

Lesson #78: Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/SDDMBAPE8TY>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/gjdcZG6m7oM>

Worship Theme: The Holy Spirit is powerful.

Memory Verse: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth." (John 14:16-17a)

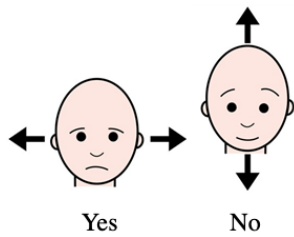
Songs (Youtube links):

1. When the Spirit of the Lord <https://youtu.be/RODHIMCRzw4>
2. I Know that <https://youtu.be/ywt-KvGIQcE>
3. God Send His Son <https://youtu.be/eDsWfEtrnS0>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Yes or No"



1. Ask the children to sit in 2 or 3 groups.
2. Teacher will ask "yes" or "no" biblical questions. To signify "yes," the children **shake** their head, and to signify "no," the children will **nod** their head.
3. The children are not allowed to discuss the answers. The group that answers and acts correctly according to the question will win the game.

4. Questions:

- a. The first man in the Bible is Adam (yes)
 - b. Abraham built the big boat (no)
 - c. Jonah was in the crocodile's stomach (no)
 - d. Jesus rose again on Sunday (yes)
 - e. Jesus walked on the water (yes)
 - f. Peter healed his mother-in-law (no)
 - g. After Jesus ascended to heaven, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit (yes)
5. After the game, explain to the children that the Holy Spirit is powerful and helps us to do mighty things.

Introduction:

How would you like it when your family goes somewhere without taking you? Do you like to be left behind? How would you feel? When Jesus told the disciples that he will be leaving them soon, how do you think the disciples felt? Do you think they were scared? Confused? Angry?

We know that Jesus will never leave us to take care of ourselves alone. Jesus knew that the disciples would need help to fulfill the mission planned for them. So Jesus made a promise to send a Helper. Can you guess who this Helper is? Let's learn about the Helper in today's lesson!

Bible Story:

Jesus knew that it was time for him to return to heaven. But he didn't want his disciples to be sad or afraid. So Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help them. The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit. That is why the Holy Spirit is powerful. After Jesus went to heaven, the people celebrated a holiday called Pentecost. People from all over the world were in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. The people spoke many different languages, but they all came to Jerusalem to thank God for their good harvests.

The disciples were gathered in one place during this special holiday. Suddenly it happened. No one knows exactly how, but the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus. They heard the sound of a loud rushing wind. They saw little tongues of fire over each person. All at once Jesus' disciples began to speak in other languages. It was a miracle because the disciples didn't really know how to speak those languages. The Holy Spirit helped them to speak in foreign languages. And the people who were visiting Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost heard Jesus' disciples speaking in their own languages. Some of the people didn't understand that the powerful Holy Spirit had come to the disciples and caused this to happen. They thought the disciples were drunk.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, the disciples had boldness and courage to tell others about Jesus. They wanted everyone to know that Jesus was the Christ and that they were his disciples. Peter was one of Jesus' disciples. He boldly stood up where all the people could see him. He told the people that they had received a great blessing from God. He preached to the people about Jesus and let them know that God's Holy Spirit was now with them. The people listened and heard Peter with their hearts as well as with their ears. And thousands of the people believed in Jesus that day. The Holy Spirit truly was a powerful helper.

This same powerful Holy Spirit lives inside everyone who believes in Jesus and gives us strength, courage, and comfort, too! Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us because he loves us and wanted us to be able to be strong and courageous. We're God's children. God takes care of us by sending the powerful Holy Spirit to us. We are powerful because the Holy Spirit lives inside us is powerful.

Questions to discuss:

1. Who did Jesus send as the Helper after he ascended into heaven? (The Holy Spirit)
2. Why is the Holy Spirit powerful? (Because he is God's Spirit)
3. What miracle happened when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples? (They could speak in other languages, and they became courageous to speak about Jesus)
4. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to us? (We need God's help to follow Jesus; the Holy Spirit helps us live the way Jesus wants us to.)
5. Does the Holy Spirit live in you? (Yes, I believe in Jesus, so the Holy Spirit lives in me!)

Game: "Balloon Race"

The material needed: balloons, basket.



1. Group the children in 2 groups.
2. Divide each group into pairs, and give a balloon to each pair.
3. Each pair will place the balloon in between their arms (see picture) and run to the basket.
4. The first pair to get the balloon into the basket gets a point for their team.
5. Let the next pair play the game. Play until every pair has a turn. The team with the most point wins the game. If the balloon falls, the children need to restart.
6. Through this game, the children will learn to help each other like the Holy Spirit is the great helper who helps us all the time.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: "Crown of the Holy Spirit"

Materials Needed: Paper, crayon, scissors, glue, tape/stapler

1. Let the children make flames by coloring white paper or cutting out colored paper.
2. Glue different size flames into one flame and glue it to the long strip of paper.

3. Teacher can help tape/staple the long strip to fit the head of the children to make it into a crown.
4. Explain to the children that all believers of Jesus have the powerful Holy Spirit live in them to give them courage and strength!



Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

If you read Acts 3:12-20, you can see that the power of the Holy Spirit radically changed Peter. He once denied Jesus but now boldly preached about Jesus. How has the Holy Spirit changed you? How will you rely on the Spirit's power to live daringly and speak boldly about your faith? Pray, asking the Holy Spirit to help change your lifestyle to become bold for Jesus Christ.