



The Holy Spirit Came

May 2, 2021- 3rd Grade - 5th Grade

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 2

KEY PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 5:17

BOTTOM LINE: The Holy Spirit helps me to tell others about Jesus.

CHRIST CONNECTION: God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could begin their work to share the Gospel with the entire world. The Holy Spirit lives in everyone who put their faith in Jesus as their Savior.

Context

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He instructed the disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come upon them. So the disciples went back to Jerusalem, where they waited and prayed for 40 days.

The time came for the Jewish festival called Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks. As with the Passover festival, Jews from all over the Roman Empire would be at the temple in Jerusalem.

During this festival, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in Jerusalem. They heard a sound like a violent, rushing wind. When the Holy Spirit filled Jesus' followers, they were able to speak in foreign languages. They went out into the city and began to preach, and the Jews from all over the world were amazed. These men were from Galilee, but they were speaking in languages the visitors could understand.

Some of those who heard this thought the disciples were drunk. But Peter explained that God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. He reminded them of the prophet Joel's words: "I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity." (Joel 2:28)

The disciples told about God's plan. The Holy Spirit convicted the crowd and they asked, "Brothers, what must we do?" Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus. That day, three thousand people received salvation!

With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could share the gospel with the entire world. (See Acts 1:8) God gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who trusts in Jesus as Lord and Savior. As you teach kids, emphasize that the Holy Spirit gives us power to do God's work, and He changes us to be more like Jesus.

TAKEAWAYS

- God kept Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit.
- He sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples so that they could begin to share His message with the entire world.
- Because the Holy Spirit lived in him, Peter told people that Jesus is alive.
- The Holy Spirit helped people hear and believe the good news.
- God gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to live Godly lives and to spread the message of Jesus.
- **BOTTOM LINE:** The Holy Spirit helps me to tell others about Jesus.

Small Group Prayer: “Father God, thank you for each of the kids in our circle today. God as we learn about you guide our conversations and help each kid to see you in a better way today. Thank you for Jesus and the promise to rescue us. We love you and want to worship you with our whole lives. In Jesus name, Amen.”

Social Activity: I Spy Activity Page or What Can You Build

What You Need: Week 1 I Spy Activity page (1 per kid), clothes pins, popsicle sticks, other miscellaneous building supplies, pencils, crayons

What You Do:

Give each kid an I spy activity page to complete as others arrive. They can circle or color in the pictures as they find the objects. See who can complete the page fastest.

OR

Using clothes pins, popsicle sticks and other building supplies kids will work together to build the tallest structure, the widest structure, the structure with the most peaks, etc. Encourage kids to use their creativity and work together with everyone to build a unique structure.

What You Say: As kids are coming in, set up the game and ask kids to join you as you play the game. Games are a great way for kids to engage with each other and you as you get to know each other. Use this time to ask them questions about their week and any other important follow up questions to things you have talked about in the past.

Play a Worship Song or 2 from your Worship DVD/Roku
Play the Large Group teaching DVD/Roku

Application Activity: Never the Same

What You Need Allergy Alert poster, school glue (1 bottle per group), ½ teaspoon baking soda, 1 1/2 tablespoon contact lens solution, 2 tablespoons water, disposable gloves, spoons, sandwich bags, mixing bowl

What You Do:

- Form groups of kids to take an ingredient to mix in.
- Kids will mix together the following ingredients in a bowl:
 - 1 bottle school glue
 - ½ teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 ½ tablespoons contact lens solution
 - 2 tablespoons water (optional) for stretchier slime
- Consider providing latex-free gloves to keep kids' hands clean.
- Allow kids to take home samples of the slime in sandwich bags.
- Talk to kids how they can use the slime you made today as a way to share Jesus with someone.

What You Say “God can use us in powerful ways when we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. At Pentecost, God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. Like these ingredients cannot make slime on their own, we can do nothing for God without the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Key Passage Activity:

As you read the key passage together, encourage kids to help put the correct words in the blank together as you say each of the highlighted words while reading...

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here! **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Why are these words important? These words show us the focus of this passage in the Bible. Therefore = transition, pay attention now , anyone= everyone has the chance to believe , in= joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior , creation= reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit , old= the previous moral and spiritual condition , here=because spiritual awakening brings a new life

Discussion Questions:

- **How did people know what Peter said was the truth?** Help kids recognize that the Holy Spirit is the One who helped the people recognize what Peter was saying was true and that they needed to be saved. (Acts 2:37)
- **How has the Holy Spirit affected your life?** Guide kids to talk about ways they have seen the Spirit working in their lives or the lives of their family members who are saved. Help them think through the kinds of traits God said would mark a believer, such as love, kindness, faithfulness, self control, and so forth. (Galatians 5:16-26)
- **How should believers live, knowing they have the Holy Spirit?** Help kids recognize that believers can live boldly for the Lord because they have the power of the Holy Spirit within them. Believers have everything they need to serve the Lord and do His will for their lives. God has given us the job of sharing the good news with everyone, but only the Holy Spirit can cause people to realize their sin and their need for the Savior. (2 Peter 1:21 and Luke 12:12)