

MARCH 29, 2026
1ST-3RD GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL
ACTS WEEK 1: JESUS' PARTING GIFT

VIDEO GAME:

Easter Riddles

It is in the "Sunday School Videos" album and the date is in the comments.

GAME: Human Chain

ITEMS NEEDED:

Play Ball/team

INSTRUCTIONS:

Divide into 2 teams. Have teams sit in a line. The ball starts at the front of the line and everyone passes it overhead to the person behind them. When it gets to the last person, that person stands up and runs with the ball to the front of the line, sits down and starts the passing over. The teams will slowly move forward. First team to have the front person back in front, wins.

WHAT'S THE POINT:

On the day of Pentecost, the crowd was all together, working together, and thinking about the same thing. Their unity was powerful.

LESSON: The Holy Spirit is a comforter!

Imagine losing your best friend and all the plans you thought you had for the future were changed in an instant. You're sad, scared, and unsure of what's ahead. As you gathered with your closest friends, something began to change. How would you react? Would you stay where you were, or would you run somewhere you felt was safe?

When a group of people get together with the same goals, vision, and purpose, amazing things can happen. They may not know exactly what to do at first, but when they set their minds together, God can move in them and work through them. Unity is powerful.

READ ACTS 2:1-13, 36-40

The disciples and followers of Jesus had just been through an emotional change in their lives. Jesus, their Messiah, had been crucified, He rose from the grave, He talked with them, then He ascended into heaven. Before Jesus left, He promised them that the Holy Spirit would come to them as a comforter. There were many who wanted to kill Jesus' followers, just as they crucified Jesus. The disciples knew they had to be careful, so they led the group to the Upper Room where they could pray.

Their hearts were broken. They were unsure of the future and knew their lives were at stake. However, instead of running away, they gathered together to regroup and pray that God would show them how to continue Jesus' ministry now that He was gone. God heard their prayers and just as Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit came, and their meeting turned into a revival - the very first revival of the Christian Church!

The arrival of the Holy Spirit was life changing. As the believers were praying, the Holy Spirit arrived with the sound and feeling of a huge windstorm! Then, an appearance of fire fell on each of them, and they began to speak in another language. Those outside were confused because they heard a language they knew the believers didn't speak. As they were trying to

understand, they came to the false conclusion that they must all be drunk. However, it was the morning, so the likelihood of being drunk at that time of day was nearly impossible.

The Holy Spirit changed the hearts of the believers. As Peter began to preach, he felt a power he had never felt before and it drew more and more bystanders who were intrigued by his words. That day, over 3,000 people were saved! The first Christian Church exploded with believers whose lives were forever changed! The Holy Spirit didn't leave after that encounter. The Holy Spirit continues to guide and direct believers today.

Jesus' followers woke up that morning with confusion, sorrow, fear, and an unsettled future ahead of them. However, instead of running or hiding, they gathered together to pray. Their powerful prayers were answered, and the world was changed forever! The reason we worship as we do today is because of that small group of broken people who came together to worship.

What life changing events have happened or will happen in your lifetime? How will God use you to change lives? The Holy Spirit is our comforter and guide. Just as He was with the believers thousands of years ago, He is with us today. When we surrender our hearts and lives to God, even on days we're sad or discouraged, the Holy Spirit will give us the ability to do what God has called us to do!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why were the disciples and believers meeting together?
2. Who came in like a windstorm?
3. Who was preaching at the meeting?
4. What did people think was happening when they heard?
5. How many people were saved?

Close in prayer.

MEMORY VERSE:

LAST WEEK'S: "So confess your sins to one another. Pray for one another so that you might be healed. The prayer of a godly person is powerful. Things happen because of it." James 5:16 (NirV)

NEW THIS WEEK: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria." Acts 1:8 (NIRV)

If they memorize the verse, they can get a ping pong ball to put in the BLUE BOX in the hallway.