

## Gifts Galore!

<b>Set Up</b>	<p>Cast: Two puppets and a Narrator</p> <p>Objective: To understand God's gift of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Props:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Several small to mid size gift bags are sitting on a table in front of the stage. Puppet 1's name is on the side of each bag facing the audience and Puppet 2's name is on the other side, hidden from the audience.</li> <li>2. Large gift bag with a sign in it that says "Holy Spirit"</li> <li>3. Glove stuffed with tissue paper (Optional)</li> </ol>
<b>Narrator</b>	<b>Guess what!? It's time for the Puppets... are you ready? WOW! Did you guys check out all these presents? I wonder what the puppets are up to now!</b>
<b>Puppet 1 (P1)</b>	(Enters with the largest gift bag containing the "Holy Spirit" sign) <b>OK! Here's one more! WOW the coolest looking one yet! Hi (Narrator) could you please give me help me this one? It's a little more than I can manage by myself!</b> (Narrator takes gift bag and puts it next to the others on the table). <b>Thanks!</b>
<b>Narrator</b>	<b>Boy! That's a lot of gifts you've got there!</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>I know! Let's see. ... (Begins counting the gifts) one, two, three...</b>
<b>Puppet 2 (P2)</b>	<b>Hi they're (P1) WOW!! Check out all the gifts! Who are they for?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Me</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>You? I don't get it. The last time I checked, your birthday was in like August, Christmas is months away, you're too young to graduate, and I doubt you're getting married..... so, I give up! Who are these gifts really for?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>I told you already, Me! Check out the names. Show everybody (Narrator)</b>
<b>Narrator</b>	<b>Well, this one says "To (1)" and this one says "To (1)" and this one says "To (1)" To (1)" ..... Yup! Sure enough, they're all for you!</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>See?</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>OK, so they're all for you. Who are they from anyway?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Say.... WHO!?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Jesus. They're all from Jesus.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>That's what I thought you said. I don't get it. Jesus was actually here and brought all these gifts with YOUR name on them?</b>

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1	<b>Yea. Pretty much.</b>
2	<b>WHOA! That's awesome!!! You must have earned like, aahh, like a BILLION Bible Bucks or something!</b>
1	<b>Not exactly. I really didn't do anything to earn them. Jesus just gave them to me because He loves me.</b>
2	<b>So, let me get this straight. Jesus decides to show up and give you all these amazing presents...just because He loves you? That's it?</b>
1	<b>Yup.</b>
2	<b>Well, where is He? Did He just drop off these gifts and leave?</b>
1	<b>No. He's still here.</b>
2	<b>Where? I don't see Him.</b> (Looks all around)
1	<b>Here! He's right here!</b> (Points to his heart)
2	<b>Jesus is in your shirt pocket?</b>
1	<b>No, silly!! He's <i>here</i>, living in my heart!</b>
2	<b>In your heart? How'd He get in there?</b>
1	<b>I invited Him! I asked Jesus to forgive me for my sins and to come and live in my heart.... and when He did, He brought me all these gifts.</b>
2	<b>Cool!!! So open them up already! Let's see what you got! Open that really BIG one first! Hurry Up! Let's check it out!</b>
1	<b>OK. Hey!</b> (Narrator) <b>If I give you a hand, could you please help us see what's in that big gift bag over there?</b>
Narrator	<b>Sure!</b>
1	<b>Cool! Thanks! Here ya go</b> (Hands narrator a stuffed glove to resemble a puppet hand) <b>HA HA Just a little PUPPET humor!!</b> (Narrator)
Narrator	<b>Oh HA HA yourself...Very funny</b> (P1) <b>Well, let's see what's in here.</b> (Reaches in gift bag and pulls out a sign that says "HOLY SPIRIT" – after a few minutes, puts the sign back in the bag)
1	<b>WOW! It's the Holy Spirit! Just like Jesus promised! Cool!! This is the best gift ever!!!!</b>
2	<b>Why? What's the Holy Spirit?</b>

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1	Acts 2:38 tells us that when we invite Jesus into our heart, God promises to send His Holy Spirit to give us <b>POWER</b> to be strong and <b>RUN</b> for Jesus... you know just like the gas that makes our cars go?... The Holy Spirit gives us the <b>GAS</b> to get up and <b>GO</b> for Jesus!!!
2	<b>WOW! That's cool.</b>
1	Yeah it is!! It's the <b>ONLY</b> way to go through life.... Powered by <b>JESUS!</b> AND I bet I know what's in those other gift bags!
2	<b>Yeah? What?</b>
1	Oh...not much.... Probably just a little wisdom, happiness, peace, kindness, goodness, patience and flat out <b>JOY</b> forever!!!!!!! That's all!
2	<b>THAT'S ALL! Are you kidding!!! Wisdom, happiness, peace, kindness, goodness, patience and a probably a little flat out JOY like....forever!??? How do I get these AMAZING gifts from Jesus?</b>
1	Oh! That's easy, they come with the Holy Spirit.
2	<b>So, then, how do I get the Holy Spirit?</b>
1	You just ask Jesus to forgive your sins and believe that He is Lord. And then He'll come and live in your heart and send you His Holy Spirit.
2	<b>That's it?</b>
1	That's it. If you're ready, I know the kids will help you pray to ask Jesus into <i>your</i> heart. Are you ready kids? OK, everybody close your eyes and let's pray with (P2)
Narrator	While the kids are praying, turn bags around to reveal P2's name)  Dear Jesus, / Thank you for dying for me/ Please forgive my sins/ I believe in my heart that you are Lord/ Send me your Holy Spirit/ so I can RUN for you! In Jesus' name.....AMEN!!
2	<b>WOW! Thanks (P1) Thanks kids!! I can feel Jesus in my heart too!!!</b>
1	<b>Hey!! (P2) Check it out!! All the gifts have YOUR name on them!!!</b>
2	<b>Whoa! You kiddin' me?</b>
1	<b>Seriously!! Hey! (Narrator) can we see what (P2) got in the big gift bag?</b>

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<b>Narrator</b>	<b>Sure!</b> (Picks up bag with P2's name on it)
<b>1</b>	<b>Can anybody guess what might be inside??</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>I think I know.....</b>
<b>Narrator</b>	(Pulls out Holy Spirit sign)
<b>2</b>	<b>YEA!!!! It's the Holy Spirit!! Just like Jesus promised for me too!!! And now I have wisdom and happiness and peace and kindness and goodness and patience and JOY.. AND.... I GOTTA RUN!!!</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Where? Run Where?</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>I'm powered with the Holy Spirit and I'm running to tell all my friends about Jesus and the Holy Spirit so they can get gifts too!!!</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Well, hey then!!! Wait for me!!!! I want to tell them too!!!</b>
<b>1 and 2</b>	<b>Bye Kids!!!!</b>
<b>Narrator</b>	<b>Bye (P1) Bye (P2) !!!!</b>
<b>Follow Up Questions</b>	<b>Who gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit? How do we get the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do for us?</b>