



3PK

May 3-4, 2014

DATE

Luke 24, John 20, Acts 1

WHERE TO FIND IT

Pentecost

LESSON TITLE

God sent the Holy Spirit to be our special helper

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, 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 they're a robot while picking up, or come up with your own creative idea to engage them in clean up.

check-in/out

At check-out, try to tell each parent one positive thing about their kid.

large group heads up

Today, we're learning about the story of 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.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- As kids are lined up, tell the kids they are going to have to act like wind during large group. Then practice:
 - Say “whoooooosh”
 - Have kids make a soft blowing sound
 - Wave arms to make sound of air
 - Whistle
 - Howl
 - Whisper: “shhhhhh”

Before you go, practice putting on your listening ears. Then tip-toe in together!



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 "whoooooosh"!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. What were Jesus' friends waiting for in a dark room? (the special helper)
2. What sound did they hear? (whoooooosh 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 (CRAFT AND REENACTMENT)

Remember how the Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire and filled everybody who believed in Jesus? We're going to make flames to remind us of how the Holy Spirit came!

- Give each kid a **flame** and let them color it
- Use a **gluestick** to put it in the center of a **strip of paper**
- Use a **tape** to secure it to each kid's head when he/she is finished

Lead the kids in a reenactment of the story:

- Everybody says "whoosh"
- Then point to your flame headbands and say "the Holy Spirit is here!"
- Everybody run in place and say "Jesus rescued 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? Act it out again! Or put on a Kids' Club song and play follow-the-leader while wearing your flame headbands. Stop the music every now and then for the kids to freeze and say, "The Holy Spirit is here!"

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special notes

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

presenter tips

You can preview today's video here:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88spqINJMdk>.

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 1 Have fun! (*about 1 minute*)

Wow, let me see those listening ears again (let kids respond). Great! Now raise your hand if you're ready to have some fun in Kids' Club today! (Let kids respond.) Me too! Alright, let's start by remembering the beginning of a *very* special story....

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? God made an amazing home for us because he loves us SO much! Let me see a BIG smile (let kids smile).

But *then*.... something bad happened. A snake tricked Adam and Eve into thinking God didn't really love them. They disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world! Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond) But God loved Adam and Eve—and us—WAY too much to leave us alone in a world full of wrong things. So God sent his son Jesus to rescue us! This is great news, so let's see your happy face again! (Let kids respond.)

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.



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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? We're going to create wind, just like you practiced! (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, did you notice what Jesus' friends did? This picture will give us a hint. (**Show picture of disciples opening windows.**) They threw open the windows, ran out and told everybody, "Jesus rescued you!"

See, before Jesus went to Heaven, he gave everybody who followed him a special job. He told us to tell everybody, "Jesus rescued you!" so that everybody could follow Jesus. And the Holy Spirit helps us do that!

Will you guys pray with me 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 tell Jesus thank you for rescuing us and sending us a helper!

Song: Be Strong

Song: Deep and Wide

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.)



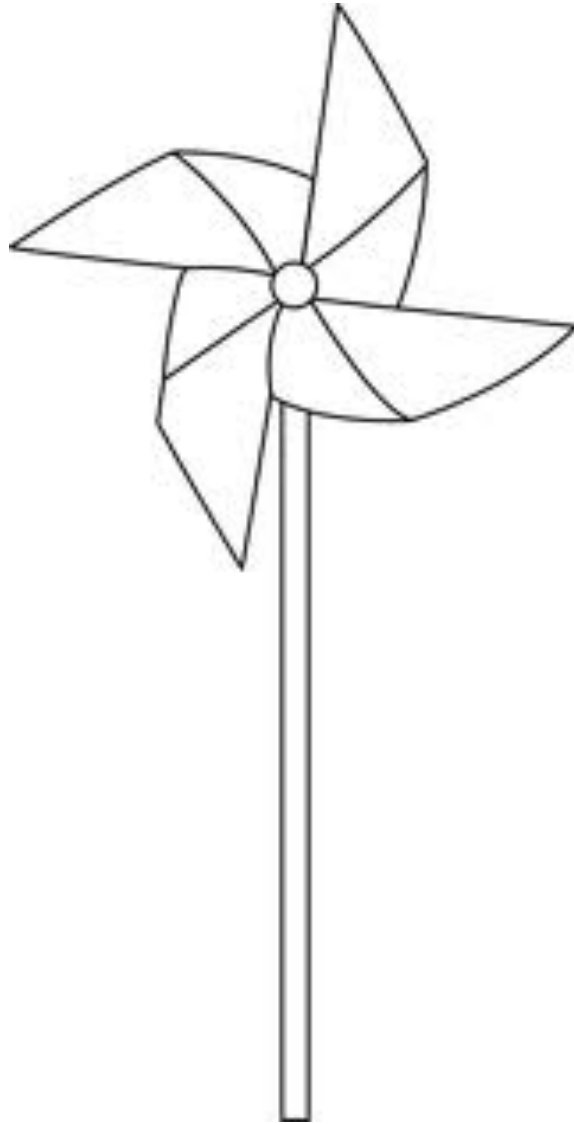
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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Act like the Wind game: No supplies needed

small group supplies

Flame image (template provided, pages need to be cut in half)
Strip of paper for headband (strip of size 12x18 construction paper, approx. 2 in. thick, cut lengthwise so that it's 18 in. long)
Tape

Glue sticks
Kids' Club CD and working CD player
Coloring Page: Pinwheel

large group supplies

Jesus Storybook Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 1 Have Fun
2. Image: pg. 325 from JSB (Jesus' disciples in a dark room)
3. Video: God Sends Help (use <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88spqIJJMdk> from 0:45-end)
4. Image: pg. 330 from JSB (Jesus' disciples opening the windows and running)
5. Song: Be Strong
6. Song: Deep and Wide

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. The best part is the Holy Spirit helps us too. Read Acts 2 to find out exactly what happened when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples.