



3PK

April 13-14, 2013

DATE

The Holy Spirit

LESSON TITLE

Luke 24, John 20, Acts 1

WHERE TO FIND IT

God sent the Holy Spirit to be our special helper

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week

tips

Help kids clean up their stuff. Make it fun. Tell them each to pick up 10 items, or act like you're a robot while picking up, or come up with your own creative idea to engage them in clean-up.

check-in/out

Remind kids to tell their parents why they are taking home a pinwheel.

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 to prepare to teach it to kids.



instructions

Goal: to review the most important event in today's story: the Holy Spirit's arrival

Why? We want kids to be able to have fun retelling this story to their families

Tip: If kids seem to be having difficulty blowing their pinwheels, just have them wave the pinwheels around and say, "Whooooosh!"

small group

*Give kids a snack and then ask them these questions:

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What were Jesus' friends waiting for in a dark room? (the special helper)
2. What sound did they hear? ("whooooosh" like the wind)
3. Then what appeared? (Flames! The Holy Spirit!)
4. Where did the Holy Spirit go? (it went inside them)
5. After the helper came, what did the disciples do? (they ran out and told people about Jesus' rescue)

ACTIVITY

Give each kid a **pinwheel**. Ask if they can remember what sound Jesus' followers heard just before the Holy Spirit came? (It was a loud blowing sound like the wind)

Demonstrate how to make the pinwheel spin by blowing on it. Explain that the wind reminds us that the Holy Spirit is here to help us. Then lead them in these activities:

1. Lead the kids in a march around the room while blowing their pinwheels.
2. Act it out: 1. Have everybody blow on their pinwheels, 2. You yell, "The Holy Spirit is here!" 3. Everybody shout, "Jesus rescued us and is with us!" or, for 3-year-olds, just cheer!

***Pray together and thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to be our special helper.**

Extra time? Do the pinwheel activities again, or put on a Kids' Club song and challenge the kids to keep their pinwheel moving while the music is playing.

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LARGE group

special notes

In this story, the disciples go from waiting in hiding to excitement at the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Reflect those emotions in your presentations!

presenter tips

Show 'em the Word! Cut and tape parts of the script into the kids' Bible in the props box. This will allow you to show the kids where you're getting the lesson from - and remind you of your lines at the same time! We want kids to know these truths are grounded in the Bible.

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today Kids' Club.

Video: *HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders* (about 1 minute)

REVIEW

Presenter: (holding up the Bible for kids to see) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a "thumbs up"! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone): But THEN....something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And God sent his own son, Jesus, to rescue us from all the wrong things in the world! We talked about how Jesus rescued us by dying on the cross! And then he came back to life and went to Heaven! That's GREAT NEWS!

GOD SENDS HELP

But after Jesus left for Heaven, his friends didn't know what to do. Jesus had told them he would send a special helper to help them follow him. (**Show picture of the disciples waiting.**) So they waited for the helper to come.



script continued

They waited... (Shift) And waited... (Look really bored.) And *waited*.

Suddenly, a sound came from Heaven! It was like a great wind! Can you guys all stand up? (Let kids stand.) Let's wave our arms like they're waving in the wind (let kids wave their arms). Now let's say "whoooooosh!" (Lead kids in a low whooshing noise). Great job! Go ahead and have a seat.

That wind filled the whole house and THEN the special helper came! It was the Holy Spirit. Can you guys say, "Holy Spirit?" (Let kids say, "Holy Spirit.") And the Holy Spirit filled each (start pointing to kids) and every (keep pointing) single (keep pointing) one of you! (Try to point to as many kids as possible!)

THE DISCIPLES SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS' RESCUE

Now we're going to watch a video to learn the story of when the disciples waited for the helper, and Jesus sent the Holy Spirit. As you watch, see if you can figure out what Jesus' friends did after the Holy Spirit came to them and filled their hearts.

Video: God Sends Help (about 4 minutes)

So, after the Holy Spirit came, what did Jesus' friends do? This picture will give us a hint. (**Show picture of disciples opening windows** and let kids respond.) Yes, they threw open the windows, ran out and told everybody, "Jesus rescued you!"

Let's yell that to each other right now! Ready? 1-2-3: "Jesus rescued you!" We can tell others about Jesus' rescue and we know the Holy Spirit will help us! That's great news!

Will you guys pray with me and thank Jesus for sending a helper? (Pray, breaking it into smaller, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for rescuing us. Thanks for sending the Holy Spirit to help us. We love you. Aaaaaa-MEN!

Let's sing some songs to thank Jesus for rescuing us and sending us a helper!

