

NOTE TO PARENTS from Ps Luke Aiasacca

Thank you for the privilege of ministering to your family through Kidmania Online. Today's Kidmania Online episode was *Baptism in the Holy Spirit!*

*This is a huge topic that parents often find hard to discuss. This is longer than usual parent info sheet. You might need a few sessions over the week to get through it with your kids. Even if you did not lead your children through the whole discussion, reading through it yourself will **PREPARE YOU** well for any discussion on this topic (and the big questions they ask) as it comes up in your home .*

Using this parent info sheet at home to support your Kidmania experience WITH your children will help them to get the most out of the episode. The **Main ideas** section has been designed especially for you to enter into meaningful **discussion** with your children; guiding you in what you can **Say** and **Ask**, so YOU can gradually, and actively build faith and wisdom into them. To help your children really share what's in their hearts and minds, when it comes to **Ask** points, take care to not rush them... give them time to think and respond. Really show them you're listening, and understanding. We've also added **Life Application** point/s, a **Sum Up** point, and sample **Prayer**. We are here to support you! If you have any questions you would like to discuss please contact your location Kidmania co-ordinator or email me at luke.aiasacca@enjoy.church God bless you!

Family Ice Breaker – Water, water, water!

This is a fun way to introduce what you will be talking about as a family.

Today we watched as **Rebecca opened 10 shaken up mineral water bottles in 45 seconds or less**. It was funny! Just as the water was active in the bottle, when released, the Holy Spirit is active within us as we want to see Him released into our lives. And, during the **WORD** we watched as **Ps Luke poured water into a glass and watched as the water overflowed into the other glasses** (in his glass fountain). When we use our gifts of the Holy Spirit for the benefit of others we see that we help God to fill others with theirs'. Sharing is caring.

You might like to have your kids do one/some of these at home. Whatever you do, have fun!

Scripture Memory Verses - to read and memorise at meal times

[use any version you like; we have used a combination of versions/translations/paraphrases to help your child best understand the meaning of the passages and apply it to their lives NOW]

Luke 24:48 Jesus said, "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from Heaven."

Acts 1:5 and 8 "For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized and empowered and united with the Holy Spirit, not long from now...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Ephesians 2:10 We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus spiritually reborn, transformed, renewed, and ready to do good works, so that we would live the good life God has for us.

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now about the spiritual gifts which are the special abilities given by the Holy Spirit; brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

Luke 11:13 If you, then, being sinful by nature, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask and continue to ask Him!"

Mark 11:24 ...whatever things you ask for in prayer that are in accordance with will, believe with confident trust that you have received them, and they will be given to you.



The Main Ideas for Family Discussion

Discussion introduction:

Say: We talk a lot about how Jesus went to the cross for us, and it is important to remember that Jesus did not stay dead; He rose again, and then He went to Heaven, and before He did He gave 2 promises...the first promise was that He would come back again, and the second promise was that until then He would do something special for us.

Ask: What special thing did he promise to do for us?

Say: Let's see.

Going deeper! - Unpacking the WORD

Scripture: Luke 24:49

Say: In Luke 24:48 **Jesus said, "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from Heaven."**

Ask: What special thing did Jesus promise to do? [send the Holy Spirit]

Say: Jesus' promise is recorded in 3 of the 4 Gospels (the books in the Bible in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John - it is recorded in all of them except John) and what happens next we can read about in the book of Acts (which was written by Luke - one of the Gospel writers). In the book of Acts (chapter 2) you can read all about the day of Pentecost when for the very first time Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to baptise His followers - not in water but in the Holy Spirit and Fire. This fire is not hot fire like a camp fire, but God's glory that sometimes looks like fire.

Say: People were seeing and experiencing the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for the very first time - ever!

Ask: Do you think they knew what to expect? [No!]

Say: They were expecting something powerful and exciting to happen but they didn't know exactly what it would be like. First there was the sound of a loud rushing wind that came from the sky into the inside the house - it was a very loud wind like in a big storm like a cyclone or hurricane - so loud you would not have been able to hear anything else. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire come to rest above each person's head.

