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Title: The Comforter

Theme: Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter and our Helper.

Object: GoCool evaporative cooling cloth for neck. Pan of water. Fan (optional).

Text: John 14:26 KJV - 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

In this verse, Jesus is telling His disciples that when He goes back to heaven, He is going to send the Holy Spirit to take His place.

Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Comforter.

The Holy Spirit would take Jesus’ place to bring His disciples love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control … all the fruit of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit would be their helper and bring them comfort while Jesus was in heaven ministering there.

We’ll come back to the Comforter in just a moment.

How many remember what special day we celebrated last Sunday?

That’s right! It was Father’s Day!

And since I’m a father, a grandfather, and a great grandfather, a lot of people were very nice to me last Sunday.

I got text messages, phone calls, cards, and gifts and many people wishing me a Happy Father’s Day.

And I really appreciate all the nice things people did to make this day special, including all of you!

I want to show you this morning one of the gifts I got from my wife and great grandkids.

It’s called GoCool, and it’s a cooling cloth that you wear on your neck. [Show cloth.]

Now this doesn’t look very comfortable, because when it’s dry, it gets really stiff.

And when it’s dry it doesn’t work at all to keep you cool on a hot day.

If you put this on your neck when it’s dry, it would make you hotter instead of cooler.

So now we’re going to immerse this in water and see if it works when it’s wet. [immerse and wring out.]

So now we can wrap it around our neck on a really hot day and it will keep us cool.

Now how does this work?

It works on the principle of evaporative cooling.

When water evaporates from the cloth, it takes in heat.

It takes about 1000 Btu of heat to change one pound of water from liquid to vapor.

So when the air blows over the GoCool cloth, it evaporates some of the water in the cloth, and the heat for that comes out of your body making you nice and cool.

So on a really hot day, you can be nice and comfortable if you put on this GoCool cloth.

Now Jesus has something for you that’s even better than a GoCool cloth.

When Jesus went back to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter.

But just like we had to activate this cloth before it would work, we need to activate the Holy Spirit so He can work in us.

And we do that by asking Jesus to be our Savior, to come into our heart and forgive our sins, to be our best Friend forever.

When we do that, God gives us the Holy Spirit to be our helper and comforter.

And the Holy Spirit begins to give us all the fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

How many would like to have the Comforter in their hearts?