Who Is the Holy Spirit? Answer Key

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| Scripture Reference | 1. What do you learn about who the Holy Spirit is? | 2. 2. Based on the Scripture passage, would you characterize the Holy Spirit as dynamic or passive? Explain. | 3. 3. Which Gifts of the Holy Spirit  are mentioned and to whom are they given? | 4. 4. Which characteristics of the Holy Spirit are most prominent  in this Scripture passage? |
| Ezekiel  37:1–13 | * someone who can deliver hope  to the hopeless * bring life to the dead or dying | * dynamic * At the command of God, the Holy Spirit enters the dead bones and breathes life into them. These actions are dynamic because they produce outward changes  to the bones. | * Wonder and awe is given to Ezekiel. * Courage is also given to Ezekiel so that he may pass it on to the people of Israel. | * The Holy Spirit bringing life where death abounds, and hope in the face of despair. * The Holy Spirit brings life to the dead bones, and through God’s Word, brings hope to Ezekiel  and the people of Israel. |
| Isaiah  11:1–9 | * someone who has the ability  to guide us through life, encouraging us to act rightly  and wisely | * passive * The Holy Spirit does not perform any deliberate action in the passage; rather, he gives us the wisdom and understanding to perform right actions ourselves. | * Wisdom, understanding, wonder and awe, and right judgment are given to the shoot from the stump of Jesse, the Messiah. * These gifts will also be given to those who follow the Messiah. | * The Holy Spirit guiding and clarifying where there is loss  and confusion. * The Holy Spirit is prophesied to come to the Messiah to guide him to act justly and wisely. |
| **John  14:13–31** | * someone who lives within us  and acts as an Advocate for  us in the physical absence of Jesus | * passive * The Holy Spirit is described  as something that the world cannot see or know because  it lives within us. | * The gifts of courage and understanding are given to  the Apostles. * Jesus tells the Apostles about  the Holy Spirit so they will feel fortitude once he has left them and so they will understand  his death and believe in his Resurrection. | * The Holy Spirit guiding and clarifying where there is loss  and confusion, bringing hope in the face of despair, and creating unity amid diversity. * The Holy Spirit will lead, comfort, and give hope to the Apostles once Jesus has died. * The Apostles will also become unified by their belief in the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. |
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| **Acts of the Apostles  2:1–13** | * someone who actively enters  our lives and unifies us | * dynamic * The Holy Spirit enters the house like a strong wind, appears as fire, and causes the Apostles  to speak in different tongues about the glory of God. These actions are dynamic because they produce an outward change in the Apostles and their environment. | * The gifts of knowledge, wonder and awe, and understanding  are given to the Apostles. * The Apostles are shaken by the Holy Spirit’s appearance as wind and fire. * They are given the ability to speak and understand different languages as they go forth from their place of hiding. | * The Holy Spirit brings hope in the face of despair and creating unity amid diversity. * By entering the place of the Apostles at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gives the Apostles hope amid their grief over Christ’s death. * By giving the Apostles the ability to speak in different tongues, the Holy Spirit allows the Apostles to unite others as they spread the Good News. |
| **2 Corinthians 1:12–22** | * someone who brings confidence and truth into our lives | * passive * The Holy Spirit does not perform any specific action; rather, it  has been given to us to bring confidence and truth to our lives. | * The gifts of courage and understanding have been given  to Paul and to followers of Christ. | * The Holy Spirit guides and clarifies where there is loss  and confusion. * Paul’s confidence is a result  of the Holy Spirit, which God  has placed in his heart. |
| **Galatians 5:13–26** | * someone who guides us away from sin and toward goodness | * dynamic * The Holy Spirit produces good fruits in the souls of those who live by the Spirit. | * The gifts of right judgment and wonder and awe are given to those who follow the Holy Spirit. * Those who follow the Holy Spirit are able to make good decisions and work toward living in communion with Christ. | * The Holy Spirit guides and clarifies where there is loss  and confusion and creating unity amid diversity. * The Holy Spirit guides believers away from sin and wrongdoing. * The Holy Spirit also creates unity among believers, encouraging them to avoid conflict with one another. |