Ask: Isn't that an amazing thing to imagine?!

Say: Poke your tongue out for me [poke your tongue out too, so they can imagine what the tongue of fire might look like]

Ask: Can you imagine something like my tongue being very big and totally made of fire coming down and resting on my head?

Say: And then some of the people began to speak in a Heavenly language that only God could understand. Then some other people were able to understand it, because God helped them to have that ability. And some other people began to speak to other people and be understood by them even though they did not speak the same language. This was such an amazing miracle. Everyone was so happy that they were having a party. Some people who saw this happy party and heard all the strange languages being spoken thought that everyone was drunk - so the disciple Peter went and told them *No! These people are not drunk; they have not been drinking wine, it is the morning time! They are not drunk on wine, they are happy because they are filled with the Holy Spirit just like the prophecy of Joel said they would be - God has kept His promise to us!*

Ask: What do you think of this? [allow your child to share their honest reaction]

Say: There have been so many baptisms in the Holy Spirit since then - this happened a little over 2000 years ago!

Ask: Can you imagine how many people have been baptised in the Holy Spirit in that amount of time?

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Say: This is how Jesus still moves powerfully in our lives today; in our hearts and minds, and working miracles in the lives of His followers. For some people it is just like the day of Pentecost (the first big baptism of the Holy Spirit). For others it happens very quietly. Some people receive the gift of tongues straight away, and other people receive the gift of tongues a little while later. Some people feel the Holy Spirit come into them, and other people don't - but they begin to notice that they think and feel differently about lots of things. Some people know what their special abilities are that they are receiving, straight away, and others find out as they discover they are able to do things for Jesus as the need comes up - and they know it wasn't something that knew how to do before. It is different for everyone, and there is only one way to find out what it is like; you have to experience it for yourself.

Ask: Jesus promised the baptism of the Holy Spirit to His followers; who are His followers? [*you and me; we are!*]

Say: Anyone who loves Jesus and follows Him is meant to have the power of God's Holy Spirit working in them. As soon as we believe and ask Jesus into our heart we have the Holy Spirit come into us and make us clean. Straight away we will begin to see FRUITS of the Holy Spirit in our life, and more and more as we go on following Jesus. This is a bit different to the type of filling we get when we are baptised with the Holy Spirit and receive special GIFTS.

Ask: Do you remember in the Kidmania Online episode how all the yucky sin nature was in the first cup and then it was coming out of the cup?

Say: God does something like that with us; He takes the sin nature out of us and puts His Holy Spirit in us, and a new nature that can really love Him. And He keeps doing it as long as we keep following Him. And then as we get more and more of the Holy Spirit other people begin to experience God through us - like when the glass of water overflowed like a fountain and began to fill the other glasses. All those glasses represent/stand for people - us!

Ask: Are Christians meant to be boring believers who go to church on a Sunday, sing a few songs, sit and listen to someone talk, go home again, and that's it? [*No!*]

Say: Christians are meant to feel God's presence at church. Christians are meant to be the people who change and get better and better in every way. And Christians are meant to be the people who go throughout the world to spread the message of Jesus, with the power of the Holy Spirit. Christians are meant to use their spiritual fruits and gifts to do this.

Say: As we walk with Jesus (with the help of the Holy Spirit) we, and other people, will begin to see the FRUITS and the GIFTS of the Spirit in us.

Ask: Do you remember what the FRUITS of the Spirit are?

* **Say:** The FRUITS of the Spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

* **Say:** Jesus really wants us to grow in these FRUITS so the world can see the goodness of God in our lives, and in our hearts. The fruits of the Spirit are about our character (our Godly values being seen in our thoughts, emotions, choices, and actions). Without the FRUITS of the Spirit we can't use the GIFTS of the Spirit well.

* **Say:** Jesus wants us to have spiritual GIFTS which are special talents and abilities - to be able to do the amazing things God has planned for us to do.

Say: **Talent** is natural skill and knowhow. Supernatural/spiritual talent is supernatural/spiritual skill and knowhow. We can all learn skills, but some things can't be learned naturally. It has to be given to us straight from God. Talent can also be an opportunity that God gives us, to do what He would like us to do, that He trusts us with, and helps us with.