Song: Be Strong

Song: Great Day

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



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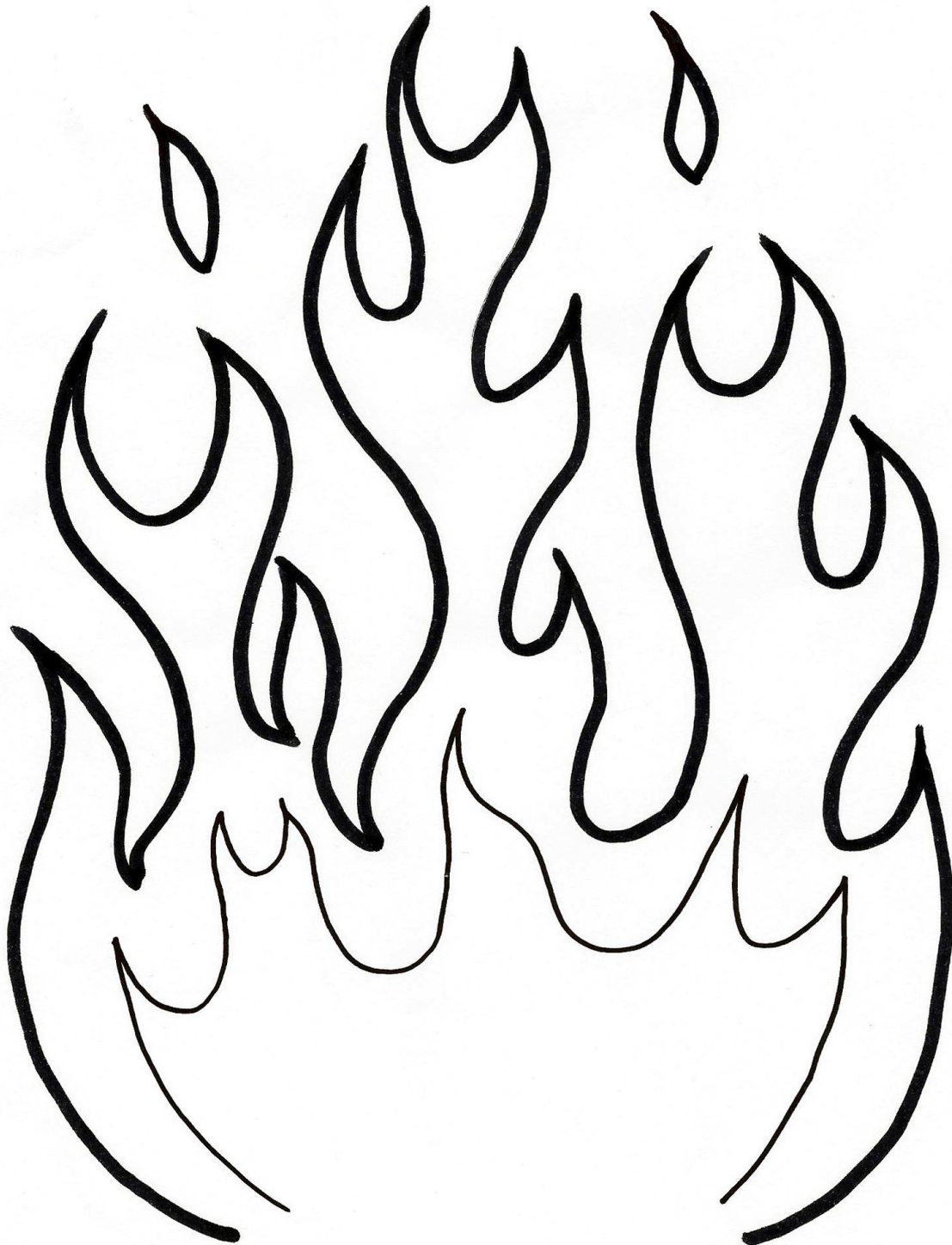
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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages

1 pinwheel per kid (OT: IN-39/1375)

large group supplies

None

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders
2. Image: pg. 327 from JSB (Jesus' disciples in a dark room)
3. Video: God Sends Help (normal version, not sped up. Please edit to use 0:27-4:30 only)
4. Image: pg. 330 from JSB (Jesus' disciples opening the windows and running)
5. Song: Be Strong
6. Song: Great Day

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Who is the special helper God sent?

What happened when the Holy Spirit arrived?

parent page

The arrival of the Holy Spirit was very exciting! It meant Jesus' disciples had a helper to live inside them and show them how to follow Jesus. Read Acts 2 to find out exactly what happened when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples!