. These experiences, however, are temporary. As difficult as each of these experiences may be, they do not compare to the glory that is to come. We have hope because of a confident expectation that God will fulfill His promises and because we have the Spirit who lives in us and strengthens us. God works all things out for our good.



Key Truth: Nothing Can Separate Believers From God's Great Love (Romans 8:31-39)

How do we know the enemy of our souls will not somehow separate us from God and His blessings? God gave up His Son for us and we know that the same Jesus who died for us is now interceding or pleading on our behalf. The believer need not fear the difficulties that come his or her way. No other person or circumstance can sever a person's relationship with God.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- What does it mean to live in the Spirit?
- What does it mean that, in Christ, we are no longer under condemnation?
- How does living in the Spirit free us from the control of the old sinful nature?
- Why are we able to have hope even when going through trials and difficulties?
- In what area of life do you need to more fully live under the influence and control of the Spirit this week?
- **How does it make you feel to know that nothing can separate you from God's love?**
- **What are some things you know about the Holy Spirit?**
- **How has the Holy Spirit helped you this week?**

Everyday Extras

When we live in the Spirit and have the Holy Spirit living in us, we can trust God to take care of us and help us. Talk with your children about some of the benefits they receive because they live in your home. Some answers may be hot water, a comfy bed, protection from rain and cold, or three meals a day. If they did not live in a home, they would not have access to these. If we do not belong to the family of God and live in the Spirit, we do not receive the benefits.

Blindfold your child and lead him or her on an age-appropriate adventure, encouraging the child to trust you, even if the route is difficult and unfamiliar. (This can be in your neighborhood, in the basement, or even in the mall.) Be sure that there is something wonderful at your destination! We have to trust the Holy Spirit to lead us, even when we don't understand how He is working.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned God put different people in charge of him or her. When we are obedient to those God has put over us, we make Him happy. He or she heard a Webster family story of how Rosie Webster chose to obey even when she didn't want to because she knew it was the right thing to do. **I Can Obey God** and do what is right.