



Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



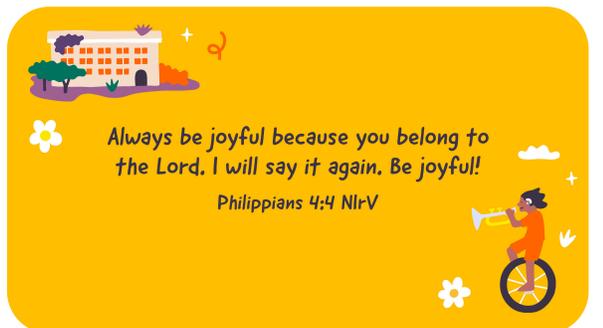
Bible Story

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

Bottom Line



Monthly Memory Verse



Greeting & Prayer



What You Need

- A Spinning Wheel
- Prayer Chart

① What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive -> Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that His love is for the whole world, and that includes you and every person you will ever meet. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were confused about God, and He met you in your questions. Ask God to help the kids in your group understand that “the whole world” means everyone. Pray they would know God loves them, He loves their family, He loves their friends, and He loves the new person at school.

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

② What You Say

“Prayer is how we talk with God, our loving Father. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing—talking to Him anytime, anywhere. Whatever you do, begin with prayer. When you do, you can trust that God is in control and working in every situation.”

Transition -> Lead your group to the small group activity

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ACTIVITY ONE

GROUPS 3/4

Sculpted Creations

What You Need

- Bible
- Play-Doh
- Paper plates



What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Read Acts 2:1-4. Explain that this is part of the story of Pentecost!
- Give each kid a paper plate and a lump of dough/clay.
- Talk about the story of Pentecost: The sound of wind, the tongues of fire, people speaking different languages, and the church growing.
- Ask the kids to choose one part of the story to sculpt. They could make a flame, a person, a mouth (for speaking), or a heart (for the fruit of the spirit).
- Give them time to create.
- Go around the circle and let each kid show what they made and explain which part of the story it is.

What You Say:

"These sculptures are awesome! You remembered so many details. The wind and fire were signs that each believer had been filled with the Holy Spirit. God gave another sign too: these men and women began speaking in languages that they hadn't known before! A crowd gathered because they heard their own languages being spoken. They were hearing about God's Big Story in a way they could understand! The most important part is that God sent His Holy Spirit, His very Spirit, to be with us. God is closer than close! The Holy Spirit helps us hear from God, know Him more, and gives us joy. [Bottom Line] The Holy Spirit gives you joy."



ACTIVITY TWO

GROUPS 1/4

Filled with Joy!

Faith Skills



Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- Large, prepared with "JOY" written on it in bubble letters
- Ink pads(washable, various colors)
- Baby wipes for cleanup

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to press their finger onto an ink pad and then stamp it inside the letters J-O-Y.
- Let them fill the letters with colorful fingerprints.
- As they stamp, ask, "How can the Holy Spirit help you have joy this week?"
- Let them share ideas (helping me be nice, helping me not be scared).
- Clean hands with baby wipes.

What You Say:

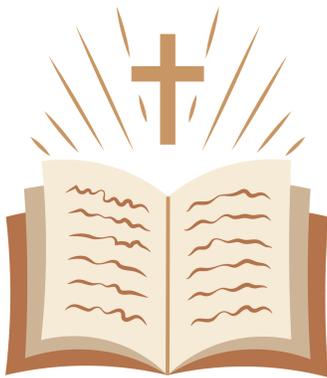
"This JOY sign is beautiful because it has a piece of all of you in it. Just like the Holy Spirit fills us up with joy, we filled these letters up with color.

Inclusive Pro Tips



Use thumbs-up and thumbs-down if not all children can sit and stand easily.

MONTLY BIBLE VERSE CHALLENGE!



What You Do

- Have all the kids recite the memory verse out loud together several times.
- Explain that this practice helps everyone learn and feel more confident.
- Ask the kids to raise their hands if they want to try saying the verse on their own.
- Invite one child at a time to come up to the Memory Verse Challenge Spot.
- When a child recites the verse, let them choose a prize from the prize box!
- Please tell the kids if they're not ready this time, that's okay---you can always try again next month!



Pray and Dismiss



What You Say

"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."

Transition -> As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share one promise from today's Bible Story that God kept and remind the kids to share that *[Bottom Line]* Jesus is good news for everyone.

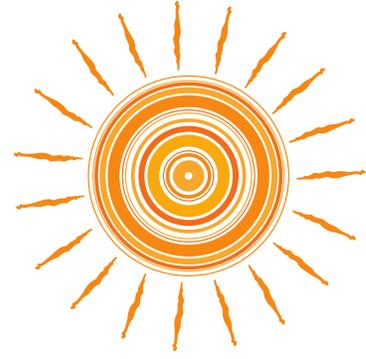
Inclusive Pro Tips



Instead of praying silently, give options for the kids to write or doodle to God quietly.



CHOOSE
JOY



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