Say: **Ability** is being naturally able to do something. Supernatural/spiritual ability is supernatural/spiritual ability to do something with more power than is humanly possible - we just can't do it without God's Spirit.





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Scripture: Acts 1:5 and 8

Say: In Acts 1:5 and 8 it says: "For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized and empowered and united with the Holy Spirit, not long from now...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Ask: What do you think Jesus meant when He said: ...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses?

Say: We will have the boldness/confidence/ability to tell everyone about Jesus and help them to make peace with God, and love Jesus, and follow Him. We need special spiritual gifts to be able to do this.

Ask: Do you know about any spiritual gifts?

If YES, ask: What do you know about the spiritual gifts? [let them share with you – they may confuse 'the spiritual GIFTS of the Holy Spirit' with 'the spiritual FRUITS of the Holy Spirit' or not be able to think of any of the gifts. That's OK! Enthusiastically encourage them that they've remembered some spiritual FRUITS of the Holy Spirit...then repeat the 2 points above with the * we're going to make the difference between fruits and gifts clearer next.]

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1

Say: In 1 Corinthians 12:1: **Now about the spiritual gifts which are the special abilities given by the Holy Spirit; brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.**

Say: Some GIFTS of the Holy Spirit you might have/be given are....

Words of Wisdom: Knowing what to say to people that God wants them to know. Having the ability to give really good, wise, and Godly advice. Knowing the difference between right and wrong when it is not obvious to everyone else. Knowing the difference between good and best (which can be even harder to know than right from wrong).

Words of Knowledge: Being able to encourage and guide people by sharing with them what God is telling you to tell them. Giving messages to people and the rest of the church straight from God with details you could not know any other way.

Increased Faith: Having faith to believe for the impossible - it is easy for you when it is hard for other people; you just know when God will do something and so you can easily believe.

Healing: Praying for people and seeing them healed/get better more quickly than usual. Sometimes even seeing people raised from the dead (they are not then ghosts or zombies, they are real people God has decided to give more time on earth to do the plan God has for them).

Miracles: Praying for other impossible things and seeing them happen. God doing things that are amazing when you are around, just because His anointing goes everywhere with you - and people are so amazed by it that they worship God because of it.

Prophecy: Being able to speak on behalf of God (deliver very clear messages from Him) to people or to the church about what has happened AND/OR what is actually happening now AND/OR what is going to happen next (in the near future and sometimes in the far-off future) AND the reasons why (so we can see things God's way and continue to trust and obey Him). Sometimes it is thoughts from God, strong feelings from God, words from God, dreams from God, or visions from God. God speaks to and through prophets in many ways.

Discernment of spirits: Knowing what is from God and what is from Satan (because Satan the devil likes to make his stuff sometimes look like it could be God's stuff, to trick us) – we need people who have the gift of discernment to speak up and say if it is GOD or NOT. Being able to understand why people do the things they do even though they have not been told why. Being able to see clearly what giftings some people have even when you don't know anything about the person - you just know.



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Diverse kinds of tongues: Being able to speak the Heavenly languages to God - not always understanding what you are saying to Him but knowing that He really understands what is coming out of your heart and spirit; through your mouth. God's Holy Spirit causes you to speak the special language so your prayers are perfectly in God's will and protected - they get straight to Heaven, and faster. You might be able to learn many languages quickly and easily. And sometimes you are able to speak languages you have not learned so that other people can understand what you are saying about God/Jesus.

Interpretation of tongues: Knowing what other people are saying when they pray in Heavenly tongues or just in another human language that you do not know. Sometimes God wants you to tell the people and the church what they have said.

Helps: Being so happy to be helpful all the time, and being good at so many things, like an all-rounder/best player - it is so that people turn and thank God for you, and worship Him because of how you helped them. You are able to volunteer in most roles/jobs in church life. Everyone thinks you are such a blessing. We need lots of people to have the gift of helps.

Mercy: Having a soft and caring heart towards everyone, and looking after them when they are sick or just need some help. Everyone should do this but people who have this gift are extra good at it, and can do it for longer without getting tired and upset. It is so special that people just know that it is not just your kindness but God's kindness they are receiving.

