

WEEK 4: GOD IS WITH US

EASTER 2019

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8

Acts 1-2

Did you and your best friend ever make friendship bracelets as kids?

The **bracelets** are a way of connecting you to each other even when you are not **together**. When you begin to miss your friend or need a reminder of him or her, you **simply** look down at your wrist to see the bracelet that serves as a symbol of your **friendship**.

Jesus gave us the ultimate friendship bracelet when He returned to heaven: the **Holy Spirit**. In the days after His resurrection, He spent time with His closest friends and followers, **encouraging** them and preparing them for the upcoming day when He would have to leave them behind on **Earth** in order to **return** to God the Father. But He did not stop guiding or encouraging them when He **returned** to Heaven. He sent His Holy Spirit to be with them on Earth and serve as a **continuous** reminder of His presence in their lives.

When we **accept** Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit enters our hearts and guides us **throughout** our day. He comforts us, guides us, strengthens us and empowers us to do what is right and **share** His love with those around us. When we are afraid or begin to worry, all we have to do is look to the Holy Spirit – a **symbol** of our friendship with Jesus and His continuous **involvement** in our day-to-day lives. Jesus never truly left us when He left **Earth**. In fact, He gave us more than we could ever need to love, serve and **grow** closer to Him even while we are separated **physically**. The Holy Spirit is God's way of **reminding** us that He is always with us, even when we feel alone.

Questions to think about:

1. Why did Jesus leave us with the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you ever feel far from God?
3. When have you felt the Holy Spirit guide or comfort you when you feel alone?