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... LESSON 1

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## FOR THE LEADER

### WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

The Holy Spirit has been given to Christians, and without His guidance and power the Christian life is impossible.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

- How much power has God given us?
- As a man, how much do I need the Holy Spirit?



## PREP

- Formulate a question that the answer wouldn't be known by any of the Rangers.
- Write that answer on a small slip of paper and keep it hidden.
- During the Reflect portion of this lesson, ask the boys the question and secretly hide the answer slip in your hand. Give the boys about a minute to look for the answer in various ways within the room. If a Ranger asks you for the answer, hand him the answer slip and declare the game finished. If no one asks you for the answer, explain that you would have provided it had someone only asked. Then discuss with the group how the baptism in the Holy Spirit is also a gift that we need only to ask for.

## • Notes •

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## READ

*Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11*

Have you ever received a really great gift? Take a moment to think about the five best gifts you've ever received. These should be gifts that go beyond being cool, to being something that you really wanted or needed.

Of those gifts, how many of them do you still use today? Have you used any of them for more than one year? Five years? Will you use any of them for another five years? Ten more years? In most cases, your answer is probably not.

It's normal to forget about or stop using something we have been given once it gets old.

But when it comes to spiritual gifts, we must not only ask for them but also use them as much as we can. Spiritual gifts are given to Christians by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of lifting up and strengthening ourselves and other Christians.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift available to all Christians. If we pray and ask for this gift, Jesus will baptize us in the Holy Spirit and give us power to live our life as a holy witness to other people. It is this power that gives us the strength, courage, and ability to share the love and good news of Christ. Being baptized in the Holy Spirit also builds up our faith in God and all that He can do through us in the world.

It doesn't take an act of Congress to convince God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us to ask and we will receive. If you ask God for the baptism in the Holy Spirit, He will baptize you. Some receive the Baptism right away, while others may ask multiple times before they receive. The point is to continue asking, and you will receive.

When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we speak in tongues, a language we haven't learned. One benefit of baptism in the Holy Spirit is a special prayer language. When we pray in tongues, we are being empowered by the Holy Spirit to pray according to God's will. In other words, praying in tongues allows us to pray for what is best, even when we don't know what to pray for! The tongues themselves serve

as a sign to the entire world that the good news of Jesus Christ is for all nations.

God’s gift of the Holy Spirit is available to everyone who has believed in Jesus as Savior. This gift is not something to be scared of or to feel weird about. It is a wonderful gift that is beneficial to all who receive. We should all seek the baptism in the Spirit so that we can be a powerful witness of God’s love to the world around us!

**PRAYER:** God, I need Your help to be the witness of Jesus You called me to be. Help me to allow the Holy Spirit to guide me, and give me strength. Please create opportunities for me to share the good news of Jesus’ love with others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



REFLECT

Your group leader will ask you a question. Your task is to find the answer as quickly as possible. Try to find the answer in any way that doesn’t harm anyone or damage property. For example, you may question other Rangers, look it up in your handbook, or search around the room. Your leader will only allow you a short amount of time to find the answer, so work quickly as possible.

Discuss the method that led to finding the answer and how it relates to receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit.



RESPOND

This week, make a point to go to God first with problems that arise. They may be issues of great importance or minor annoyances. Either way, God cares about them all. If you desire to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, talk with your parents, leader, or pastor and begin to ask God for His gift.

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