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Dear Students,

Have you ever been in a really strong wind? What did it feel like? What did it sound like? Could you control it? Could you predict what it would do?

Jesus compares the Holy Spirit to the wind:

John 3:1-8; 14:25-27

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

Think about what Jesus is saying: “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

Jesus is saying that we can’t control the Holy Spirit any more than we can control the wind. You can feel the Holy Spirit moving in your life, even if you can’t directly see what it’s doing. But that’s not the whole story:

John 14:25-27

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

The Holy Spirit isn’t silent. The Holy Spirit communicates with us! Jesus says the Holy Spirit will remind you of everything Jesus says and will teach us “all things”. When you

accept Jesus and ask the Holy Spirit into your heart, you start growing into a new relationship of being more and more connected to God. Being connected to God means feeling hope for the future and having a helper to remind you and teach you what to do and how to be.

With the Holy Spirit in your heart, you never have to be fully alone. God is with you - every day!

The point today is: *The Holy Spirit connects us to Jesus, helping us hear and understand God's word, so we can know what to do and have peace in our hearts.*

Challenge: This week, ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit!

Prayer: *"Dear Jesus, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to connect us to you and to teach us everything we need to know. Please fill us up with your peace. Amen."*

Video option: Check out [this short video about the Holy Spirit](#) from the Bible Project.