

### **The Counselor** (John 14:16-17, 26)

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**Teacher Notes**

Read each passage slowly so that the student can understand and answer the questions. In this first passage, Jesus is asking His Father for something to help us in life.

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One of the challenges of teaching Sunday School is making something invisible tangible. Not only is one challenged to make the Holy Spirit tangible, but this passage is based on an understanding of the term "faith."

Faith is the belief in the reality that God truly and historically exists and placing a trust in His words. Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God (Col 1:15) and the words He says is His Father's (John 14:9-11).

Only Believers receive the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, forever. Those who do not have faith, the world, do not see God nor know Him.

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It is in this context of faith being based on something real and true that God's words about life and one's soul reflect the realities of life. The Holy Spirit is indeed God's Spirit of Truth.

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God's Spirit of Truth will teach and help you remember God's word. You can see this in reality. The Holy Spirit wrote the Bible so you have God's words in your hands to teach and remind you of His words about life. You can start interacting with the Counselor by simply reading the Bible!