



# 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



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# 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
- Modeling Clay (Two per child)
- 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

# Joyful Jump

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God



## What You Need

- Bibles marked at Philippians 4:4

## What You Do:

- Give each kid a Bible marked at Philippians 4:4.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse using the Bible Navigation Tips.
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Instruct the kids to stand up with plenty of space around them.
- Say the Memory Verse together once: Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! —Philippians 4:4
- Tell the kids you are going to say the verse again, but this time, they are to jump up and down the whole time!
- Start jumping and saying the verse.
- Challenge the kids to keep jumping until the very end!
- Do it again, maybe hopping on one foot this time.

## What You Say:

“Whew! I’m out of breath! Jumping makes me feel joyful. Remember, even when we aren’t jumping, we can have joy on the inside because God is with us. The Holy Spirit lives inside every one of us who follows Jesus. The more that we trust and rely on the Holy Spirit, the more our lives will be filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As we grow in our faith and our relationship with God, we will look more and more like Him. [Bottom Line] The Holy Spirit gives you joy.”

### 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.