3RD – 4TH GRADE · TEACHING PAGES · ACTS 2:1-47; GENESIS 11:1-9

The Holy Spirit Comes

At Pentecost the risen Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit. The disciples spoke in many languages, Peter preached Jesus crucified and risen, 3,000 responded by repenting and being baptized, and the new church overflowed with joy.

PRINCIPLE: JOY · The Holy Spirit is God's gift to everyone who trusts Jesus, and He fills God's people with real, deep joy.

Creation God made it	Fall We broke it	**Redemption Jesus fixes it**	Restoration Jesus makes it new

MEMORY VERSE

“And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Acts 2:21 BSB

START HERE

Ask, "If you heard a huge wind inside a house but nothing blew away, what would you think?" Let them guess. Say, "That's how one of the most important days in history began."

Bible story 8 min

On the day of Pentecost, the believers were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like a strong, rushing wind came from heaven. It filled the whole house. They saw what looked like flames of fire. The flames split apart and rested on each person. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the words.

BIBLE TIMES

The feast of Pentecost

Pentecost was a harvest festival, also called the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23:15-21). Jewish people from many countries traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the first wheat harvest and thank God. So the city was packed with visitors who spoke many different languages.

Jews from every nation were staying in Jerusalem. They heard the sound and gathered in a crowd. They were amazed, because each one heard the believers speaking in his own language. "Aren't these men from Galilee?" they asked. "How can we each hear them in our own home language?" But some laughed. "They're drunk!"

BIBLE TIMES

Many languages

Jews had been scattered across the Roman Empire and beyond for hundreds of years. Many grew up

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speaking Greek, Latin, Aramaic, Persian, Egyptian or Arabic. When the disciples, who were from Galilee, spoke their home languages, the visitors were amazed.

Peter stood up and spoke loudly. "These people aren't drunk. It's only nine in the morning! This is what God promised through the prophet Joel. He would pour out His Spirit on all people. Jesus was killed on a cross, but God raised Him from the dead. Now He has poured out the Spirit you see and hear. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ!"

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Compare Genesis 11:1-9 with Acts 2:5-11. At Babel, people tried to make a name for themselves. God mixed up their language and scattered them. At Pentecost, people from every nation gathered, and each one heard about Jesus in his own language. God didn't make everyone speak one language again. He spoke all their languages and gathered them into one family. Pentecost is Babel turned around!

The people felt sorry in their hearts. "What should we do?" they asked. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Your sins will be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." About 3,000 people believed and were baptized that day.



DASCH DIGS UP…

About **3,000 people** believed and were baptized in one day. Acts 2:41

The new believers learned from the apostles. They prayed and ate together. They shared what they had. They praised God with glad hearts.

CHRIST CONNECTION · JESUS' PLAN

Peter said the risen Jesus, exalted to God's right hand, "has poured out what you now see and hear" (Acts 2:33). Pentecost is Jesus keeping His promise to send the Helper. Peter's whole sermon points to Jesus, crucified and raised, as Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:32-36; John 14:16-17; John 16:7

Talk about it

1. What two signs came before the Spirit filled the believers (2:2-3)?
   Answer help: A sound like wind and what looked like tongues of fire.
2. Who poured out the Holy Spirit, according to Peter (2:33)?
   Answer help: The risen Jesus, from the Father's right hand.
3. What did Peter tell the people to do (2:38)?
   Answer help: Repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, be forgiven and receive the Spirit.
4. How would you answer if someone asked you, "What should I do about Jesus?"

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Ellie Asks: Think It Through

1. Why were the new believers so joyful (2:46-47)?
   Answer help: Their sins were forgiven, they belonged to God's family, and Jesus is Lord.

Activities

Babel and Pentecost 12 min

You'll need: Bibles, Pencils, Printed handouts

1. In pairs, read Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2:1-11.
2. Fill in the chart comparing the two stories.
3. Answer the questions.

Pinwheel race 8 min

You'll need: Square paper (6 x 6 inches), Pencils with erasers, A small fan or hair dryer (cool setting)

1. Using the pinwheels from Theo's Workshop, kids take turns spinning them in front of the fan.
2. Each spin, answer a review question. The pinwheel keeps spinning as long as the answers keep coming!



Theo's Workshop Build challenge

Wind-powered pinwheels 15 min

You'll need: Square paper (6 x 6 inches), Pencils with erasers, Push pins (adult use), Ruler, Scissors, A small fan or hair dryer (cool setting)

1. Use the ruler to draw lines from each corner toward the center of the square. Stop each line 1 inch from the center.
2. Cut along the four lines. Bend every other point into the center (four points) and hold them together.
3. An adult pushes a pin through the points and the center into the pencil eraser. Leave a little space so it spins.
4. Test it! Blow on it, then hold it in front of the fan. Try it close to the fan, then 1 foot away, then 3 feet away. Which spins fastest?
5. Make a second pinwheel with longer cuts (stop 1/2 inch from the center). Does it catch more wind?
6. Read Acts 2:2. Ask, "What did the sound of the wind tell the disciples was happening?"

How it works: A pinwheel turns because its curved blades catch moving air and push it to the side, and the push sends the blade the other way, round and round. Longer, bigger blades catch more air. Wind is strongest close to the fan and spreads out as it travels, so the pinwheel slows down farther away. You can't see the air, but you can see its power.

