

Today's Suggested Schedule—April 2026, Week 4

Bible Story: Pentecost/Fruit of the Spirit • *Acts 2:1-41; Galatians 5:22-23*

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

Conversation Starter: When have you experienced joy in your life?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • *Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)*

Supplies NOT Included in Activity Bags

Bible Story Review: Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions

- Coloring supplies

Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You

- Bibles
- Sticky notes
- Blindfold

Prayer Activity: Make It Personal with Prayer

- Posterboard cross from Week 1
- Sticky notes
- Writing supplies

Bible Story Summary

Pentecost/Fruit of the Spirit

We wrap up the month as God's promised Holy Spirit shows up in tongues of fire, imparting to the believers an ability to speak so that people of all nations could understand them. Peter stood up amid the crowds gathered for the Feast of Weeks and preached such a powerful sermon that 3,000 people were filled with joy and became followers of Jesus, too! [BOTTOM LINE] God's Spirit gives you joy.

1. Bible Story Extension



What You Need:

- Bible
- “Pentecost Comic Strip” Activity Page
- Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Read Acts 2:1-4 out loud to the group. Explain that this is part of the story of what happened at Pentecost when God sent His Holy Spirit.
- Give each kid a comic strip page from the “Pentecost Comic Strip” Activity Page.
- Instruct the kids to draw the pictures for each panel.
- The captions should outline the story:
 1. The disciples were waiting and praying together.
 2. Suddenly, a sound like a mighty wind filled the house!
 3. Something that looked like fire in the shape of tongues separated and came to rest on each of them.
 4. They started speaking in different languages!
 5. Peter told the crowd about Jesus.
 6. 3,000 people decided to follow Jesus that day!
- Encourage the kids to be creative with how they show the wind and fire.
- Let them share their comics with a partner.

What You Say:

“Your comics really bring the story to life! Can you imagine being there? It must have been so amazing. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to do things they couldn’t do before—things like speaking new languages and being bold enough to preach to thousands.

“That same Holy Spirit, God’s very Spirit, lives in us today! When you choose to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you. But it takes practice to learn to listen and follow God’s Spirit. Sometimes the Holy Spirit speaks to you in nudges throughout your day, sometimes He brings words to your mind, sometimes He will make words in the Bible jump right off the page, and you know they’re just for you. Sometimes He speaks through worship song lyrics that shoot straight to your heart.

“There are a lot of different ways that the God who goes with you everywhere will speak to you! He will send truths from heaven right to your heart! ***[Bottom Line]*** **The Holy Spirit gives you joy.**”

2. Discussion Questions

Ask:

- What’s the difference between being happy and having joy?
- What’s one thing you want to ask the Holy Spirit to help you with today?
- Before that Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit, the believers were waiting without knowing what would happen. How would YOU feel waiting for something God promised but didn’t explain?
- Why does God choose to work through us instead of doing everything Himself?
- Since the Holy Spirit lives in you as a follower of Jesus, what are some ways you hear His voice?

3. Verses to Take with You

What You Need:

- Bibles
- Sticky notes
- Blindfold

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Philippians 4:4 using the Bible Navigation Tips below.

Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.

- Read the Memory Verse together out loud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Blindfold one kid.
- Spin them around gently.
- The goal is for them to stick a "pointer" sticky note (or just their hand) onto the sticky notes on the wall that have phrases of the Memory Verse on them.
- Whatever note they touch, the group is to read that phrase loud and joyfully!
- Then, take the blindfold off, and continue the same process with another kid.
- After each kid who wants to has had a chance to go, encourage the group to work together to put the notes in the correct order on the wall.
- Read the whole verse together.

What You Say:

"Great teamwork! This verse is a command—'Be joyful!' But it's also a promise. We can be joyful because we belong to the Lord. It's not about forcing a smile when we're sad; it's about knowing deep down that God loves us and He is with us. It's easy to forget that we have such an amazing Helper, but remember this: the same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is at work in you. It's breathtaking! And the more that you remember that the Holy Spirit is with you, the more your life will be filled with joy ... even in the middle of difficult times. God's Spirit gives you joy that lasts."

EveryChild Pro Tips:

- *Allow kids to participate without the blindfold or without spinning if that makes them uncomfortable.*

4. Make It Personal with Prayer

What You Need:

- Posterboard cross from Week 1
- Sticky notes
- Writing supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a sticky note and a writing supply.
- Say, “The Holy Spirit is our Helper. He wants to help us with the things we struggle with.”
- Ask the kids to write down or draw one thing they need the Holy Spirit’s help with this week. It could be “Patience with my sister,” “Courage at school,” or “Joy when I’m sad.”
- Invite them to stick their note on the cross.
- Explain that sticking what they need to the cross is a way of giving it to Jesus and asking His Spirit to handle it.

What You Say:

“Look at all these requests. God hears every one of them. You don't have to carry these things alone. The Holy Spirit is right there with you, ready to help. The Holy Spirit is God in you, always. He is your constant friend. Let's pray.

“God, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be our Helper. We can't be patient or kind or joyful at all by ourselves. We need You. Please help us with the things we wrote on the cross. Help us know You are with us all of the time, and help us to show Your fruit to the world. We know that **[Bottom Line] the Holy Spirit gives you joy**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.”