

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

APRIL 26TH, WEEK 4

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

PRE-SERVICE

ACTIVITIES 15 MIN

LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

OPENING GAME 10 MIN

WORSHIP 5 MIN

STORY VIDEO 13 MIN

BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT 5 MIN

SMALL GROUP [30-35 min]

ACTIVITY 1 12 MIN

ACTIVITY 2 12 MIN

CLOSING PRAYER 6 MIN

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

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

Bottom Line

The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

Memory Verse

Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord.
I will say it again. Be joyful!
Philippians 4:4 NlrV

Please make sure that children who were not here last week receive a memory verse card to take home so they can practice and memorize it throughout the week.

Please go over the memory verse with the class every Sunday.

PRE-SERVICE Activity & Coloring Pages

What you need:

- Fruit of the Spirit Play-dough Mats
 - Play-dough
- Fruit of the Spirit Coloring Pages
- Pentecost Coloring Pages
- Coloring Supplies

K-2

- “Tongues of Fire”-Pentecost Headband Activity
 - Sentence Strips
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 - Stapler

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 - White Construction Paper
 - Red, Orange and Yellow Streamers or ribbon
 - Double Sided Tape
 - Clear Tape
 - Strips of Paper for handle

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

Have tables set up with activities before the kids arrive. Explain that they can choose to work on whatever they want and can move between the activities if they wish

K-2

- **Fruit of the Spirit Play-dough Mats**

- **Fruit of the Spirit Coloring Pages**

- **Pentecost Coloring Page**

- **“Tongues of Fire” Pentecost Headbands**

Have children decorate headband and attach a flame with glue. Measure the headband to their head and staple it together. Use tape to cover staples.

3-5

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- **Fruit of the Spirit Coloring Pages**

- **Pentecost Coloring Page**

- **“Tongues of Fire” Pentecost Wind Sock**

Have children decorate the white paper for the base of their wind sock. Tape Streamers or ribbon along the long side of the base (around 4 or 5) Roll it into a large tube and seal it with double-sided tape. Attach the handle to the top.

LARGE GROUP

OPENER GAME

“Balloon Frenzy”

What You Need:

- Host
- 10 Kid Volunteers
- Floor tape
- 20-30 Inflated Balloons
(Orange, purple, blue, yellow,
etc.) multiple of each color

Set Up:

- Scatter inflated balloons around the floor in the game area.

HOST: *“Hi, friends! I’m so glad you’re here today! We’re having a big block party this month because we’re celebrating Jesus and the joy He gives us. That’s our theme for the month, ‘Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!’ And we’re going to get this party started with a super-fun game full of colors and balloons! It’s called ‘Balloon Frenzy!’”*

SLIDE: Balloon Frenzy Title

“I need 10 kids to come play our game! If you want to help, raise your hand high!” (Choose 10 volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised. Invite them to the game area.)

“Great! Let’s give our volunteers a big cheer! Look at all the colorful balloons on the floor. For this game, you’re going to dance around while the music plays. But when the music stops, you have to FREEZE! I’ll call out a color, and then you’ll run to grab one balloon of that color and hold it up high!”

“Everyone else, you get to cheer them on!”

“Okay, everybody ready? When I say ‘GO,’ the music will start, and you’ll start dancing!”

“3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!”

AUDIO: Upbeat music

“Time to dance! Let me see your silliest moves! Dance, dance, dance!”

(Play the game. Kids dance. Let the music play for 10-15 seconds.)

AUDIO: Music stops

“FREEZE! Your color is ... blue! Grab a blue balloon and hold it up!”

(Kids run to find a blue balloon.)

(CONT.)

OPENER GAME (CONT.)

"Great job! You can go ahead and put your balloons back on the floor."

"Let's do another round! Everybody ready?"

"3 ... 2 ... 1 ... GO!"

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Kids dance. Let the music play for 10-15 seconds.)

AUDIO: Music stops

(Kids freeze.)

"FREEZE! This time find ... a yellow balloon! Hold one up when you find it!"

(Kids run to find a yellow balloon.)

"Great job! This is so fun!"

(Continue as time allows with more colors.)

"Wow, you guys are good dancers! Thank you for volunteering!"

(If time allows, ask for 10 new volunteers and continue with more rounds.)

"You all did AMAZING! So much joy and energy! And guess what? Today, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible where God gives His people joy, boldness, and power through the Holy Spirit!"

"But first, 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! Now let's go find out more about what that means!"*

Service Flow

WORSHIP

STORY VIDEO

SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

WORSHIP:

Alright everyone — it's time to worship Jesus!

Let's spread out across the room so we have space to move and praise.

(Production: turn off one main light and turn on the light tower by the booth.)

