

# I Handle His Candle

## With Care

**Have you ever heard of the word *stifle*?** It means to choke or murder by strangling. How can we kill God the Holy Spirit? We can't. But we can choke out the work he wants to do through us.

The Holy Spirit is all-powerful, yet he operates in our hearts so gently that he's like a flickering candle. Because the Spirit of God is holy just like God the Father, he won't have anything to do with sin. The Holy Spirit never leaves you, but sin can certainly dampen his plans for you.

So handle his candle with care. Whenever you sin, admit it to God. Each time he'll forgive you and ignite his flame within you once again.

### Key Verse

*Do not **stifle** the Holy Spirit.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:19*

### Click

Your child will now be able to say the meaning of this Bible verse in their own words.

### Stick

The life application meaning of this verse is tied to the image of a **candle**.

### Clicker: Candle

Whenever you see, light, or snuff out a *candle*, let this HoneyWord flicker in your heart as it clicks and sticks.



### Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19

### Make-it-Stick

Ask your dad or mom to please help you light a candle. Now take 10 steps back and try to blow it out. Could you do it? Probably not. Take one step toward the candle and try again. Keep trying, step-by-step, until you blow it out. Sometimes sin creeps up on us until it blows out the light of God's Spirit within us. We need to confess our sins so we don't "stifle the Holy Spirit." With help, relight the candle and say this HoneyWord out loud.

### Everyone Take Turns Explaining the Meaning of this Lesson in Your Own Words

Ask, "What does this lesson mean?" If the answer is in the ballpark of the correct meaning, praise that person out loud. Then ask another child to explain it. Do this 2 or 3 times in a row.

### Hold Up the Click-er

Hold up the Click-er (candle) and say this HoneyWord Lesson out loud:

"I handle his *candle* with care."

Then repeat it out loud together one more time.

### Pair Up in Small Groups of Two

If you're with more than one child, have your children pair up and ask each other to say the lesson out loud to each other.

### Re-Group and Recite Again

Ask one child to say the lesson one more time, and then explain what it means.

### Discuss How This Truth Applies to Your Everyday Life