

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.

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 the Activity Bags

Bible Story Review: Headband Story

- Bible
- Stapler
- gluesticks
- Coloring supplies

Memory Verse Activity: Joyful Jump

- Bibles marked at *Philippians 4:4*

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

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 Review- Headband Story



What You Need:

- Bible
- Sentence strips
- paper flames
- Stapler
- gluesticks
- Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Read Acts 2:1-4 out loud to the group. Explain that this is part of the story of Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit.
- Give each kid a sentence strip. Measure it to fit their head and set it down.
- Retell the story of Pentecost. Remind the kids that the Holy Spirit came like a strong wind and looked like little flames of fire on the disciples' heads!
- Give each kid a flame cutout to color and then to glue or tape onto their headband.
- Set out the coloring supplies to decorate their headband.
- Staple the headbands closed so they can wear them.
- Place tape over the exposed edges of the staple.

What You Say:

“As the believers waited and prayed, a rushing sound, like wind, suddenly filled the whole house! Then tongues of fire appeared in the room, separated, and moved to rest over each believer. The wind and fire were signs that each believer had been filled with the Holy Spirit.

“God gave another sign too: these men and women began speaking in languages that they hadn’t known before! A crowd gathered because they heard their own languages being spoken. They were hearing about God’s Big Story in a way they could understand!

“God had sent His very Spirit, the Holy Spirit, to be with each believer. And the Holy Spirit is with all Jesus-followers now too! These headbands with flames remind us that **[Bottom Line] the Holy Spirit gives you joy** and helps you. The Holy Spirit is God’s special gift to us!”

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- *For kids who struggle with gluing or taping, allow them to point or place items while an adult or buddy secures them.*
- *Some kids may dislike the feeling of a headband on their head. Allow them to hold it, clip it to a backpack, or turn it into a bracelet instead.*

2. Memory Verse Activity- Joyful Jump

What You Need:

- Bibles marked at Philippians 4:4

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Bible marked at Philippians 4:4.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips.

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page. Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud. Then, lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name. When the kids find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the right chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Instruct the kids to stand up with plenty of space around them.
- Say the Memory Verse together once: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! —Philippians 4:4*
- Tell the kids you are going to say the verse again, but this time, they are to jump up and down the whole time!
- Start jumping and saying the verse.
- Challenge the kids to keep jumping until the very end!
- Do it again, maybe hopping on one foot this time.

What You Say:

“Whew! I’m out of breath! Jumping makes me feel joyful. Remember, even when we aren’t jumping, we can have joy on the inside because God is with us. The Holy Spirit lives inside every one of us who follows Jesus. The more that we trust and rely on the Holy Spirit, the more our lives will be filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As we grow in our faith and our relationship with God, we will look more and more like Him. **[Bottom Line] The Holy Spirit gives you joy.**”

EveryChild Pro-Tips:

- *In place of jumping, offer other movement choices such as clapping hands, swaying side to side, or tapping knees.*

3. Pray and Dismiss



What You Need:

- Large, prepared paper with “JOY” written on it in bubble letters
- Ink pads (washable, various colors)
- Baby wipes for cleanup

What To Do:

- Invite the kids to press their finger onto an ink pad and then stamp it inside the letters J-O-Y.
- Let them fill the letters with colorful fingerprints.
- As they stamp, ask, “How can the Holy Spirit help you have joy this week?”
- Let them share ideas (helping me be nice, helping me not be scared).
- Clean hands with baby wipes.

What You Say:

“This JOY sign is beautiful because it has a piece of all of you in it. Just like the Holy Spirit fills us up with joy, we filled these letters up with color. Let’s pray.

“God, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thank You that He lives in us and helps us. Teach us how to be His close friend. Please grow good fruit in our lives—like love, peace, and patience. And especially this week, we ask that the Holy Spirit gives us joy. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”