Governance: Being a wise leader, able to decide when and how to get things done, keeping everything running smoothly. This is more than being organised, and it is not being bossy. This is sometimes called the gift of administration.

Teaching: Able to understand and explain the deep and practical things of God to people with a lot of detail so they understand more and more about Him and are able to live better lives. You help other people to get ready to go into the world and show everyone who Jesus is. You often have the answers to all the really hard and confusing questions about life. You love to learn and share what you have learned.

Preaching: Speaking to lots of people (whether they are believers or not) about Jesus and what is in the Bible. You ask people you speak to to make decisions about knowing God more, and changing how they live (to be more like Jesus).

Evangelism: Speaking to lots of people who don't yet know Jesus; inviting them to know Him. You know even more than others how important it is to share Jesus and so you are extra bold and brave when you talk to people. You sometimes talk about Jesus to big groups of people, and sometimes to small groups of people, but mostly one on one with almost everyone you meet. You just can't stop talking about how good God is.

Say: And there are even more gifts than there are in this list. Some people have one gift, some people have a few of them, and some people have many of them. The more you have; the more God wants you to use them for Him. The more you can be trusted with the ones you have; the more God gives you to use. Here are two ways of figuring out which gift/s God may have given us. [1] When we are children and new believers, we (and others) begin to see hints (notice the beginnings) of these giftings [2] Some of them make our hearts get excited when we hear about them and think about them.

Ask: Which do you think you might have? [If you can clearly see some gifts in your child's life then encourage them by telling them so. Be specific in what you have witnessed in their life and how it matches the description for that gift.]

Ask: Which of these deep down in your heart do really enjoy/desire/hope for?

Say: We will pray for you to receive them and grow in them a little later. God is in this discussion with us and He's heard your answer. Not only has He heard your answer, but He is happy to hear your answer because it was He who put that desire in your heart. He wants to work in you and closely with you to see you find your gifts, and use them for His Kingdom.



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Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

Say: In Ephesians 2:10 it says: **We are God's work of art (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus spiritually reborn, transformed, renewed, and ready to do good works, so that we would live the good life God has for us.**

Ask: What are we? [any of the following: spiritually reborn/born again, re-created in Jesus Christ, transformed/being transformed, renewed/being renewed, ready to do good works to live the life God has for us, God's work of art/masterpiece.]

Say: We are God's masterpiece/work of art - He is always with us helping us to become the best version of us, whom He created us to be. Believing in Jesus and having a fresh start is just the beginning. God's spiritual gifts to us are all GOOD.

Scripture: Luke 11:11-13

Say: In Luke 11:11-13 it says: **What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you (adults), then, being sinful by nature, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask and continue to ask Him!"**

Ask: Are God's gifts to us good?

Say: Yes! God's gifts are good! Even better than the good gifts kids get from their parents, and all the good things parents do for their kids - God loves us even more than our parents do...Wow! That is BIG LOVE!]

Scripture: Mark 11:24

Say: In Mark 11:24 it says: **...whatever things you ask for in prayer that are in accordance with God's will, believe with confident trust that you have received them, and they will be given to you.**

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-8

Say: In Matthew 7:7-8 it says: **Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened.**

Say: Remember; the gifts you desire/want - be faithful and keep asking God for them.

Say: Here are some things to know about the Holy Spirit

Say: 1. To be powerful Christians we NEED the BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 1:8 & Ephesians 2:10)

Ask: Anyone who has a special mission for God needs spiritual gifts. It used to be that the Holy Spirit would only come upon certain people, for certain tasks, for a certain time. Some of these people were prophets (like Elijah and Elisha), kings (like David and Solomon), and judges (like Deborah). They had special missions that needed special gifts. But since Jesus came and started His church, all believers have special missions for God.

Ask: Are you a believer? [If NO, then ask them if they believe in Jesus and want to follow Him - if they say YES then tell them, 'I think you are a believer - you just told me so!' Ask them this question again to gain the YES.]

If YES, say: Then you have special missions for God!