The point: The disciples heard a sound like a mighty wind, and then they were filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Just as we can't see wind but can see what it moves, we can't see the Spirit, but we can see Him moving God's people to speak about Jesus with joy.

Safety: Adults handle push pins and scissors for younger kids. Keep fingers and hair away from the fan.

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Real life today with Theo

At school	The Spirit gave fishermen courage to speak to thousands. He can give you courage to say one true thing about Jesus.
At home	The joy of the first church wasn't about having a lot. It was about having Jesus and each other.
At church	The first believers learned, prayed, ate and shared together (2:42). That's still what church is about.

Sing and move

♪ **Spirit of the Living God** Hymn

♪ **Joy to the World** Hymn

OUR CHANT: CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: What did the crowd ask?

Kids: What should we do?

Leader: What did Peter say?

Kids: Turn to Jesus!

Leader: How did they feel?

Kids: Full of joy!

Live It
Like the crowd at Pentecost, you can ask, "What should I do about Jesus?" Trust Him, turn from sin and follow Him. If you want to talk about following Jesus or being baptized, talk with a parent or church leader. And look for real joy in Jesus this week.

Pray together
Lord Jesus, thank You for pouring out Your Holy Spirit. Thank You that everyone who calls on Your name will be saved. Fill us with Your joy and courage, and help us follow You. Amen.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

ACTS 2:1-47

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MEMORY VERSE

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
Acts 2:21

1 HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Crack the code to find the secret message!

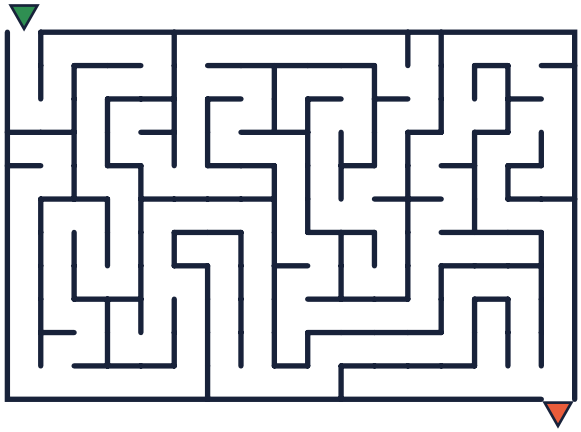
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2 MAZE

Start at the green arrow and find the way out!



3 FILL IN THE VERSE

Use the words in the box.

name	saved	everyone	calls

And _____ who _____ on the _____ of the Lord will be _____. (Acts 2:21)

Challenge: cover it up and say it from memory!

4 QUICK QUIZ

Fill in the circle next to the right answer.

1. What does Pentecost mean?
○ Harvest ○ Fiftieth ○ Wind

2. What time of day was it?
○ Nine in the morning ○ Noon ○ Midnight

3. About how many people believed?
○ 300 ○ 3,000 ○ 30,000

5 TRUE OR FALSE?

Circle T or F.

1. Some people said the believers were drunk. **T / F**
2. Peter's sermon was mostly about Peter. **T / F**
3. The new believers ate together with glad hearts. **T / F**
4. The Holy Spirit is a gift we earn by being good. **T / F**



6 DASCH DIGS UP...

Did you know?

★ "Pentecost" means **"fiftieth."** It came 50 days after Passover. Acts 2:1

★ The sound was like a **violent rushing wind**, and it filled the whole house! Acts 2:2



GOD SENT HIS SPIRIT!

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TAKE-HOME PAGE · THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

Keep the story going at home

For grown-ups

Today we learned how **the Holy Spirit came**. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples heard a sound like a rushing wind and saw little flames on each person. The Holy Spirit filled them, and they told about Jesus in languages they had never learned! Peter preached about Jesus, and 3,000 people believed and were baptized.

Ask at dinner: *What does the Holy Spirit do for people who trust Jesus? What makes you truly joyful?*

This lesson invites kids to respond to Jesus. If your child has questions about following Jesus or about baptism, we'd love for you to talk with them, or bring them to a church leader.

Memory verse: "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Acts 2:21)

Ask your child

1. What did Peter tell the people to do (2:38)?
2. Why were the new believers so joyful (2:46-47)?
3. How would you answer if someone asked you, "What should I do about Jesus?"

Words to know

Pentecost: A harvest feast 50 days after Passover.
Holy Spirit: God the Spirit, who lives in Jesus' followers.
Repent: To turn away from sin and turn to God.
Baptize: To wash with water as a sign of belonging to Jesus.

This week

Like the crowd at Pentecost, you can ask, "What should I do about Jesus?" Trust Him, turn from sin and follow Him. If you want to talk about following Jesus or being baptized, talk with a parent or church leader. And look for real joy in Jesus this week. Read Acts 2:36-47 together. Talk about how the first believers responded to Jesus.

✂ Cut out the verse card and put it where you'll see it every day.

MEMORY VERSE

“And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Acts 2:21

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Name: _____ Activity page

Babel and Pentecost

Read Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2:1-11. Compare the two stories in the chart. Then answer the questions.

	Babel (Genesis 11)	Pentecost (Acts 2)
What were people trying to do?		
What happened to languages?		
Were people scattered or gathered?		
Whose name was lifted up?		

1. About 120 believers were praying before Pentecost (Acts 1:15). About 3,000 joined that day. How many believers were there after Pentecost?

2. Something that gives me real joy because of Jesus:

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