

# BIBLE STORY SKIT

## SESSION 5

## JESUS PROMISED A HELPER

*Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:4-11*

**The Point:** The Holy Spirit is the Helper Jesus promised.

**Props:** Blindfold, obstacle course pieces (cones, hula hoops, and so forth)

**Zoie:** All right, Zipster. I need you to put on this blindfold. This is important. We're going to help our friends understand what they'll be learning about today.

**Zipster:** *(Hesitantly)* You mean, I can't see for this activity?

**Zoie:** No, I need you to be blindfolded. Hence, the blindfold.

**Zipster:** OK. I'm going to trust you on this one. *(Puts on blindfold and stumbles a little.)*

**Zoie:** Wow, Zipster. You need to work on your balance. You aren't even moving around yet. *(Places the obstacle course pieces around the stage while Zipster is blindfolded.)*

**Zipster:** OK, just tell me what I need to do.

**Zoie:** OK. I need you to weave in and out of the cones, hop into each hula hoop on one foot, and then walk back to the beginning of the course.

**Zipster:** The what?

**Zoie:** The course. There's now an obstacle course for you to work your way through.

**Zipster:** *(Distressed)* Oh no!

**Zoie:** It'll be fine. I'm going to help you. *(Leads Zipster through the obstacle course, giving him verbal instructions and also guiding him with hands on his shoulders.)* See, that was easy, right?

**Zipster:** *(Removes blindfold)* Not too bad, Zoie. Not too bad.

**Zoie:** Well, you certainly couldn't have completed that course without me! In today's Bible story, we're going to learn about a very special Helper that Jesus promised to all who follow Him.

**Zipster:** Yeah? We all definitely need a Helper.

**Zoie:** So after Jesus was resurrected, He spent many days on earth, appearing to many people so that they would know that all that was written about Him in the Scriptures was true. He gave His disciples many instructions during this time. He told them to spread out and tell all the world about Him, baptizing people and teaching them to obey everything He had commanded.

**Zipster:** But wasn't Jesus about to go back to heaven? How did He expect His disciples to do all of that without His help?

**Zoie:** He didn't. Jesus knew they would need help and He promised not to ever leave them alone. Jesus told His friends that when He went back to heaven, He would send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would help the disciples know what to do next, where to go, and who to tell about Jesus. When Jesus finished speaking, a cloud took Him away, out of sight. The disciples stood there looking up into the sky where Jesus had disappeared when suddenly two men in white clothes appeared beside them. The men said, "Why are you standing here looking up into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven, and one day He will come back to earth again in the same way you have seen Him go."

**Zipster:** Awesome! So the Holy Spirit came just like Jesus promised and helped Jesus' disciples? Good for them!

**Zoie:** Not just good for them ... it's good for us, too!

**Zipster:** What do you mean?

**Zoie:** Jesus promised this Helper to anyone who follows Him! We have the same Holy Spirit that the disciples had! He lives inside every believer and helps them tell others about Jesus, understand the Bible, confess their sin, and live in a way that honors God. The Holy Spirit is the best Helper because He is God's presence with us!

**Zipster:** Wow! That really is an incredible gift. I guess that's what people mean when they talk about God being with them. It's the Holy Spirit!

**Zoie:** Yep!

**Zipster:** Zoie, you were a pretty great helper today, but I have to say, the Holy Spirit is the best Helper!

**Zoie:** Oh for sure! Now, let's get this obstacle course cleaned up and go so that our friends can learn more about this great Helper!

*(Both exit.)*