

MAY 2026 BIBLE LESSON PLANS

Monthly Theme: The Early Church — Growing in Faith and Sharing Jesus

MAY 3, 2026 — THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES (PENTECOST)

Theme: God Gives Us Power to Share

Worship Songs

Let There Be Light:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmXbzKpO1WU&list=RDHmXbzKpO1WU&start_radio=1

World on Fire:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6en34g7R-w&list=RDL6en34g7R-w&start_radio=1

Scripture

Acts 2:1-11

Memory Verse

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” — Acts 2:4

Game (Small Area): Spread the Message

Have children stand in a line or small group. Whisper a short message to the first child, who passes it along to the next. At the end, say the message out loud and compare it to the original. Repeat, encouraging careful listening and sharing. Talk about how the disciples shared the message of Jesus clearly with others.

Craft: Flame Headband

Children create a headband with paper “flames” attached. Explain how the Holy Spirit came like fire and gave the disciples boldness.

Interactive Choose-the-Path Story

The disciples are gathered together when suddenly a loud sound like wind fills the room.

Flames appear above their heads, and they begin speaking in different languages.

Decision 1: What should the disciples do?

A. Hide because they are confused

- B. Go outside and share
- C. Stay quiet

Hiding or staying quiet keeps the message inside.
Going outside helps others hear the good news.

A crowd gathers, amazed that they can understand the disciples.

Decision 2: What should Peter do?

- A. Stay silent
- B. Speak boldly
- C. Walk away

Staying silent or walking away misses the moment.
Speaking boldly shares the truth.

Peter tells the crowd about Jesus.

Decision 3: How should the people respond?

- A. Listen and believe
- B. Ignore him
- C. Laugh

Ignoring or laughing misses the message.
Listening and believing changes their hearts.

Ending:

The Holy Spirit gives power, and many people believe in Jesus.

MAY 10, 2026 — PETER HEALS A LAME MAN

Theme: Faith in Jesus' Power

Worship Songs

My God Is Bigger:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A25eFk8atpY&list=RDA25eFk8atpY&start_radio=1

So So Good: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwSCbDCX-GU&list=RDPwSCbDCX-GU&start_radio=1

Scripture

Acts 3:1-10

Memory Verse

“...In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”— Acts 3:6

Game (Small Area): Walk and Leap

Have children sit on the floor and then, one at a time, stand up and “jump for joy” across a small space. Celebrate each turn. Connect it to how the man walked and praised God.

Craft: Jumping Man Craft

Children draw or assemble a simple figure with moving legs (using paper fasteners if available) to represent the healed man.

Interactive Choose-the-Path Story

A man who cannot walk sits by the temple gate, asking for help.

Peter and John walk by.

Decision 1: What does the man ask for?

- A. Money
- B. Nothing
- C. To be left alone

He asks for money because that’s all he expects.

Peter stops and looks at him.

Decision 2: What should Peter do?

- A. Ignore him
- B. Help in Jesus’ name
- C. Walk past

Ignoring or walking past leaves the man the same.

Helping in Jesus’ name brings change.

Peter tells the man to stand up.

Decision 3: What should the man do?

- A. Try to stand
- B. Refuse
- C. Stay sitting

Refusing or staying still keeps him stuck.

Trying to stand shows faith.

Ending:

The man walks, jumps, and praises God. Everyone sees the power of Jesus.

MAY 17, 2026 — THE BELIEVERS SHARE EVERYTHING

Theme: Generosity and Unity

Worship Songs

Bigger & Better:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyt0lDgaZc4&list=RDlyt0lDgaZc4&start_radio=1

Goodbye Yesterday:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0hbf2g037l&list=RDS0hbf2g037l&start_radio=1

Scripture

Acts 4:32-36

Memory Verse

“They shared everything they had.” — Acts 4:32

Game (Small Area): Share and Care

Give a few children extra supplies (blocks, crayons, etc.) and others very few. Encourage them to share so everyone has enough. Guide them if needed, then discuss how sharing helps everyone.

Craft: Sharing Hands

Children trace their hands and write or draw ways they can share with others.

Interactive Choose-the-Path Story

The new believers gather together and learn about Jesus.

Some have plenty, and some have very little.

Decision 1: What should the believers do?

- A. Keep everything
- B. Share with others
- C. Ignore the need

Keeping or ignoring leaves people in need.

Sharing helps everyone.

They begin to share their food and belongings.

Decision 2: How should they give?

- A. Happily
- B. Complaining
- C. Secretly keeping some back out of selfishness

Complaining or selfishness hurts unity.

Giving happily builds love.

More people join the group.

Decision 3: What happens next?

- A. They grow together
- B. They argue
- C. They leave

Arguing or leaving breaks unity.

Growing together strengthens the church.

Ending:

The believers live in unity, showing God's love through generosity.

MAY 24, 2026 — STEPHEN STANDS FOR JESUS

Theme: Courage to Stand for Truth

Worship Songs

Never Alone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtiYuEUFxoc>

You're with Me:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbRclgWvY_g&list=RDFbRclgWvY_g&start_radio=1

Scripture

Acts 6:8-15

Memory Verse

“Stephen was full of faith.” — Acts 6:5

Game (Small Area): Stand Strong

Have children stand in place while the leader gives simple distractions (noise, movement). The goal is to remain still and focused. Discuss standing strong in faith.

Craft: Shield of Faith

Children decorate a shield and write “Stand strong for Jesus.”

Interactive Choose-the-Path Story

Stephen loves Jesus and tells others about Him.

Some people become angry.

Decision 1: What should Stephen do?

- A. Stop speaking
- B. Keep telling the truth
- C. Run away

Stopping or running away hides the truth.

Speaking truth shows courage.

People argue with Stephen.

Decision 2: How should he respond?

- A. Stay calm
- B. Argue angrily
- C. Leave

Arguing or leaving weakens his message.

Staying calm shows faith.

Stephen continues to trust God.

Decision 3: What fills Stephen’s heart?

- A. Fear
- B. Faith
- C. Anger

Fear or anger distracts.

Faith keeps him strong.

Ending:

Stephen stands strong for Jesus, showing courage and faith.

MAY 31, 2026 — PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN

Theme: Sharing the Good News

Worship Songs

Echo My God:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAnsM2wfLhc&list=RDQAnsM2wfLhc&start_radio=1

I've Got A Fire:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzJjBLcZD4&list=RDJzJjBLcZD4&start_radio=1

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40

Memory Verse

“Philip told him the good news about Jesus.” — Acts 8:35

Game (Small Area): Follow the Guide

One child leads while others follow simple directions around the room. Emphasize listening and guiding others correctly.

Craft: Scroll Craft

Children roll paper into a scroll and draw or write a simple Bible message.

Interactive Choose-the-Path Story

Philip is traveling when God tells him to go to a desert road.

He sees a man reading from a scroll.

Decision 1: What should Philip do?

- A. Ignore him
- B. Go talk to him
- C. Walk away

Ignoring or leaving misses the opportunity.

Talking to him opens the door.

Philip asks if the man understands what he is reading.

Decision 2: What should Philip do next?

- A. Explain the scripture

B. Stay quiet

C. Change the subject

Staying quiet or changing the subject stops learning.

Explaining helps the man understand.

The man believes in Jesus.

Decision 3: What happens next?

A. He is baptized

B. He leaves confused

C. He forgets

Confusion or forgetting stops growth.

Baptism shows faith.

Ending:

The man rejoices, and the good news continues to spread.