



Kindergarten-2nd

April 13-14, 2013

DATE

The Holy Spirit

LESSON TITLE

Acts 2 (Pg. 1271)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God sent the Holy Spirit to be our special helper

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

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 use their story bags to retell the story of Pentecost!

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. 1271) to prepare to teach it to kids.



instructions

Goal: to equip kids to retell the story of Pentecost

Why? This story is pretty surprising. Hopefully, it will be a fun one to share—as well as a reminder that the Holy Spirit will help us follow Jesus

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

small group

CONNECT

1. Tell me your name and one word to describe the coolest (or most surprising) thing from today's story.

REVIEW THE STORY

2. In the beginning of this story, what were the disciples waiting for? (the special help Jesus was going to send; the Holy Spirit)
3. What did they hear right before the Holy Spirit arrived? Who can make that sound? (a *whoosh* of wind)
4. Then what separated and went onto each of them? (A flaming tongue of fire!)
5. Then where did the Holy Spirit go? (inside each of them)
6. What did they do after they were filled with the Holy Spirit? (Ran outside, began to teach people about Jesus!)
7. What's one way the Holy Spirit helped Peter? (Peter was only speaking in one language, but people who spoke different languages understood him.)
8. Where is the Holy Spirit now? (He lives inside people who follow Jesus!)
9. What do we call the day when the Holy Spirit came? (Pentecost!)

ACTIVITY

To remember this story, we're going to make a **story bag!** (Give each kid a **Ziploc or paper bag with a sticker** on it). Then, go through each of the items together before handing them out to the kids. It'll give them more practice, so they can tell it at home on their own!

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- The **clock** reminds us that the disciples were in a room, waiting....and waiting...and waiting for a special helper to come!
- All of the sudden (blow on the **party blower**) they heard a whoooosh of wind!
- Then a flame of fire (tear off a piece of **the crape paper** and crumple it like a little fire and hold it over your forehead—one roll should last through at least three small groups, so don't tear off too much) separated and went onto each of them. The Holy Spirit filled them!
- After that, the Holy Spirit helped the disciples tell people that Jesus rescued us! Let's turn this **q-tip** into a pretend microphone (color the top with a marker, then pretend to speak into it: "Hey everybody! Jesus died to rescue us!")
- Now the Holy Spirit is still inside the **hearts** of everybody who follows Jesus! The Holy Spirit helps us just like he helped Jesus' friends!

Let's practice that together!! Remember, what's this story called? (Let them say: Pentecost. Then go through the story again, handing each kid a clock, party blower, piece of crepe paper, q-tip--pause to let them color one side with a marker, and foam heart. You can even ask kids to tell you the next part of the story and which object they need.)

**After you've reviewed the story, ask each kid to identify ONE way they'd like the Holy Spirit to help them follow Jesus this week. It can be obeying their parents, being kind to a friend, whatever!*

****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)! Then, ask them to practice the story again with a partner.**

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.

special notes

The story of Pentecost is pretty wild, especially for kids who may be hearing it for the first time. As you tell the story, show amazement at the way God sent his special helper!

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

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's wonderful to see you all here. Today, we've got a really cool story. It's about a special day that we call Pentecost. Can you guys say "Pentecost?" (Let kids say: "Pentecost.") Before we hear today's story, let's find out what Pentecost is. To find the answer, let's visit our good friend, Shrimpola.

Video: Ask Shrimpola / Pentecost

So, what is Pentecost? (Let kids respond.) Yes, it's the day God sent the Holy Spirit as a special helper. And today, we're going to learn that story. It's pretty exciting!

JESUS PROMISES HELP

Remember, right before Jesus went up in the sky to go to Heaven, Jesus had told his friends that he would be with them always. That's because he was going to send a special helper to help everybody who follows him. Jesus told his disciples to wait for the helper, so they did (**show picture of the disciples waiting**).

In fact, they stayed inside waiting...hiding! After all, they were best friends with Jesus...and the leaders in town had just *killed* Jesus. If the leaders disliked Jesus enough to kill him, they probably didn't like his friends. The disciples were probably scared of the leaders. They knew they needed a helper. So they waited... (Shift) And waited... (Look really bored.) And *waited*.

GOD SENDS HELP

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.



script continued

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. Then the Holy Spirit was inside all of them!

THE DISCIPLES SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS' RESCUE

Once the Holy Spirit was inside of them, what do you think Jesus' disciples did? **Turn and tell a friend what you think.** (Let kids turn and tell a friend. Then let 1-3 kids share.) We're going to find out if you guys were right!

We're going to watch a video about this story. 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 about Jesus' rescue!

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS THEM!

And already, the Holy Spirit helped them! Peter stood up and started telling crowds of people about Jesus and how he died to rescue them. Even people who didn't speak Peter's language understood him! That's like if I spoke in a language I just made up (speak in "jibberish" for effect) but it made *perfect* sense to you. (Avoid referring to specific languages as being clear or confusing, so that no kid feels excluded if his/her primary language isn't English)

Now, that was one of the first ways the Holy Spirit helped people who followed Jesus. But guess what? The Holy Spirit helps us in LOTS of different ways! He LOVES to help everybody who follows Jesus. All we have to do is ask him to help us!

