

## MESSAGE SUMMARY

The Holy Spirit isn't meant to follow us—He's meant to *lead* us. Just as a master gently guides a dog on a leash, the Holy Spirit leads us with quiet promptings, nudges, and impressions, not force or fear. He helps us live a life we could never live on our own. When we listen and obey—even when what He asks seems strange or risky—we experience God's power, protection, and purpose. But ignoring His voice can cost us deeply. To be led by the Spirit, we must be both **aware** of His voice and **willing** to respond. Don't live your faith on "spiritual airplane mode." Tune in, trust His guidance, and follow His lead step by step.

## Questions & Responses:

1. "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."

What do you think it means to be *led by the Spirit* instead of leading your own life? Leader Response:

Being led by the Spirit means letting God guide your decisions, your relationships, and even your daily choices. Instead of doing what feels right in the moment, you allow the Holy Spirit to direct you. It's about trusting His guidance more than your impulses or emotions.

2. In the message, we learned that the Holy Spirit leads us with a "gentle tug," not force or fear.

Can you think of a time when you felt a "nudge" from God to do something—or *not* to do something? What happened?

## **Leader Response:**

Encourage students to share their experiences, even small ones—like feeling prompted to encourage someone, stop a bad habit, or walk away from a situation. Remind them that recognizing those moments is part of learning to hear the Holy Spirit's voice.

3. The Holy Spirit might ask you to do something that feels awkward or risky-like the handstand story.

Why do you think God sometimes leads us to do things that seem uncomfortable or unusual? Leader Response:

Because stepping out in faith stretches us and builds our trust in God. Often, the things that feel uncomfortable are the very moments God uses to change someone's life—or ours. Faith always grows outside our comfort zone.

4. What can happen when we ignore the Holy Spirit's promptings or think, "That's just my imagination"?

**Leader Response:** 

When we tune out the Holy Spirit, we can miss out on God's protection, direction, and blessings. Sometimes, the Holy Spirit is warning us about danger or guiding us toward something better. Listening to His voice can literally change the outcome of a situation.

5. What are some practical ways you can stay connected to the Holy Spirit this week?

**Leader Response:** 

Spend time in prayer, read your Bible, and pause to listen before making big or small decisions. Be intentional about asking, "Holy Spirit, what should I do?" and then obey what He says. The more we listen and respond, the more clearly we'll recognize His voice.