Let's lift our voices and give God our best!

Worship Song:: "Thank God I'm Free" by Elevation Rhythm

STORY TIME: *Wow! What an incredible time of worship! You all did such an amazing job praising God!*

Now, let's all find a seat on the floor and get ready for today's story:

Pentecost / Fruit of the Spirit

Put on your listening ears and quiet voices — let's see what God wants to teach us today!

SALVATION MOMENT: *Alright friends, this is a very special moment. Everyone, bow your heads and close your eyes so we can focus and give privacy to our friends. Walk through the salvation slide and explain clearly and simply. Ask: If you want Jesus to be your forever friend, raise your hand so I can see. Pause. Give the Holy Spirit time to work. Celebrate those who raised their hands! Have everyone open their eyes. **Go through the ABC Prayer together, asking the kids to repeat and follow along with the slides.***

HELPERS: During the salvation moment (while heads are bowed and eyes are closed):

- Quietly walk around and give an "I Decided" card to each child who raised their hand.
- Afterward, ask them to meet with you so you can fill it out.
- Clearly print their first and last name on the salvation sheet.
- Make sure the card goes home to their parents.

If no one raises their hand, that's okay. The Holy Spirit is still working.

Simply mark "**No Response**" on the salvation sheet so we know the moment was covered.

Remember: We plant seeds — God brings the growth.

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 1

“Mighty Wind”

What You Need

- Cotton Balls
- Straws
- Floor Tape

What You Do

- Create a start line and a finish line on the floor with tape.
- Give each kid a straw and a cotton ball. You may have to do it in small groups.
- Explain that they are to move their cotton ball to the finish line using only the “wind” from their straw. No hands allowed!
- On “Go,” instruct them to blow their cotton balls across the floor.

What You Say

“That was a lot of huffing and puffing! You used your breath to make wind to move the cotton balls. In our true story from the Bible today, something happened that sounded like a mighty rushing wind! It was a very special gift from God”

SMALL GROUP

ACTIVITY 2

“Jesus in Many Languages”

“Leader Says”

What You Need

No Supplies Needed

What You Do

- Gather the kids in a circle where everyone can see your hands and face.
- Say the word “Jesus” in English and ask the group to repeat it.
- Teach the three languages one at a time:
- Spanish: Jesús (hay-SOOS). Say it slowly and let kids repeat.
- French: Jésus (ZHAY-zoo). Say it together as a group.
- ASL: Sign “Jesus” by touching the middle of each palm with the opposite middle finger.
- Invite kids to practice each version with a partner.
- Play a quick round of “Leader Says”—you say a language, and they respond in that language.

What You Say

Awesome job, everyone! Did you notice something? No matter what language we used—Spanish, French, or Sign Language—we were still talking about Jesus. That’s exactly what happened in today’s Bible Story. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit helped Jesus’ followers speak in all kinds of languages so everyone could understand the good news that God loves them and Jesus came to rescue them.

“God wanted everyone to hear about His love! So the Holy Spirit gave Jesus’ friends exactly what they needed so that the people there could hear about God’s love. The Holy Spirit still helps us today! He goes through every single bit of life with you and will give you exactly what you need in that moment. He is God in you—He is God closer than close!

“If you need to hear God’s love for you, ask the Holy Spirit to help you. If you need to know the words to speak to a friend, ask the Holy Spirit to give you the right words. If you need to be brave, and bold, and strong, ask God to help you. Go through life aware that the Holy Spirit is in you, and talk to Him about everything like you would your closest friend. God loves you so much that He has moved inside of you through His Holy Spirit. And He wants you to go through life knowing He is with you every step of the way!”

SMALL GROUP

PRAY AND DISMISS

What You Need

- Heart Stickers

What To Do:

- Ask the kids, “What is one thing you need the Holy Spirit to help you with this week? Being kind? Sharing? Having joy?”
- As each kid answers, place a sticker on their hand and say, “God's Spirit is with you.”
- Explain that the sticker is a reminder that God is always with them to help them, even if you can't see Him.

What You Say:

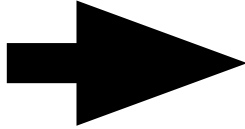
“Look at your hand. That heart reminds us that God loves us and His Spirit lives in us. The important thing is to remember that the Holy Spirit is there to help you. Each morning, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. The Holy Spirit might bring a Bible verse to mind or something kind you could say, even when you're mad. And the more you remember that the Holy Spirit is with you all of the time, the more your life will be filled with joy ... even in the middle of difficult times. The Holy Spirit is God in you, always. Let's pray.”

Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for the Holy Spirit. Thank You that You help us to be kind, patient, and joyful. Please help us this week to show Your love to others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.”

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