WORSHIP

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

Song: I Get Down (do hand motions)

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 him?



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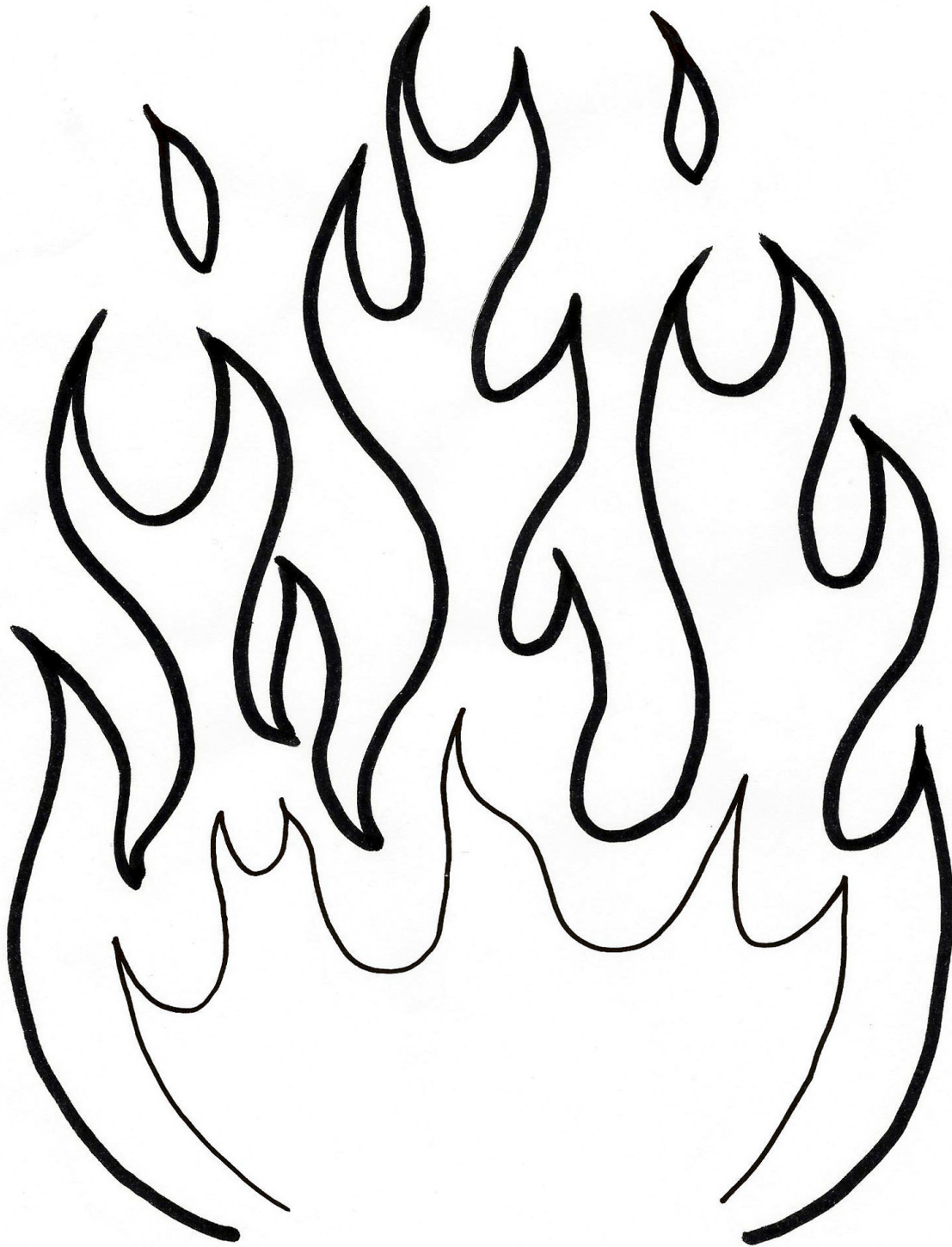
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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages

Per kid:

1. 1 Ziploc or paper bag with sticker (Note: please print sticker template on Avery 5264 labels. Sticker template is in curriculum folder)
2. 1 small clock image, printed on colored card stock (any color—pdf of clocks in curriculum folder)

3. 1 party blowout (OT: IN-25/15300)
4. 1 foam heart bead (OT: IN-57/2409)
5. 1 q-tip

Per small group:

1. Markers
2. 1 roll of red crepe paper for leaders to tear off a piece for each kid (maybe can have 1 roll per 3 groups)

large group supplies

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (p. 1271)

a/v needs

1. Video: Ask Shrimpola / Pentecost
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: I Get Down
6. Song: Before I Go, I Stop

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Pentecost.

What happened after the Holy Spirit arrived?

parent page

The day that God sent the Holy Spirit to help us follow Jesus is called Pentecost. Your kids have a story bag to help them retell it at home. Ask them about it! And if they forget a few details or you want to read it together, check out Acts 2 in the Bible.