

Lesson Plan: Pentecost 5-31-20

Welcome the child/children. Note if they are wearing red or if there is anything red around you. That is the special color of Pentecost. You will soon know why.

Review:

Last week we talked about the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth, being like the GPS on a cell phone.

ASK:

1. What can the GPS on a cell phone tell us? (*It tells us how to get where we want to go.*)
2. What else can help guide us? (*The bible.*)
3. Can anyone or anything else help us? (Ask your parents)
4. Did you think of how someone who can't yet read can find the Holy Spirit?

Today we are going to learn more about this spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit. Jesus had gone to be with God. It was Pentecost in Jerusalem, a festival day when people came from all over the land to celebrate the first blessings of the harvest. The disciples were also there.

Find your bible and read Acts 2:1-4. Be ready to hear the story again and to make a whooshing sound whenever you hear the words Holy Spirit. (Read from the **Retelling Pentecost** page.)

ASK:

1. What happened when the Holy Spirit came? (*They heard a strong wind and saw flames on each other's heads. They could understand each other.*)
2. What kinds of things did the new followers of Jesus do together? (*Pray, learn and break bread together.*)
3. How did the Holy Spirit help them behave afterwards? (*They shared, told others about Jesus, worshiped and helped people.*)

Activities for you:

1. Make a birthday cake for the church. (Some people consider Pentecost the birthday of the church because so many people became followers of Jesus.) Sing happy birthday.
2. Make a windsock and hang where it will catch the wind.
(Need red construction paper rectangle. Roll and fasten. Use hole punch to make 2 holes opposite each other near top, string with yarn, 15-18 inches in length. Decorate with strips of red, yellow, orange crepe or other available colored paper. Staple these around the bottom.)
3. Color the Holy Spirit flame picture

4. Do the Word Search
5. Word Puzzle-write words on each line starting with that letter and describing what you heard in the story. (E.g. people, excitement, noise, tongues, energy, crazy, others, spirit, terrible.)

Sing this song: **I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NC-IVZOIHg> Sing the words Holy Spirit instead of Love of Jesus.

(And I'm so happy, so very happy, I've got the Holy Spirit in my Heart, repeat.)

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us and bring us hope. Watch over us this week as we complete our very different school year. May your spirit continue to move us closer to you. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen

Retelling Pentecost

On the day of Pentecost, the friends of Jesus were together in one place. As they were talking, they heard a sound like blowing of a strong wind that filled the whole room. (Make whooshing sound)

Then they saw something that looked like bright flames resting on their heads. They felt the **Holy Spirit** (whoosh) filling their hearts. Everyone started talking at once. This must be the **Holy Spirit** (whoosh) that Jesus promised to send us! The **Holy Spirit** (whoosh) helped them to feel that Jesus was still with them. Crowds of people heard what was happening at the home of Jesus' friends, so they gathered around to listen. Everyone could understand and talk to everyone else, no matter where they came from! It was amazing.

Peter, one of Jesus' friends said, "Follow Jesus and Jesus will forgive your sins and give you the gift of the **Holy Spirit** (whoosh). The Holy Spirit (**whoosh**) is for everyone!" People wanted to follow Jesus, and they were baptized in the name of the Father, Son and **Holy Spirit** (whoosh).

Jesus' friends told many people about the wonderful thing that had happened to them when Jesus gave them the **Holy Spirit** (whoosh). Many people became followers of Jesus, and they came together to pray, to learn from the disciples and to break bread together. People were amazed at the way the **Holy Spirit** (whoosh) helped everyone to share with one another, tell the good news about Jesus, worship and care for people who needed help.



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Word Search

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



Y	K	J	T	N	K	H	J	G	A	M	A	Z	E	D
T	Q	B	F	F	P	E	N	T	E	C	O	S	T	U
L	P	I	Q	H	C	I	D	Q	I	E	S	T	R	G
H	R	J	C	I	W	D	F	B	E	Q	V	C	O	G
H	E	A	R	O	S	T	F	I	L	L	E	D	A	R
P	W	S	L	G	T	P	O	C	C	K	R	X	X	S
Y	S	B	P	P	F	H	I	N	U	W	I	P	F	L
L	V	C	D	E	N	D	E	R	G	U	I	J	C	W
K	A	Z	Z	I	A	U	W	R	I	U	L	N	R	Y
I	W	N	M	O	L	K	X	Q	U	T	E	D	D	U
C	F	H	G	H	E	A	V	E	N	C	I	S	A	D
J	O	I	O	U	E	Z	A	E	X	G	H	T	N	O
R	E	Q	R	L	A	D	E	W	E	E	N	U	Y	Y
C	H	J	P	E	Y	G	H	I	N	T	O	H	F	H
F	A	H	T	I	M	L	E	U	Y	S	T	R	G	B

SPEAK
SOUND
FILLED

LANGUAGE
OTHER
WIND

PENTECOST
HOLY
FIRE

HEAVEN
SPIRIT
TONGUES

BLOWING
HEAR
AMAZED



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Directions: Write a word or words on each line to describe what you heard in the Pentecost story or how you interpret the Pentecost story.



