

Lesson Plan

May 24th, 2026

This Month's Truth: I am here to share Jesus

Bible Story: The Holy Spirit and the Church (Acts 2)

Theme Verse: For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)

Teachers rally with your team a few minutes before kids start to arrive: Rally is a pre-service time for you to be expectant and equipped before the kids start arriving. Go over the lesson and any ideas for the day. Pray over your space and for the kids that will be coming that they will be connected to the person of Jesus.

Share: We are teaching kids from the book of Acts today. In the Bible story, there was an incredible moment when the Holy Spirit filled the Christians in the early church. As a result, they shared Jesus boldly and saw many people from different backgrounds come to faith in Jesus. (Read Acts 2:40-41.) Kids can know that sharing Jesus is exciting, and we can see God do amazing work in the people around us!

Pray: Lead the group in prayer, thanking God for the exciting opportunity to serve and lead this week.

Pre Service

Arrival time, please use this time to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.

Service

What To Do:

- **Teacher Start 5-minute countdown 5 minutes prior to service start time.**

Teacher Opener: Welcome, everyone! My name is ____, and you are a part of something big today. Look at a friend and ask, "What is it?" (What is it?) We get to discover something amazing we can share with others all the time everywhere we go. When we do, we call that sharing nonstop! If you are ready for some nonstop action, everyone, say, "Nonstop!" (Nonstop!)

Run For It

Game Rules:

1. Split the kids into two to four teams.
2. Invite one player from each team to the front.
3. Announce an object that can be found in and around the room.
4. Challenge players to hurry, find the object, and bring it back to the Teacher.
5. Award a point to each team who returns to the front first.

What You Say: It is time to play a game that is all about nonstop thinking, moving, and cheering each other on! This game is called “Run for It!” What is the game called? (Run for It!) Here is how it works. I will show and say the name of something on the screen that someone on your team probably has. It might be a hat or maybe a water bottle. Who knows? The thing to remember is that the object has to come from your teammates. When I announce the object, you will hurry to your team, get the object, and bring it back to me. The first player to bring the object to me wins that round! Everyone else, your job is to cheer so your friends are encouraged and know you are helping them.

(Invite some kids to front to play)

Loud and Clear: Something blue! Who can bring me something blue! (Allow time and then announce the winner.) What is next?

Something small! Hurry and bring me something small! (Allow time and then announce the winner.) What is next?

Something black! Find something black! (Allow time and then announce the winner.) What is next?

A shoe! Bring back a shoe! (Allow time and then announce the winner.) What is next?

A sock! First a shoe, now a sock! (Allow time and then announce the winner.) What is next?

A watch, bracelet, or hair tie! Find it fast! (Allow time and then announce the winner.) What is our last one?

What You Say: That was so much fun! You saw how quickly your friends hurried to grab what they needed. They did not let anything stop them, and they had fun while doing it! They were going nonstop. Speaking of nonstop, we are going to talk about how we are here to share Jesus nonstop. Say, “I am here to share Jesus!” (I am here to share Jesus!) When we love and follow Jesus, we can tell others about Him nonstop!

Transition Script to go into the Intro Video: It is time for the incredible show where inventors pitch their ideas to a panel of incredible judges. This show is called The Fishbowl! and it is always super exciting! Let’s see today’s episode by calling, “Let’s see The Fishbowl!” (Let’s see The Fishbowl!)

Play Intro Video

What You Say: Everyone, say, “Sunny Celebration Sticker 7000!” three times fast—go! (Allow time.) That sure was exciting! Today we are talking about how we are here to share Jesus. We can know sharing Jesus is exciting! Let me hear you say, “Sharing Jesus is exciting!” (Sharing Jesus is exciting!) When we have something worth celebrating—like the truth about Jesus and His love—it is so exciting to share that with others!

Worship

What You Say: Let’s all stand up and worship together this morning!

What To Do:

- Turn lights off
- 2 songs of worship
- **Teachers and Small Group Leaders worship with the kids, modeling what it looks like to give God our praise. Stand in the front of the room, or next to the kids- but not in the back.**
- Dismiss the kids back to their seats when the songs are over

What To Do:

- Have the kids **open up** a physical Bible and find the Bible story for that day.
- Use the Bibles provided in the classroom if a kid does not have their own Bible with them.

