

SPECIAL EDITION

Pastoring Your Kids



PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

1

Sunday

CHURCH TIME

2

Monday or Tuesday

BIBLE TIME

3

Thursday or Friday

FAMILY TIME

WEEK 02

HOLY SPIRIT:
**DOES GOD SPEAK TO
KIDS?**

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 8:16, "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."

BOTTOM LINE:

The Holy Spirit leads me by the inward witness.

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- Romans 8:16
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23

MAIN POINT:

We are made of three parts: we ARE a spirit, we HAVE a soul, and we LIVE in a body. The real you is your spirit or spirit man. God (or the Holy Spirit) is a spirit; when He talks to us it's spirit to spirit. Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit "bears witness" with our spirit. This simply means the way the Holy Spirit communicates with us, is through our spirit.

DISCUSS:

- One way God directs us is by the "inward witness," it's the feeling He gives us when we have to make a decision.
- He shows us if we should do it or not, by us getting a good or a bad feeling about it.
- Kids can know what the Holy Spirit wants them to do just as much as adults.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What is the difference between your spirit, soul and body? (body is our physical body, soul is our mind or emotions, our spirit is what communicates with God)
2. How does He speak to you? (in your spirit man)
3. How does He help you make decisions? (by a red or green light - the inward witness)

3. FAMILY TIME

THE INWARD WITNESS

MAIN POINT:

- God speaks to us through the inward witness.
- The inward witness is not a voice, it is an inward sense.
- The Bible says it like this, "the Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit."
- You may be thinking about doing something and it just doesn't seem right or it may even seem wrong.
- It is kind of like an inward stoplight. You start to make a decision and you get a red light on the inside. What is that? That is the inward witness.
- Or you may have a warm, good feeling when making a decision. That is the inward witness saying yes.

WHAT YOU DO:

- You will lead your family into experiencing the inward witness.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- Have your family sit and get quiet, closing their eyes. It works well to softly sing a worship song.
- Tell everyone to keep their eyes shut and listen to the words you say.
- Say these words, "Jesus loves you." "God wants to make you sick."
- Have everyone open their eyes.
- Ask them what they "felt" when you said, "Jesus loves you."
- What about when you said, "God wants to make you sick?"
- Allow for them to respond.
- They will be actually sensing what it "feels" like to experience the inward witness.