



# WEEK 2

## PRESCHOOL LESSON OUTLINE



### BIG IDEA

God gives us the Holy Spirit.

### THE BIBLE

**Pentecost:** Acts 2:1-4, 42-47

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## WELCOME TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Make a Fire Hat
- **ACTIVITY** | Wind Play

## TEACHING TIME

- **MUSIC** | Holy Spirit Worship
- **THE BIG IDEA** | God gives us the Holy Spirit.
- **VIDEO** | Go, Episode 2
- **SCRIPTURE** | Acts 2:1-4
- **ACTIVITY** | Use My Voice
- **PRAYER**

## DISCUSSION TIME

- **SNACK** | Fire Icing
- **VIDEO** | What is Pentecost?
- **ACTIVITY** | Wind and Fire
- **MEMORY VERSE** | Matthew 5:16

## PLAY TIME

- **ACTIVITY** | Coloring Page
- **ACTIVITY** | Helper Hop
- **ACTIVITY** | Ready to Go!



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## HACKS FOR TODDLERS



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### HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR TODDLERS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every week, but toddlers tend to get overlooked. But you know your toddlers need more than just babysitting, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this week in order to keep your toddlers more engaged.

#### **ACTIVITY | Wind Play**

This activity suggests using handheld fans and/or blow dryers to simulate wind. If you are uneasy about younger children being around some of these devices, have them simulate wind noises with their mouths and blowing out air through a straw.

#### **ACTIVITY | Wind and Fire**

Kids will review elements from today's story by answering questions pertaining to wind or fire. For toddlers, simplify the activity by just yelling out "fire" or "wind" and having toddlers run to the side of the room with these images.

#### **ACTIVITY | Ready to Go!**

In addition to the suggested activity, you could also get a large blanket and swaddle one kid at a time in the blanket, taking care not to obstruct their face. Talk about how safe it feels when you're wrapped in a warm blanket. The Holy Spirit keeps us safe.



# WEEK 2

## PRESCHOOL LESSON GUIDE



### BIG IDEA

God gives us the Holy Spirit.

### THE BIBLE

**Pentecost:** Acts 2:1-4, 42-47

## WELCOME TIME

### ACTIVITY | Make a Fire Hat

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid orange, yellow, or red construction or craft paper. Help or instruct each kid to make their own “fire hats” using these easy [paper hat instructions](#).
- Everyone put your fire hats on your heads! Today’s Bible Story is about when the Holy Spirit came down on people like a fire!

### ACTIVITY | Wind Play

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Prepare some wind-related items, like a handheld fan, pinwheels (you can [make your own](#)), hair dryer, wind chimes, kite, etc.
- Our Bible story also talks about a loud sound came like a strong wind. **Can you make some loud noises while we pretend a strong wind is blowing?**
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** If you are uneasy about younger children being around some of these devices, have them simulate wind noises with their mouths and blowing out air through a straw.

## TEACHING TIME

### MUSIC | Holy Spirit Worship

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Ask the kids to sing along (and dance!) to:
  - “Holy Spirit” by Covenant Kids Worship ([listen here](#))
  - “Spirit of the Living God” by Vertical Worship ([watch here](#))

- “Spirit of God” by Sovereign Grace ([acoustic version](#))

### THE BIG IDEA | God gives us the Holy Spirit.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask the kids to sit in a circle and start passing a ball around the circle.*
- We can take turns giving each other the ball. God chose to give the people a way to talk to God and know what God wants for them. God gave them a Helper, called the Holy Spirit.
- You can give this ball to the person next to you and say, “God gives us the Holy Spirit.”

