

# The Holy Spirit

## LIFE POINT

People can learn that Jesus is God's Son.

## BIBLE PASSAGE

Acts 2

### UNIT VERSE:

Preschool- God loved us and sent His Son. 1 John 4:10

Elementary- Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

## A NOTE FOR PARENTS

Parents, today the Bible story helped your child learn that the Holy Spirit helps people understand God's plan for salvation. After Jesus ascended to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples who preached the gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask your child to find something in the Bible that has been difficult for them to understand. Comment that God sends His Holy Spirit to Christians to help them. If your child is not a Christian yet, begin to talk to them about how to become a Christian.

## Peter Preached About Jesus

Based on Acts 2

### PRESCHOOL:

Peter and the other disciples (helpers) of Jesus were together in a house. They heard a sound like a strong wind. People gathered outside the house after hearing the sound. The disciples began to speak in different languages. They went out to tell the people about Jesus. The people were surprised that the disciples could speak in many languages. Peter stood up and talked to all the people. "Listen to me," Peter said. "God did this. God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus did many miracles. Jesus told us about God. He died but now is alive. Now Jesus, God's Son, is in heaven with God." Many people listened to the message that Peter spoke that day. "What should we do?" the people asked. Peter told them to start making right choices and to learn more about God's Son, Jesus. Three thousand people believed what Peter said. They met with the disciples to learn more about Jesus.

### ELEMENTARY

Jesus had promised the disciples that the Holy Spirit would be coming. Peter and the other disciples of Jesus were together in a house, celebrating Pentecost, with a feast. Suddenly, a sound like a rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house. The disciples saw tongues that looked like flames of fire resting on everyone's head. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, languages that they had never heard before.

Jews from every nation were staying in Jerusalem for the feast. A crowd came together and the people were confused because they each heard the disciples speak in their own language. Everyone was amazed. The Holy Spirit helped everyone hear about Jesus.

Peter stood up and spoke loudly to everyone. He began preaching about Jesus. He told the crowd how Jesus had been crucified on a cross and how God had raised Him to live again. He told them all about the wonderful miracles God had done through Jesus.

When the people heard Peter preaching, they believed, and asked him what they should do. Peter told them they must do 3 things:

1. confess their sins (tell Jesus the things that they did wrong),
2. repent (tell Him that they were truly sorry and then with Jesus' help, try not to sin again), and
3. be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Peter told them that they would then receive the Holy Spirit. About 3,000 people accepted Jesus as their Savior that day and were baptized. God gives the Holy Spirit to help people understand God's plan for salvation. The Holy Spirit is still at work today. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come and help His followers.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who was in the house? (Jesus and the disciples)
- What did they hear? (a rushing wind)
- Name one thing Peter said to the crowd. ("Jesus is alive! We are witnesses. Repent and turn to Jesus for forgiveness from sin.")
- How many people chose to believe? (about 3,000 people)
- What happened when the believers were gathered together? (A rushing wind filled the house, and the Holy Spirit came to the believers.)
- What were the believers able to do after God sent the Holy Spirit to them? (The believers were able to speak in different languages.)
- Why were the people amazed and confused? (because they could understand the believers in their own languages)
- Who helped the people understand God's plan for salvation? (the Holy Spirit)

## BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### \*COLOR SHEET

*What you need: Color sheet and crayons*

As they are coloring, review today's story. Talk about what it must have been like for the Holy Spirit to come to the disciples and then all of them be able to speak a different language. Try to all sing a different song at the same time to hear how crazy it must have sounded. But, people from different nations could understand them and heard the gospel (the story of Jesus) that day. So many were saved!! God is so good!

### Count Blocks

*Things you need: Interlocking brick blocks (Legos), number cube (die)*

Lead your child to roll the number cube and count that many blocks. Encourage them to stack those blocks into a tower. Roll the cube again. Build another stack or add to the existing tower. Make two stacks of blocks (different amounts). Compare the two stacks of blocks. Count each stack and determine which number is greater. Talk about the Bible story. Remind the children that 3,000 people believed when Peter preached. Say that 3,000 people began to make right choices and learn more about God. The disciples must have been excited to help so many people learn about Jesus.

## **\*UNIQUELY YOU FLOWER**

*What you need: Bibles, white paper, rulers, pencils, markers, paper plates, paintbrushes, washable paint, baby wipes, paper to cover the table*

**What you do:** Cover the work area with paper. Using a paintbrush, place a small amount of several different colors of paint on paper plates. Place baby wipes on the table. Help your child to turn to John 14:26 in their Bibles. Read the verse together. Remind them how God created every person to be unique. Ask your child to name some things about themselves that are different from everyone else in their family (Examples: hair color, height, etc.) and make sure they mention their fingerprints. Explain that the Holy Spirit helps all people understand God's plan for salvation, no matter how people are alike or different. Help your child write the Bible verse, or a shorter version of the verse, at the bottom of their papers. Create a fingerprint flower. To create a dandelion, draw a circle in the center of the paper. Use a ruler to draw several lines of various lengths across the center point.

Your child will press a fingertip lightly in the paint and press the fingertip lightly on their papers, at each end of the lines. Suggest they complete petals of one color at a time, moving around the paper, before using a baby wipe to clean the paint from their fingers and start with a new color. Create a stem with a green marker.

## **\*LEADER SAYS**

**What you need:** Bibles, Music, white heavyweight paper (1 per child), markers, multicolored chalk or crayons, painters' tape

Instruct your child to gather for a game.

Explain that he/she will be playing a game similar to "Simon Says", but this game is called "Leader Says" Tell your child that if the statement doesn't start with "Leader Says," it is an action that man wants you to complete. Don't do it!

Say the following out loud:

Leader says: High-five your friend.

Leader says: Wave your arms in the air.

Complete three jumping jacks. (Do not complete the action.)

Whisper your name. (Do not complete the action.)

Leader says: Clap your hands.

Leader says: Hop on your left foot five times.

Hop on your right foot two times. (Do not complete the action.)

Touch your toes. (Do not complete the action.)

Leader says: Sit down.

Say that even though this is a fun activity, in our daily lives, the Holy Spirit directs and guides us when we make decisions. People tell us what to do all the time, but it's usually me-focused. When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we are honoring God. The Holy Spirit helps us understand God's plan for salvation.

## **\*PRAY AND DISMISS**

*What you need: No supplies Needed*

Review with your child, Jesus is the one and only way to receive eternal life (living with God in heaven forever).

Encourage your child to tell someone about the love of Jesus this week. Remind them that the Holy Spirit will help followers of Jesus to tell others about God's plan of salvation.

Pray for an opportunity to tell someone about Jesus this week.





## Peter Preached About Jesus

Jesus is the Son of God. *John 20:31*

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**UNIT 2**  
**SESSION 4**

*The Holy Spirit Came*

**PICTURE**

**THE STORY**

Draw a picture in each box illustrating what happened in the Bible story.

**UNIT VERSE**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6 (NIV)

DISCIPLES SITTING IN THE UPPER ROOM

DISCIPLES LOOKING SURPRISED AT A RUSHING WIND COMING THROUGH THE ROOM

DISCIPLES WITH TONGUES OF FIRE ABOVE THEIR HEADS

PETER STANDING AND SPEAKING

PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED

**Think  
About  
It**

Find John 14:26 in your Bible.

What does the verse say the Holy Spirit will do?