

Search Ponder and Pray Feel the Spirit

How to Play:

Sing through Search Ponder and Pray once, before introducing this activity.

You can pause the singing right after the 3rd line or just ask immediately after, did you hear that? “I feel the Spirit start to grow within my heart.” Have you ever felt the Spirit growing in your heart?

Let’s talk about what the Spirit might feel like.

You can bring in physical objects or use the image files below. Either way, you’ll want to ask the children to picture how the item makes them feel and how it might relate to how the Spirit feels.

I’ve included both objects that relate to how the Spirit feels and contrasting items that might be how we’re feeling without the Spirit. You can talk about the drastic difference between heat and cold, for example, to demonstrate how not feeling the Spirit and feeling the Spirit can make a drastic difference in our lives, even if the feeling is soft and subtle, his influence is drastic!

Ask, which of these is more like the Spirit? Why? In what way is it like how we feel the Spirit?

After each object, sing through the song and ask the children to be thinking of the object and how it’s like the Spirit as you sing!

Objects to include:

- Portable Heater – vs – Portable Fan = (Heater) We feel warm inside!
- Fire – vs – Snow = (Fire) He warns us of dangers
- Violin – vs – Piano = (Piano) Speaks softly to our hearts
- Soil – vs – Leaves = (Soil) The Spirit is an actual living being that helps us grow
- Blanket – vs – Rock = (Blanket) The spirit comforts us

Extension Activities:

- Ask the kids what other everyday object they can think of that remind them of the feeling of the Spirit?
- If you bring in physical object, have the kids help make a match of which two they want to contrast (they can pick any 2 and go through a variety of options!).
- Let the kids spend time feeling the object (heater, fan, soil, etc) and then talk about what they felt – then relate it to the Spirit!







WARM



COOL



WARNS



A young girl with blonde hair is shown in profile, looking upwards with a joyful expression. She is wearing a vibrant, multi-colored striped knit hat with long braided tassels and a thick fur collar. The background is a soft-focus winter scene with snow falling and evergreen trees. The word "ABANDONS" is overlaid in large, white, outlined letters at the bottom of the image.

ABANDONS

SOFT





LIVING



NOT ALIVE









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