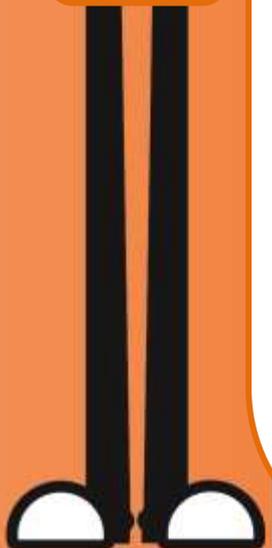
Ask: Will you need spiritual gifts to do them? [Yes!]

Ask: Do want to have access to the Spiritual gifts?

If YES, say: Then you need the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Ask: Would you like to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

If YES, say: God has heard you and In a few minutes we are going to pray for that. [if they have already been baptised in the Holy Spirit then you will be praying for fresh infilling]



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Say: 2. God wants us to WANT the HOLY SPIRIT'S GIFTS (1Corinthians 12:1 & Luke 11:13)

Say: We can ask God for the infilling of the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Ask: Will He give them to us? [Yes!]

Say: All the gifts are good and a blessing from God; we should never shy away from them.

Ask: What if it doesn't happen straight away? [*Keep asking, the more we want it the better! It builds our need for God and faith in Him.*]

Say: 3. You can be FILLED with God's power MORE THAN ONCE (Acts)

Say: God has an endless supply of power and gifts.

Ask: Do you think He wants to give us some? [Yes!]

Ask: Do you think He might run out? [No!]

Ask: Can we go back to God for more when we need it? [Yes!]

Say: We know that when we have a drink of water, we will get thirsty again and need to have another drink. We know that when we have a sleep we feel rested and that we will need another sleep at the end of the day because we will get tired. We know we eat and are not hungry anymore but that we will get hungry again and want more food. We have a car that needs more fuel put in it after we drive it, so we get more fuel. We need all these things; we need regular top ups! We can get top ups of the Holy Spirit whenever we need it just by asking God to top us up, and gathering often with His people (the church; in person & online).

Ask: Do you remember who else needed topping up? [*The Apostles Peter and Paul*]

Say: The Apostle Peter was filled in Acts 4:8 and then again in Acts 4:31 and probably more times than we know about. The Apostle Paul was filled in Acts 9:17 and then again in Acts 13:9 and probably more times than we know about. They both wanted more of God's presence and power. If they needed more, then we will too. We can get filled and refilled too.

Say: 4. We need to COME into God's presence FULL OF FAITH (Mark 11:24)

Say: When we come to God with our requests we need to come to Him full of faith, believing that God is powerful and able to answer all our prayers. It is the same when we ask for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We know that God always says YES when a prayer is prayed that is in His will (what He wants). We know from the WORD (Bible) that God wants every believer to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. So, He will say YES and do it. And, He knows exactly when is the right time for each of us, and the right way. We can trust Him. [*share briefly about a time God answered your prayer - to help faith rise in your kids.*]

Ask: Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a bit different for everyone, and hard to explain. Do you know what it will be like?

If YES, ask: What will it be like? [*allow them to speculate, and then...*] **Say:** Let's find out!

Life Application:

Ask: Shall we agree that we will invite the Holy Spirit to be with us often, and fill & refill us?

If YES, ask: How will we do this? [*take suggestions and see if you can introduce any.*]

Say: We will get rid of all distractions and have some time of worship and invite Holy Spirit. [*You can return to the Kidmania Online Episode again if you like, or facilitate it fully yourself.*]

Let's Pray! (don't rush this prayer, add to it as you feel led)

Dear Heavenly Father... Thank You for [child's name]. Thank You for the gift they are to me, and to the world. Thank you for all the plans You have for them. They are great plans. Father God, [child's name] has told me that they believe in Your Son Jesus, and want to follow You and serve You. They want the missions You have for them. They need the power of the Holy Spirit to do what You have for them to do, and to know You more. Father God, in Jesus' name, would You now send Your Holy Spirit to fill them, and to let the Spiritual Fruits and Gifts You have for them be seen. We believe, and we thank You, in Jesus' Name. Amen!

