

K-3rd

Large Group

April — Week 4

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival : 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown : 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group : 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

- Opener
- Bible Story
- Talk It Out!
- Memory Verse
- Prayer

Transition to Small group : 9:55-10:00
/11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Pentecost/Fruit of the Spirit
• **Acts 2:1-41**

Bottom Line



Memory Verse



OPENER

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE → Theme

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown
Optional Video → Theme Intro

“HOST: “Hey, everybody! Welcome back to our Block Party! This month’s theme is, ‘Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!’ Take a look around the room. Give someone near you a high five! And now, on the count of three, shout the name of your favorite party snack. Ready? One, two, three!

(Pause while kids shout their favorite party snack.)

“Awesome! This is definitely a room ready to party.

“I’m so glad you’re here today because this whole month, we’ve been celebrating the kind of joy that comes from Jesus, joy that never runs out. And today, we’re going to talk about Someone amazing, the Holy Spirit. But before we jump into the story, we’re going to kick this party off with one of the wildest games ever.

SLIDE → Game_Confetti Craze Title

AB_Upbeat Music

“Today’s game is called ‘Confetti Craze!’ Here’s how it works: I’m going to choose two teams, Team One and Team Two. Each team will have a bowl on their side of the room. When I say, ‘Go,’ we’re going to blast confetti into the air—these two leaders are going to shoot confetti cannons—and for the next two minutes, your team will gather as much confetti from the floor as you can and bring it back to your bowl.

“You can ONLY pick up confetti from the floor, not from the other team’s bowl. When the timer ends, everyone freezes right where they are, so we can see which bowl has more confetti

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10 MINUTES

OPENER

“Okay, I’m going to need two teams of eight. And if you don’t get picked this round, that’s okay! You get to cheer as loud as possible, and we may even play another round. If you’d like to play, raise your hand!

(Choose 16 kids from the ones who have their hands raised and invite them to the game area. Split them into two teams of eight and send each team to their side of the room.)

“Teams, find your bowl so you know exactly where to put your confetti when you collect it. Everyone else, you’re the cheering squad. When the countdown starts, leaders—pop those confetti cannons. That will be the signal for the race to begin!

“Here we go! Confetti cannons ready? Teams ready? Audience ready? Three ... two ... one ... POP IT!

(Two leaders pop the confetti cannons into the game area.)

SLIDE_Two-Minute Countdown

(Play the game. Cheer on both teams and involve the audience. Make sure the kids are only picking up confetti from the floor and only putting the confetti in their team’s bowl.)

“Go, go, go! Pick up that confetti! Move those feet! Look at all the color flying everywhere—this room is starting to look like a real party! Keep going!

(Once the two-minute timer is up ...)

“Great job, everyone! Stay frozen while we take a look at the bowls to see which team picked up the most confetti!

(Pause while you look at each bowl to see which team picked up the most confetti.)

“Let me get a drumroll! (Encourage the kids to pat their legs to make a drumroll.)

“And the winner is ... [Team Name]! Let’s give both teams a huge round of applause! That was amazing!

(Continue for as many rounds as time allows. Ask for 16 new volunteers at the start of each round. You’ll need two new confetti cannons for each round. Instruct the new teams that they can pick up the old confetti if there’s any left on the ground as well as the new confetti from the new confetti cannons.)

“Wow, that was so much fun! You all turned this room into a celebration AND helped clean it up! What a joyful party!

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OPENER

“Our Bottom Line for today is about joy—let’s check it out.

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: “We will be unpacking this more today! I’m so glad you’re here. Let’s to learn more about what that means!”

10 MINUTES

Story

③ Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W4

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Today, we saw something amazing: Jesus’ followers were waiting, praying, and trusting God, and then the Holy Spirit came. The Holy Spirit filled them with courage, strength, and joy that didn’t depend on anything around them. Just like the helium balloons that rose up and up, the Holy Spirit lifted their hearts so they could love deeply and boldly share the good news about Jesus with the whole world. Just like He did with the followers of Jesus, the Holy Spirit can help you, guide you, and fill you with joy that lasts no matter what kind of day you’re having.

“Why? Why does the Holy Spirit do all of that? Why does He give us courage and strength and power and grow all of that beautiful fruit?”

“Because the Holy Spirit is God in us! The God who is the strongest is in us through His Spirit, and His presence can make us brave and bold. The God who is loving, and joyful, and peaceful, and patient, and kind, and good, and faithful, and gentle, and self-controlled is in us, and as we stay close to Him, He will grow those things in us!

“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. And there is nothing more joyful than that!”

“Let’s take a look at our Bottom Line again.

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “The Holy Spirit gives you joy. Say that with me, everyone!”

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: [Bottom Line] “The Holy Spirit gives you joy.”

SLIDE -> Memory Verse



5 MINUTES

TALK IT OUT



Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?

It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**

That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

Talk It Out Questions

Why were Jesus' followers together in the house?

- A. They were hiding
- B. Jesus told them to wait
- C. They wanted food

✓ Answer: B — Jesus told them to wait.

What sound suddenly filled the house?

- A. A rushing wind
- B. Loud music
- C. Thunder

✓ Answer: A — A rushing wind.

What appeared over the believers' heads?

- A. Stars
- B. Tongues of fire
- C. Clouds

✓ Answer: B — Tongues of fire.

What amazing thing happened when the Holy Spirit came?

- A. They could fly
- B. They spoke new languages
- C. They disappeared

✓ Answer: B — They spoke new languages.

Who stood up and spoke to the crowd?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. David

✓ Answer: B — Peter.

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SLIDE -> Talk It Out

Talk It Out Questions

What did Peter tell the people to do?

- A. Go home
- B. Turn away from sin and follow Jesus
- C. Build a temple

✓ Answer: B — Turn away from sin and follow Jesus.

About how many people chose to follow Jesus that day?

- A. 30
- B. 300
- C. 3000

✓ Answer: C — 3000.

Where does the Holy Spirit live today?

- A. In the sky
- B. Inside people who follow Jesus
- C. In the temple

✓ Answer: B — Inside people who follow Jesus.

Which of these is a fruit of the Holy Spirit?

- A. Anger
- B. Kindness
- C. Fighting

✓ Answer: B — Kindness.

10 When the Holy Spirit works in us, what happens?

- A. Good things grow in our lives
- B. Nothing changes
- C. We become invisible

✓ Answer: A — Good things grow in our lives.

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Prayer

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: “Holy Spirit, we want to learn how to walk through life with You as our closest friend. Teach us how to hear Your voice. Help us feel Your joy lifting our hearts when things are hard. We open our hearts to You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ Name. Amen.”

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.
AUDIO -> Play high-energy music as the kids exit.
SLIDE -> Theme
Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop