

# Bible adventures



for young readers



God  
loves me  
28 ways

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## GOD'S WORD FOR ME

"But the Helper will teach you everything. He will cause you to remember all the things I told you. This Helper is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name."  
*John 14:26*

## STORY TIME

Have you ever heard anyone talk about "famous last words"? These are statements that a person might have said right before he or she died. Here are a couple examples: "No, this isn't a poisonous snake." Or, "This gun is never loaded with real bullets." Then there's the person who says, "Seat belts? Don't need them because I'm a careful driver." And let's not forget the young person who announces to his friends, "Sure, I can jump over that deep hole in the ground." Get the idea?

Jesus had some last words to share with His disciples right before He left them to return to Heaven. They were very serious words and were meant for you and me, too.

Look up the text in the “Library” section and write what Jesus said His disciples—and to us—right before He returned to His Father in Heaven. Fill in the missing words.

“But the Holy Spirit will \_\_\_\_\_ to you. Then you will receive \_\_\_\_\_. You will be my \_\_\_\_\_” (Acts 1:8).

According to Jesus, three things were going to happen right after He left.

1. The Holy Spirit would come.
2. His followers would receive power.
3. They would become witnesses.

They are the same three things that can happen to us if we accept Him.

Wow! That’s pretty amazing, seeing that we’re just simple, little ol’ us! But when the Holy Spirit shows up, we become “Super Us!” We’re powerful! We have a job to do. Using that power from the Holy Spirit, we can share God’s love with the whole world. (And you thought you were just going to be a veterinarian or a truck driver. There’s a good chance God has even more plans in mind.)

Have you ever seen a professional bicycle race? It’s amazing. Athletes from around the world gather in one place to speed through cities and over country roads, each trying to finish the race first. They pedal over mountains, across valleys, through tunnels, and hurl down steep roads at a breakneck pace.

Once the cyclists have raced past, another group of people follows close behind. Each rider has a support team riding in a car or van that follows him or her, ready to lend a hand if something breaks, if there’s a bad spill, or if the rider simply needs words of encouragement. That support team is very important to the rider. It’s there to help in time of need and to bring words of wisdom when all seems lost.

That’s the work of the Holy Spirit. He’s our support team, ready to step in with help and comfort right when we need it most. Aren’t you glad that, the Holy Spirit is right behind you, eager to give you the encouragement and information you need to win the race?

## FUN FACTS

### BICYCLE FEAT:

- Fred A. Birchmore, 25, circled the globe by bicycle in 1935. The entire trip, through Europe, Asia, and the United States, covered 40,000 miles. He pedaled about 25,000 miles. The rest was traveled by boat.\*

\* Source: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/morestories/ten-things-about-bikes>





## MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

How does the Holy Spirit give us the power we need to live in service to God?

Find the verses in the "Library" section and circle the correct word in each Bible quotation.

- "At that time the Holy Spirit will ~~(sing)~~ ~~(teach)~~ **(pray)** you what you must say" (Luke 12:12).
- "When the Helper comes, he will **(prove)** ~~(defend)~~ ~~(ask)~~ to the people of the world the truth about sin" (John 16:8).
- "Making you ~~(handsome)~~ ~~(smart)~~ **(holy)** is the Spirit's work" (1 Peter 1:2).
- "[God] will give you this Helper to be with you ~~(for a week)~~ ~~(until Christmas)~~ **(forever)**" (John 14:16).



## DRAW A PICTURE OF YOU RIDING YOUR BICYCLE IN A RACE.

Be sure to put a protective helmet on your head. You might be riding through a beautiful valley or along city streets. Add your support team in their little car or van coming behind you. Write the words "Holy Spirit" on the side of the vehicle to remind you that the Holy Spirit is with you through the race of life.

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## MY PRAYER

Thank You, God, for making such a beautiful world for me to live in.  
Thank You for making me, too. Amen.



## LIBRARY

- “Then God said, ‘Let there be LIGHT!’ And there was LIGHT. ... God named the light ‘DAY’ and the darkness ‘NIGHT’” (Genesis 1:3–5).
- “Then God said, ‘Let there be something to divide the water in two!’ So God made the AIR to divide the water in two.... God named the air ‘SKY’” (Genesis 1:6–8).
- “Then God said, ‘Let the water under the sky be gathered together so the DRY LAND will appear.... Let the earth produce PLANTS’” (Genesis 1:9–11).
- “Then God said, ‘Let there be lights in the sky to separate day from night.’... So God made the two large lights. He made the BRIGHTER LIGHT [SUN] to rule the day. He made the SMALLER LIGHT [MOON] to rule the night. He also made the STARS” (Genesis 1:14–16).
- “Then God said, ‘Let the water be filled with living things. And let BIRDS fly in the air above the earth.’ So God created the large SEA ANIMALS” (Genesis 1:20, 21).
- “Then God said, ‘Let the earth be filled with ANIMALS.’... Then God said, ‘Let us make HUMAN BEINGS in our image and likeness’” (Genesis 1:24–26).
- “By the seventh day God finished the work he had been doing. So on the seventh day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day and made it a HOLY DAY” (Genesis 2:2, 3).



## MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

“The weekly cycle of seven literal days, six for labor, and the seventh for rest, which has been preserved and brought down through Bible history, originated in the great facts of the first seven days” (*Spiritual Gifts*, vol. 3, p. 90).

The word literal means “actual.” God made the earth in six actual days and then rested for one actual day. We’re supposed to do the same: work six, rest one. This Sabbath, when you head for church, you’re following in God’s footsteps. That’s exciting!

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