

CedarS CampS P.S.S.T

Possible Sunday School Topics from CedarS

by **Merrill Boudreaux** for the Christian Science Bible Lesson for August 1 - 7, 2011:
"Spirit" [*bracketed italics by Warren Huff, Director/Editor*]

P.S.S.T. Golden Text

Since "It is the Spirit who gives life", what can one conclude? We must be like Spirit, composed of Spirit-like qualities, acting with Spirit-like movements. Look to the Latin root for the word spirit; in spirare, to blow into or breathe into. What is the result? We are literally, God's breath, God has and continues to breathe us.

P.S.S.T. Responsive Reading -

I can only speak what? What Spirit speaks.
I can only preach what? What Spirit preaches.
I can only know what? What Spirit knows.
I can only receive what? What Spirit gives.
I can only reap what? Life everlasting, given by Spirit.

P.S.S.T. - Section 1

Was there ever a time before God? No. God is always. What does "In the beginning" signify? See S&H 502:24. From that statement one may conclude that the only thing going on is Spirit and us, united forever. Lift up your eyes, your thought, your thinking, or spiritual discernment and what do you behold? (B3, S3)

P.S.S.T. - Section 2

What has God prepared for you? (B5) Can what God has prepared for you be discerned through the material or physical senses? (S7, S10) What happens when one silences the material or physical senses? Ask students to be silent for three minutes (this may seem like a long time), seeking to discern God's immediate message to each one. Then, ask the students to record what God said. Use citation S15 from Section 3 as a basis to begin.

P.S.S.T. - Section 3

Citation B7 is a prayer of petition. Why is this prayer needed or useful? What is at the heart of this prayer? It is asking God to help one remember what was so in the beginning and conclude what must therefore be so now. This remembering who we are, is like being born again. See a hint of what this new birth or rebirth looks like in citation S14. What does the word indissoluble mean?

P.S.S.T. - Section 4

Since Jesus arrived "in the power of the Spirit" exciting things happened. Read citation B9 and ask students to state what came out of Jesus' mouth as a result of Spirit's breathing. Are you astonished at his powerful words? He was about his Father's business. What is the business for you to be about? (S20) How cool that you are capable of this. It is bestowed on you!

P.S.S.T. - Section 5

What facts was Jesus maintaining when healing the man in the synagogue? (S25) Ask each student to state at least one fact about what God knows about them and therefore, what they know about themselves.

P.S.S.T. - Section 6

Read aloud citation B16. Read aloud citation S30.

What does it mean to be "subject to"? This is a blessed day because you have discerned who you are from the beginning unto now and forever forward. Ask students to pair with another student and share any inspiration they gained from this lesson. What was new to them? What was a reaffirmation of something they already knew?