Transition Script to go into the Bible Story Video: (Open the Bible to Acts 2.) Let's jump into our Bible story! We are going to hear about what the Bible, God's true message to us about Himself, has to tell us about sharing Jesus. Today's Bible story comes from the book of Acts. The book of what? (Acts!) Acts is one of the 66 books that are part of the Bible, and it is in the second part of the Bible called the New Testament. Say, "I am excited!" to get our Bible story started! (I am excited!)

Play Bible Story Video

Questions to consider asking after the video:

- What is something that you learned about God from the video?
- What is something that you learned about people?
- What can you take away from the video?
 - How can you apply the lesson from today into your life?

Making The Connection Script: What an exciting story! Peter and the other disciples knew the truth about Jesus. Then God filled them with the Holy Spirit, and they were able to share Jesus so people from different places who speak in different languages could all understand what the disciples were saying. How exciting! Peter boldly shared the truth about Jesus and encouraged everyone listening to repent, which means turning from their sin and following Jesus instead. The people did not just listen—they believed! That is even more exciting!

Say, "Sharing Jesus is exciting!" (Sharing Jesus is exciting!) So many lives were changed because Peter and the disciples shared the truth about Jesus.

Use the Three Circle Graphics on the Playlist

(Circle 3) Peter and the other disciples shared the truth about Jesus with anyone who would listen in Jerusalem that day. They shared that God sent Jesus, who is God's perfect Son, to die on a cross, come back to life, and show that He is the true King of the world. He did this because He loves us and wants to make the way for us to have a relationship with God now and forever. Peter and the disciples knew that this message was too good to keep to themselves, so God sent the Holy Spirit to help them share the truth so others can follow Jesus too. That includes all of us here in this room!

(Circle 1) One day, Jesus will return. He will make everything brand new and like how it was when God first created the world. God created a perfect world with perfect relationships with

people. And when Jesus comes back, everyone who follows Him—like the people in our Bible story—will get to enjoy that perfect relationship forever.

(Circle 2) Peter and the disciples knew people needed to hear the truth about Jesus. All people need to believe in Jesus because all people sin. Sin is when we do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. Our sin breaks our relationship with God, and no matter how hard we try, we cannot fix that broken relationship on our own. Our sin deserves punishment, and that is why God sent Jesus. Peter told people to repent, which means to turn away from sin and start following and obeying Jesus instead. When we repent, we can have a new relationship with God now and forever.

When we trust and follow Jesus, that is the best decision we can ever make. It is so exciting that we cannot keep it to ourselves! The same Holy Spirit we heard about in our Bible story fills us too. We can share Jesus, and when we do, God moves in amazing ways and helps others believe and follow Him too! Then we get to enjoy new relationships with people who follow Jesus too! Isn't that exciting? Let me hear you say, "Sharing Jesus is exciting!" (Sharing Jesus is exciting!)

If you have questions about following Jesus or want to know more, talk with me or your Small Group Leader. We are excited to talk with you!

Offering

What To Do:

- Play video explaining offering to kids
- Play offering time video while kids pass the bucket
- Ask a student(s) to come up and pray over the offering

Theme Verse Review:

Theme Verse Motions:

For everyone who calls (Bring both hands to your mouth like you are shouting.)

on the name of the Lord (Point up with both hands.)

will be saved. (Cross arms over your chest. Rotate arms out to your side with your fists pointed up.)

Romans 10:13 (Hold both hands out like a book.)

What You Say: We have a Theme verse that has something exciting we can share with others. Let's learn our Theme verse together!

Play Theme Verse Video

What You Say: This Bible verse says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Who can call on the name of the Lord and be saved? (Everyone!) Turning from sin to trust and follow Jesus is the only way to have a forever relationship with God. When we share the truth about Jesus and people follow Him, their lives change forever, and that is exciting! Say, "Sharing Jesus is exciting!" (Sharing Jesus is exciting!)

