

# Bible adventures



for young readers



God  
loves me  
28 ways

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## GOD'S WORD FOR ME

"But the Helper will teach you everything. He will cause you to remember all the things I told you. This Helper is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name."  
*John 14:26*



## STORY TIME

Have you ever heard anyone talk about "famous last words"? These are statements that a person might have said right before he or she died. Here are a couple examples: "No, this isn't a poisonous snake." Or, "This gun is never loaded with real bullets." Then there's the person who says, "Seat belts? Don't need them because I'm a careful driver." And let's not forget the young person who announces to his friends, "Sure, I can jump over that deep hole in the ground." Get the idea?

Jesus had some last words to share with His disciples right before He left them to return to Heaven. They were very serious words and were meant for you and me, too.



Look up the text in the “Library” section and write what Jesus said His disciples—and to us—right before He returned to His Father in Heaven. Fill in the missing words.

“But the Holy Spirit will \_\_\_\_\_ to you. Then you will receive \_\_\_\_\_. You will be my \_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 1:8).

According to Jesus, three things were going to happen right after He left.

1. The Holy Spirit would come.
2. His followers would receive power.
3. They would become witnesses.

They are the same three things that can happen to us if we accept Him.

Wow! That’s pretty amazing, seeing that we’re just simple, little ol’ us! But when the Holy Spirit shows up, we become “Super Us!” We’re powerful! We have a job to do. Using that power from the Holy Spirit, we can share God’s love with the whole world. (And you thought you were just going to be a veterinarian or a truck driver. There’s a good chance God has even more plans in mind.)

Have you ever seen a professional bicycle race? It’s amazing. Athletes from around the world gather in one place to speed through cities and over country roads, each trying to finish the race first. They pedal over mountains, across valleys, through tunnels, and hurl down steep roads at a breakneck pace.

Once the cyclists have raced past, another group of people follows close behind. Each rider has a support team riding in a car or van that follows him or her, ready to lend a hand if something breaks, if there’s a bad spill, or if the rider simply needs words of encouragement. That support team is very important to the rider. It’s there to help in time of need and to bring words of wisdom when all seems lost.

That’s the work of the Holy Spirit. He’s our support team, ready to step in with help and comfort right when we need it most. Aren’t you glad that, the Holy Spirit is right behind you, eager to give you the encouragement and information you need to win the race?

## FUN FACTS

### BICYCLE FEAT:

- Fred A. Birchmore, 25, circled the globe by bicycle in 1935. The entire trip, through Europe, Asia, and the United States, covered 40,000 miles. He pedaled about 25,000 miles. The rest was traveled by boat.\*

\* Source: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/morestories/ten-things-about-bikes>





## MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

How does the Holy Spirit give us the power we need to live in service to God?  
Find the verses in the "Library" section and circle the correct word in each Bible quotation.

- "At that time the Holy Spirit will **(sing)** ~~(teach)~~ **(pray)** you what you must say" (Luke 12:12).
- "When the Helper comes, he will **(prove)** ~~(defend)~~ **(ask)** to the people of the world the truth about sin" (John 16:8).
- "Making you **(handsome)** ~~(smart)~~ **(holy)** is the Spirit's work" (1 Peter 1:2).
- "[God] will give you this Helper to be with you **(for a week)** ~~(until Christmas)~~ **(forever)**" (John 14:16).



### DRAW A PICTURE OF YOU RIDING YOUR BICYCLE IN A RACE.

Be sure to put a protective helmet on your head. You might be riding through a beautiful valley or along city streets. Add your support team in their little car or van coming behind you. Write the words "Holy Spirit" on the side of the vehicle to remind you that the Holy Spirit is with you through the race of life.

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## MY PRAYER

Thank You, God, for loving me so much that You sent Your only Son, Jesus, to die for my sins and save me so that I can live with You in Heaven. And thank You, Jesus, for sending the Holy Spirit to be my support team during my earthly life. I look forward to talking with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in Heaven someday. I love You all. Amen.



## LIBRARY

- “But the Holy Spirit will come to you. Then you will receive power. You will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8).
- “At that time the Holy Spirit will teach you what you must say” (Luke 12:12).
- “When the Helper comes, he will prove to the people of the world the truth about sin” (John 16:8).
- “Making you holy is the Spirit’s work” (1 Peter 1:2).
- “[God] will give you this Helper to be with you forever” (John 14:16).



## MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

“The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race.... To all who have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, the Holy Spirit has come as a counselor, sanctifier, guide, and witness” (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 49).

The word sanctifier means “someone who helps you become more and more like Jesus.” The Holy Spirit is a wonderful Friend and Helper. He can teach you many things—not by words that you hear, but by thoughts that you think. Sit quietly sometimes and simply say, “Holy Spirit, help me to understand more about Jesus.” He’ll bring beautiful thoughts into your mind. Try it!

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## PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What thoughts does the Holy Spirit bring to your mind?

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