### VIDEO | Go, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week’s preschool [teaching video](#).*

### SCRIPTURE | Acts 2:1-4

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read Acts 2:1-4, using an easy-to-understand translation such as NIRV.*
- Not long after Jesus went up to heaven, followers of Jesus were together in one place.
- Then, the people heard a big, loud **wind** (*Hold both arms across you in a swooping motion*). Let’s make a wind sound. Shhhhhh. Whhooooosh.
- The people looked around and saw what looked like **fire** above them (*Cup your hands and rapidly move your fingers like the crackling of a fire then put it on your head*). But the fire did not hurt them.
- What the fire did was fill everyone there with the Holy Spirit. Then an amazing thing happened. The people who were there started speaking all kinds of different languages without ever speaking them before!
- With the help of the Holy Spirit, God would be able to talk to each person and help them every day. The Holy Spirit helps us, too. The Holy Spirit helps us to be brave when we are afraid. The Holy Spirit comforts us when we are sad. The Holy Spirit also helps us to do the right thing.
- Isn’t that so cool? I am so glad God gave us the Holy Spirit!

### ACTIVITY | Use My Voice

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Help each kid make a pretend microphone by rolling up and securing black cardstock paper, and attaching a wad of crumpled aluminum foil at one end with duct tape or electrical tape. Play a worship song while the kids sing or shout into their paper microphones. (For older kids, let them talk or sing into real microphones, if available.)*
- The people who God gave the Holy Spirit to were able to use their voices to talk in all kinds of languages. We can use our voices, too. Sing or shout into this microphone to use your voice to praise. You can shout, “God gave us the Holy Spirit.”

### PRAYER

- God, thank You for giving us everything we need. Thank You for giving the people the Holy Spirit so they can talk to You and know what You want them to do.

## DISCUSSION TIME

### SNACK | Fire Icing

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids small cookies or graham crackers that have a small dollop of red or orange icing.
- This red/orange icing looks like the little, tiny fires the people saw above their heads in today's Bible story. This yummy snack can help us remember how God gave the Holy Spirit to the people!

### VIDEO | What is Pentecost?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play [this video](#), "What is Pentecost?" by What's In the Bible.
- God did amazing things that day. I am glad God gave the Holy Spirit to be a big Helper.

### ACTIVITY | Wind and Fire

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, print out the Wind and Fire printable. Stick them on the wall in opposite corners of the classroom. Point to each picture and tell the kids what each represents. Gather the kids in the middle of the room to start the game.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Instead of asking the questions below, just yell out "fire" or "wind" and have toddlers run to the side of the room with these images.
- Remember our story had wind and fire in it? Let's play a little game about wind and fire! When I ask you a question, you have to go to the side of the room that has the correct answer. Ready to go?
  - **What is something that blows through the air when it's cold?**
  - **What is something that keeps you warm?**
  - **The people in today's story heard a sound like this: Shhhhhh. Whhhhooooosh. What did they hear?**
  - **After the sound, they saw something that looked like this. What was it?**

### MEMORY VERSE | Matthew 5:16

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Introduce kids to this month's memory verse, teaching them the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) we've provided.

## PLAY TIME

While you're waiting for parents to pick up their kids . . .

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a coloring page along with crayons, markers, or colored pencils. Remind them of today's story, memory verse, and Big Idea as they color!

### ACTIVITY | Helper Hop

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Put hula hoops or masking tape circles in a path across the room. Ask the kids to hold hands with you or with another kid and hop in the hula hoops across the room.
- You had a helper when you were hopping in our game. The Bible tells us God gave the people the Holy Spirit so that the Holy Spirit could be a Helper for them. God gave the Holy Spirit to be a Helper.

### ACTIVITY | Ready to Go!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Get a toy stroller or doll carrier, a blanket, and a baby doll. Help the kids wrap the baby doll up in a blanket. Give the baby a cuddle.
- The Holy Spirit didn't just help the people to know God more, the Holy Spirit helps people feel safe and comforted. You can comfort this baby (Help the kids put the baby doll in the stroller, carseat, or carrier).
- Now the baby is ready to go. God gave the people the Holy Spirit so they could be ready to go. The Holy Spirit helps people go.
  - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** You could also get a large blanket and swaddle one kid at a time in the blanket, taking care not to obstruct their face, Talk about how safe it feels when you're wrapped in a warm blanket. The Holy Spirit keeps us safe.

*Encourage your preschoolers to help clean up the room while they wait for their parents.*