Large Group Closing:

What You Say: It was an exciting day when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples! They shared Jesus, and so many people turned from sin to follow Jesus. It is exciting when we share Jesus, too, because God fills us with the Holy Spirit, and He works through our sharing to help others believe. Stand up and say, in your most excited voice, "Sharing Jesus is exciting!" (Sharing Jesus is exciting!) Great! Sit back down so we can pray and talk with God in 3-2-1.

Closing Prayer: God, thank You for letting us be a part of Your big plan. Thank You for sending Jesus and for the chance to share His love with others. Thank You for filling us with the Holy Spirit, who helps us share Jesus with others. Help us to be brave, bold, excited, and full of joy as we share Jesus with others. Amen.

Transition to Small Group Time: Split the kids into small groups. This can be done either by age, grade, or gender.

Small Group Time:

Option #1: Connection Questions

What To Do: Let's talk about how sharing Jesus is exciting and how God works through us to help others know Him.

1. What is something exciting that has happened or is coming up that you can share with us? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

Community Big Kids

2. Can you make your face look like an emoji, and the rest of us can guess what emotion you are feeling? (Allow responses.) How can an excited emoji remind us about what it is like to share Jesus? (It reminds us that **sharing Jesus is exciting.**)
3. The Bible tells us that **sharing Jesus is exciting** because God can use our words to help others believe. Let's open our Bibles to **Acts 2:40-41** and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) In these Bible verses, the Holy Spirit filled Peter, who told a big crowd all about Jesus. That day, thousands of people believed in and followed Jesus! Why is that exciting? (Peter and the believers got to see lots of people trust and follow Jesus. It is exciting because so many people's lives were changed when they heard about Jesus and believed in Him.)
4. What can we share about Jesus, and what can happen in people's lives when we do? (Jesus died and came back to life to take the punishment for our sin. He made the only way for us to be a part of God's family. When we share that news with others, they can turn from sin and have a forever relationship with God too.)
5. The Bible tells us **sharing Jesus is exciting!** In Acts 2, we saw how God worked through Peter and the disciples so that thousands of people believed in Jesus. God can work through you too. What is something you learned today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

Option #2: Call the Name

Leader Prep: Use the Theme Verse Poster, Theme Verse Slide, or display the Theme verse in a visible location for the kids to see. "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

What To Do: When we share Jesus, we can share boldly! It is like sharing exciting news through a megaphone, so let's decorate some Theme verse megaphones. Color in the words of the Theme verse and decorate the megaphone. Then color around the megaphone (or even on it), draw pictures or write the names of friends, family, and other people you can share Jesus with.

Keep It Going: Cup hands in front of mouths like a megaphone and repeat the Theme verse.

Loud And Clear: This Bible verse tells us that, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." That means everyone who repents, or turns from sin and decides to follow Jesus, will be rescued from sin and get to have a relationship forever with God. That is so exciting! God works through us when we share Jesus, creating exciting life change in other people. Your

megaphone reminds you that your voice matters. God can and will work through you to help others know about and follow Jesus!

Option #3: Activity Page

What To Do: This activity page helps us remember some big things we have learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together.

Leader Tip: Get to know the kids better. Ask them what they remember about the Bible story or remind them that sharing Jesus is exciting. When the Holy Spirit filled Peter and the disciples, they shared the good news about Jesus, and thousands believed! This shows us that sharing Jesus is exciting and part of God's unstoppable plan.

Loud And Clear: When we are excited about something, we want to tell people! As you complete your activity pages, talk with your friends about how God sent the Holy Spirit to help people like Peter and the disciples share Jesus. God worked through them and thousands of people believed in Jesus, which is exciting! God works through us too, and we can share Jesus nonstop.

Close out in prayer:

What To Do:

- Ask for any specific prayer requests
- Lead the group in the prayer below.

What You Say: God, thank You so much for sending the Holy Spirit and working through the disciples to help so many people know and follow You. Thank You that You work through us in the same way. Sharing about Jesus is exciting! Help us be bold and brave to share Jesus and work through us to bring exciting changes in people's lives! Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader Tip: Work with your team to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.