

# Series 13 Summary – The Story of the Spirit

In this series, the young people will trace the story of the Spirit from the Old Testament, through the life of Jesus, to Pentecost and beyond. In the first session they will explore what happens when the Spirit shows up in the Old Testament, noticing how his presence brings change in specific moments while pointing forward to something more. The focus then shifts to the life of Jesus, where the Spirit is no longer described in isolated moments but is present throughout, shaping everything he does and revealing what life looks like in relationship with the Father.

At Pentecost the story reaches a turning point. The Spirit is poured out in a new way, and what was once limited to particular people and moments is now made available to all who believe.

In the final session, the young people will explore what this looks like as the story continues. The Spirit is at work in the lives of God's people, bringing them together, guiding them, working through them and transforming them over time. This helps the young people recognise that the story of the Holy Spirit is not finished, but continues in their lives today.

## Session 1: When the Spirit Shows Up

**Wk. beg: 4/05/26**

**Bible references – Genesis 1:1-2; Exodus 31:1-5; Judges 6:33-35; 14:5-6; 1 Samuel 16:12-14; Psalm 51:11; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Joel 2:28**

From the very beginning, the Spirit of God is present and at work. Throughout the Old Testament he appears at key points in the story, bringing change, empowering individuals and shaping events in unexpected ways. This session traces those moments, exploring what happens when the Spirit shows up and how his presence is experienced. As the story unfolds, a tension begins to emerge, alongside a growing promise that something more is coming.

## Session 2: When the Spirit Walks with Jesus

**Wk. beg: 11/05/26**

**Bible references – Luke 1:35; 3:21-22; 4:1-2; Matthew 12:28; Luke 10:21; 11:13; John 14:16-17**

As the story of the Holy Spirit moves into the Gospels, the way he is described begins to change. Rather than appearing in particular moments, the Spirit is present throughout the life of Jesus, shaping what he does and how he relates to the Father. In this session the young people will explore a series of passages from the Gospels, tracing the work of the Spirit through the life of Jesus and beginning to discover what these moments reveal about what the Holy Spirit is like. The story also begins to shift beyond Jesus, with the Spirit described as a gift to be given to others.

## Session 3: When the Spirit was Poured Out

**Wk. beg: 18/05/26**

**Bible reference - Acts 1-2**

As the story of the Spirit reaches Pentecost, something shifts. Throughout the Old Testament the Spirit appears at key moments, bringing change and enabling God's people to act. In the life of Jesus, the Spirit is present throughout, shaping everything he does and revealing what life looks like in relationship with the Father.

In this session the young people will explore the events of Acts 2, tracing what happened when the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost. As they follow the story, they will begin to notice how this differs from what they have seen before and how the coming of the Spirit marks a turning point in the story.

## Session 4: When the Spirit's Story Unfolds

**Wk. beg: 25/05/26**

**Bible references - Acts 2:42-47; 13:2-4; 16:6-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Galatians 5:22-26**

As the story of the Holy Spirit continues beyond Pentecost, we begin to see what that change looks like in the lives of God's people. Rather than appearing in individual moments, the Spirit is at work throughout their lives. He brings people together, guides them, works through them and changes them over time. In this session the young people will explore a series of passages, tracing how the story of the Spirit unfolds in different ways. As they explore these moments, they will begin to see what the Spirit is doing and how his story continues today.