

2026-4-rTheater | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule April 2026, Week 4

Bible Story: Pentecost / Fruit of the Spirit • Acts 2:1-41 (supporting: 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 NlrV



Bible Story

Pentecost / Fruit of the Spirit • Acts 2:1-41
(supporting: Galatians 5:22-23)

Conversation Starter

When have you experienced joy in your life?

Bottom Line

The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

Monthly Memory Verse

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5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

Worship

3 min

O happy Day | Worship Song

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

HOST: "What is up, everybody? Welcome to [Name of Environment]! We've been celebrating all month long, because we're talking about the kind of joy that lasts—joy that comes from Jesus! Our theme this entire month has been, 'Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!'"

"Today we're talking about one of the most exciting moments in the whole Bible—when God gave His followers a powerful gift.

"Let's check out what our Bottom line is for today!"

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "The Holy Spirit gives you joy. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "The Holy Spirit gives you joy."

HOST: "Great job, everyone! Let's go find out more about what that means!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! We're keeping the celebration going today, and we're starting with a song that reminds us of the best news ever: Jesus is alive. When we sing this song, I want you to think about the power and joy that comes from knowing Jesus is with us every day. Let's lift our voices and sing!"

SONG: "O Happy Day"

"Before we move on, let's take a look at our Memory Verse we've been learning all month long. It's Philippians 4:4! This verse reminds us that joy isn't just an emotion that pops up on a good day. It comes from knowing who we belong to. When you follow Jesus, you're His. That means your joy is anchored to Him, not whatever is happening around you. Let's check it out. I'll say it, and then we can say it together!"

SLIDE: Memory Verse

WORSHIP LEADER: "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! —Philippians 4:4 (NirV)"

12 min

Bible Story (Video)

12 min

So and So Show Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

Closing

5 min

LANDING

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Let's say it together!"

KIDS AND WORSHIP LEADER: *"Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! — Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)"*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Great job! Here's what I love about the truth of this verse: joy isn't the same as feeling excited or having everything go your way. Happiness depends on what's happening. But joy? Joy sticks with you even on the days when things feel stressful, boring, or not-so-awesome. Why? Because your joy comes from belonging to Jesus, and He doesn't change. No matter what your week looks like, you can hold onto joy because Jesus is with you, He loves you, and you belong to Him."

COMMUNICATOR: "As we wrap up today, here's what I want you to walk away with: the Holy Spirit gives you joy—not the kind of joy that comes and goes or only shows up on the good days, but joy that lasts because God Himself is with you.

"When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, everything changed. The followers of Jesus were no longer confused or unsure. They were bold, confident, full of love, and full of power ... because God was now inside of them, working. And the same is true for you. If you follow Jesus, His Spirit is alive in you, guiding you, helping you, strengthening you, and growing real fruit in your life.

"If you are a follower of Jesus, God Himself lives inside of you through His Spirit. You don't go through life alone. So, go through life with Him. Talk to Him about everything. Ask Him to help you know what His voice

sounds like, what His nudges in your heart feel like. He goes through everything with you, so ask Him to help you hear Him and understand Him when He is speaking!

"And as you go through life with Him, He will activate you to godliness, just like this slime got activated.

"We aren't doing life on our own; God Himself, the Holy Spirit, is with us, in us, helping us every step of the way. He goes with us through everything. And there is nothing more joyful than that!

"Let's take a look at our Bottom Line one more time.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

"Before we head to small groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "When have you experienced joy in your life?"

"Maybe it was a moment when things worked out ... or maybe it was a moment when they didn't, but somehow, you still felt peace. Maybe it was during worship, or with your small group, or in a time when you needed help and God showed up.

"The joy the Holy Spirit brings goes deeper than feelings, deeper than circumstances, deeper than a good day or a bad day. So be honest in your small groups. Share some moments when you've felt joy, and even some moments when you haven't, because both of them matter. And the Holy Spirit wants to meet you in all of them.

"Let's pray together, friends.

COMMUNICATOR: "Holy Spirit, thank You for being with us. We want to walk through life knowing that You are with us. Teach us how to listen to Your voice inside of us. We want Your fruit to grow in us—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Thank You for reminding us that we never have to do life alone. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

(Dismiss kids to small groups.)

AUDIO: Play upbeat music as kids exit

SLIDE: Theme

Optional Video: Theme Loop

3 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed