



3rd-5th

April 13-14, 2013

DATE

The Holy Spirit

LESSON TITLE

Acts 2 (Pg. 1199)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God sent the Holy Spirit to fill everyone who believes in Jesus' Rescue!

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

As soon as kids walk in the door, welcome them by name. Find a way to connect with them by asking them what they did today, what their favorite movie is, or even who brought them to Kids' Club today.

check-in/out

Tell kids to share why they are taking home a flame today!

large group heads up

Today, we're learning about the story about Pentecost, when God sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and help us follow Him. Read Acts 2 (Pg. 1199) to prepare to teach it to kids. And ask the Holy Spirit to help you share him with kids today!



instructions

Goal: to help kids understand how Pentecost relates to them

Why? The way the Holy Spirit helped the disciples is pretty remarkable. But the best part is the Holy Spirit helps us, too! It's important for kids to know they can claim the same authority.

Tip: If kids have more questions about the Holy Spirit, go to the Bible and read from Acts 2 (Pg. 1199). It's also okay to tell them we don't know everything about how the Holy Spirit works.

small group

CONNECT

1. If you haven't had time to connect with kids yet, ask them what the best part of their week was.
2. What's the most surprising or confusing or exciting part about today's story?

REVIEW THE STORY

3. In the beginning of this story, why were the disciples waiting? (Jesus had given them a job, but they couldn't do it until he sent the Holy Spirit to help them, much like a flashlight can't turn on without batteries)
4. What did they hear right before the Holy Spirit arrived? (a *whoosh* of wind)
5. Then what separated and went onto each of them? (A flaming tongue of fire!)
6. Once they were filled with the Holy Spirit, what's one of the first ways the Holy Spirit helped them show others how to follow Jesus? (they were able to speak in languages, so that people from all over the world could understand)
7. Where is the Holy Spirit now? (He lives inside people who follow Jesus!)
8. What do we call the day when the Holy Spirit came? (Pentecost!)

ACTIVITY

Remember how the Holy Spirit separated as tongues of fire and filled everybody who believed in Jesus? We're going to make flames to remind us of how we can all be filled with the Holy Spirit this week. As we make them, we're going to brainstorm ways that we want the Holy Spirit to help us!

-Give each kid a **flame** and let them color it

-Have them **cut it out**

-Use **glue sticks** to stick it to a **Popsicle stick**

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- As they work, ask each kid how they want the Holy Spirit to help them follow Jesus this week. Read Galatians 5:22-23: **But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful ²³ and gentle and having control of one self.**
- Talk about how that means the Holy Spirit helps us love others who are rude to us, be joyful even in hard times, have peace because we know God is with us, etc. Ask each kid to come up with one way they'll ask the Holy Spirit to help them this week. Here are some ideas to get them started: tell a friend about Jesus' Rescue, be kind to a sibling, do something kind for a bully at school, obey a parent, try to make somebody sad smile, etc.

****Read the verse again—keep reminding them of how the Holy Spirit helps us act. Then pray with kids, thanking God for sending the Holy Spirit to help us follow Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to help kids follow Jesus this week (refer to specific ways kids want him to help them)!**

Extra time? Ask them to name one friend or family member with whom they'll share today's story, or if all small groups are finished, watch today's video again as a whole group.

LARGE group

special notes

To start today's story, we're using a **flashlight** as an object lesson. **Take out the batteries before you begin, but keep them close!**

Also, we're using a flashlight to make shadow shapes (because that's the style of today's video!). Click here for ideas: <http://video.about.com/familycrafts/How-to-Make-Shadow-Puppets.htm#vdTrn>. Or wing it and make whatever shape you want. Whatever you do, make it fun!!

presenter tips

Since the video for this week isn't original, we can't send it to you ahead of time. Arrive a little early, so you have time to preview it. It is 2:30 minutes and the style is shadows behind a sheet (similar to the opening activity).

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you all here today! Before we begin, I need your help. I've been practicing making shadow shapes, but I'm not very good at it... I need two people to help me by holding up this **white paper/sheet**. Do you want to help me? (Choose one kid.)

Great, now I need somebody to show me some good shapes. Does anybody here know how to make a swan (curl your hand down as if your arm is a swan neck) or a monster (make one hand a monster "eating" the other fingers) or something even cooler? (Let kids respond. Choose one or two to come up and help you.)

And can somebody come up and hold the flashlight? (Ask a kid to come up. Hand them the **flashlight without batteries!**)

(Try to begin, but make a big deal of how the flashlight isn't working): Oh no! Why won't this work? Wow, we can't make any shadow shapes if the flashlight doesn't work. I wonder what's wrong...(shake it; turn it around; turn the button on and off; "try" to figure out what's wrong).

Ohhhh...I have an idea! (Open it up.) There are no batteries. This flashlight can't work without batteries! That's the power source! (Grab the batteries and put them in.) Now it can work! (Take a minute to make goofy shadows with the kids if appropriate to your group—you can have the kid with the flashlight hold it at an angle so that the shadow falls on the paper. OR, if you don't think they'll stay engaged, move on.)

