

## Chapter 1

# Something special

Something very special happened when you were baptized. God moved into you. His name is the Holy Spirit. Did you feel anything different? It is ok if you didn't. Jesus promised that he would come and Jesus always keeps his promises. He said the Holy Spirit would live with us and be in us.<sup>1</sup>

On the first day that anyone ever became a Christian, they were all told to change their minds and be baptized. The Bible word for changing your mind is "repent." When they did that, their sins would be forgiven and they would receive a special gift – the Holy Spirit.<sup>2</sup> A lot of people decided to be baptized that day; do you know how many? Three Thousand! Just in one day! But that was no problem for God. The Holy Spirit was able to move into each of them. He is that powerful and he is really awesome!

It is hard for us to understand a spirit, because we can't see one. There are other things that we can't see, yet they are very real; can you name any of them? (How about wind? Sound? Atoms? Germs?) Each of them is real and a part of our lives each day.

Jesus talked to a man named Nicodemus about this.<sup>3</sup> Jesus told him about the wind; he said that we can't really see wind; and Jesus is right, you know. What do we see? We see how the wind pushes things around like trees and flags and the paper that you need to pick up! We see what the wind does, but we cannot see the actual wind. Jesus said that we will be able to see what the Holy Spirit does in our lives, but we won't see him.

By the way, in both the Hebrew and Greek languages the word we translate "spirit" means spirit, breath or wind. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New in the Greek language.

When the Bible tells us how God created the first man, it says that he formed him out of the dirt and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life – and he came alive<sup>4</sup>. You

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<sup>1</sup> John 14:15-17

<sup>2</sup> Acts 2:38

<sup>3</sup> John 3:5-8

<sup>4</sup> Genesis 2:7

and I are just like Adam, we have a spirit. We are like God that way – because he is Spirit.<sup>5</sup>

We are a spirit who lives inside our body. We are used to it. We don't think about being a spirit, just like we don't often think about breathing, unless we are having problems with asthma or a bad cold, right?

So the Holy Spirit is now inside of you. He is living with your spirit and you won't feel him, just like you don't normally feel yourself breathing. You won't see him, just like you can't really see the wind. But, you can know he is there because he is now inside you to do a very, very important job.

He has moved inside of you to help you as you live for Jesus!<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> John 4:24

<sup>6</sup> Ezekiel 36:26, 27