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GOD PROMISED HELP

You know, trying to turn on a flashlight without batteries is kind of like us trying to follow Jesus without his help. We just can't do it on our own. We need HIM to be our power source.

And he knew that about us. So Jesus promised to send a helper to help us do the special job he gave his followers. In case you were gone last week or this is your first time here—or you just forgot, we're going to read the job Jesus gave us again. Here it is:

SLIDE: Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."

So what's our special job? (Let kids say: make disciples of all nations. Baptize them. Teach them to obey what Jesus commands. Tell kids that making disciples means teaching people to follow Jesus.) Yes, we get to show people how to follow Jesus!

But Jesus KNEW there's no way we could love God more than *anything* ...or treat everybody around us with love... or have the words to tell people about Jesus... unless HE helped us. So he told his disciples that God would send us a helper. It's like sending batteries to a flashlight; we need power to do the job Jesus gave us.

THE HELPER ARRIVES

So the people who believed in Jesus waited for their helper! They were actually altogether, probably terrified. After all, they had been best friends with Jesus...and the leaders in town *killed* Jesus. So if the leaders disliked Jesus enough to kill him, they probably didn't like his friends.

Suddenly, while they were in a room together, a sound came from Heaven! It was like a great wind! Maybe something like this: ***(play clip of the wind)*** ...That wind filled the whole house. THEN they saw something that looked like tongues of fire. The Bible says the flames separated and settled on each one of them. The Holy Spirit was inside all of them!

They suddenly had the power to do the job Jesus asked them to do!

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN JESUS

When the Holy Spirit filled them, he immediately began helping them! We're going to watch a video and as we watch, see if you can figure out exactly *how* the Holy Spirit helped the people who believed in Jesus' Rescue!

Video: Pentecost

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So, how did the Holy Spirit help the people who believed in Jesus' rescue? (Let kids say: he helped them tell about Jesus' Rescue in different languages, so that people from all over could understand it.)

Now, imagine how crazy that must have seemed. What if I just started speaking in another language right now? And I suddenly knew all the words to say? What would you guys think? (Let kids respond.)

Well, remember, what did the people who heard the disciples say? They said, "They've had too much wine!" Basically, they thought the disciples were drunk. But then, Peter stood up and said, "These people aren't drunk! It's only 9 o'clock in the morning!"

He told them about how God promised long ago to send the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit would help people show others how to follow Jesus. No matter what happened in the world, he would help us. And anybody who believed in Jesus' Rescue could be a part of God's family and get help from the Holy Spirit!

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US TOO!

The Holy Spirit still lives inside everybody who follows Jesus and believes in his Rescue. He helps us in many, many different ways. *[If possible, HERE insert one kid-friendly way that the Holy Spirit has helped you personally!]*

And remember today's story: On Pentecost, he helped people hear about Jesus' Rescue in their own language. But for you, it'll probably be something different. Maybe your friends speak English or your same language. The Holy Spirit can help you share Jesus' rescue in some other way! Here's a verse to help us understand the Holy Spirit.

SLIDE: John 14:26 But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you.

The Holy Spirit will be WITH each of us, *teaching* us new things and *reminding* us to follow Jesus. We'll talk more about how he helps us in small group. For now, let's thank God for sending us a helper to give us the power we need to share Jesus' Rescue—power that can only come from God!

WORSHIP

Now let's thank God that he sent the Holy Spirit to help us by singing praise songs.

Song: Crazy Love (dance party video—just have fun as you worship with the lyrics!)

Song: Before I Go, I Stop (do hand motions)

PRAY

Will somebody come up and thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to help us follow Jesus? Let's ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and help us this week!



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Per small group:

- 2 or 3 pairs of kid scissors
- Several glue sticks
- Markers

Per kid:

- 1 Popsicle stick (or similar item)
- 1 flame image (template in curriculum folder— please print on normal computer paper in black and white, but cut each sheet in half, so each kid gets one flame)

large group supplies

- Adventure Bible (p. 1199)
- 1 flashlight with easy-to-remove batteries
- 1 single-layer pillow-case or pillow-case-sized cloth or paper

a/v needs

1. SLIDE: Matthew 28:18-20: Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."
2. Sound clip (please place behind the Kids' Club logo on the slide, so you can't see the video effects):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3PJdcL6cQ>
3. Video: Pentecost (in KC Videos>Misc)
4. SLIDE: John 14:26: But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you.
5. Music Video: Crazy Love
6. Song: Before I Go, I Stop

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Pentecost.
How does the Holy Spirit help us?

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Jesus wants us to follow him and tell others about his Rescue, but we can't do that on our own. So He sent the Holy Spirit to help us! Ask your kid what happened when the Holy Spirit arrived on Pentecost—and how he first helped Jesus' disciples. You can also read the story together in Acts 2 in the Bible.