LEFC KIDS

SHEPHERD OVERVIEW

Grade 3
Nov. 29, 2026
1st Service

The Holy Spirit Came

Acts 2

How does the Holy Spirit help Christians?

The Holy Spirit comforts, shows sin, and guides Christians to live for God's glory.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
-Acts 1:8

Story Point:
God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit to live in believers.

PREPARE HEARTS

- [ ] Welcome - Secret Words
- [ ] Starter Activity - How to Say "Hello"!

ACTIVATE HEARTS

- [ ] **9:20 - Bible Lesson in LG2**
- [ ] Review and discuss the Bible Story
- [ ] Reflection and Prayer
- [ ] Questions from Kids Video

ENGAGE HEARTS

- [ ] Key Passage Activity - Hidden Verse
- [ ] Group Activity – What Does the Bible Say about the Holy Spirit?
- [ ] Group Activity - Wind and Fire Pass

SHEPHERD GUIDE

Pentecost was a significant day in the life of God's people. There in the city of Jerusalem, devout Jews were present from every nation under heaven— and it was with this festival as their backdrop that the Holy Spirit came upon Christ's followers to empower them for their mission.

The believers had gathered that day when a violent rushing wind suddenly came down from heaven, filling the entire house where they stayed. They saw tongues like flames of fire separating and resting on each one of them. When this happened, they became filled with the Holy Spirit—just as Jesus had promised! The Holy Spirit had come to the disciples to equip them for the mission Christ called them to: making more disciples of all nations.

Through the Spirit's enablement, the disciples began speaking and declaring the magnificent acts of God in different languages. This miracle showed that the gospel isn't just for those who speak Aramaic—or even Hebrew or Greek—but for everyone assembled in Jerusalem that day, and for anyone, anywhere who comes to faith in Jesus to be forgiven of their sins and receive His gift of salvation.

To respond to the people's curiosity and confusion, Peter stood up to address the crowd. This was the same Peter who had previously publicly denied Jesus three times. But now Peter had the indwelling of the Holy Spirit empowering him with boldness to speak to His fellow Israelites about Jesus, His Savior and friend.

The people were pierced to the heart by Peter's words and asked what they should do next. He urged them to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Peter reminded them God's promises are for all who are far from God. Pray that boys and girls will understand the life change that accompanies a person who has been transformed by the gospel of Jesus. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts for this Bible story and that they will love and obey God through the power of His Holy Spirit at work in their lives.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 8:30-8:40 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.

LEFC KIDS

GRADE 3

KNOW + LOVE + FOLLOW + SHARE

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MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

*KNOW that God gives His Holy Spirit to everyone who trusts in Jesus.

*DEPEND on the Holy Spirit to help them love and obey Jesus.

*TELL others about Jesus!

As children arrive - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the other children.
Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.
Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc.
When most kids have arrived for first service (by 9:05ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.
****Pen Pal Kit!!***



PREPARE HEARTS

WELCOME

Secret Words

- Activity page
- Markers
- Pencils

OPENING QUESTIONS:

Can you speak more than one language? If you can, was it difficult to learn a new language? If you cannot, do you think it would be challenging to learn a different language?

Invite kids to complete the "Secret Words" activity page.

Today we will study the amazing story of how GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE IN BELIEVERS. I am looking forward to sharing more about this with you.



STARTER

How to Say Hello!

- "Say Hello in 15 Different Languages" Video

Play the video on the TV - "How to Say Hello in 15 Different Languages" (3 min. 50 sec.)

(https://www.gonoodle.com/videos/AYK1r2/how-to-say-hello-in-15-different-languages)

Invite kids to listen carefully as you play the examples of Hello! in different languages.

Continue until you have played all the examples - encouraging them to repeat the sayings as you go.

SAY: Today we will see that GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE IN BELIEVERS. When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, He gave them power to speak in different languages, languages they had never spoken before.

ACTIVE MINDS

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

(Quick 1 minute review!)

9:20 – 9:35

K – 3rd Grade in LG2

BIBLE STORY:

The Holy Spirit Came

Bibles, Powerpoint slides

Taught by the Bible Teacher:

Quick Review of where we are in the Big Story of the Bible and Big Picture Question:

How does the Holy Spirit help us? *The Holy Spirit comforts, shows sin, and guides Christians to live for God's glory.*

Open your Bible to Acts 2.

STORYTELLING OPTIONS / TIPS:

Pentecost: Share that Pentecost is a Jewish festival, also called the Feast of Weeks. It was a time for God's people to be thankful for God's provision in sending the harvest.
Costume: Tell the story dressed in biblical costume. If you are a woman, tell the story as a person who witnessed the event of Pentecost. If you are a man, tell the story as Peter.
Holy Spirit: Challenge kids to listen carefully as you tell the story and see if they can identify what the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to do, such as speak in different languages, boldly preach the gospel, allow Peter's words to touch people's hearts, and so forth. Ask kids to share some examples after you finish telling the story.

It was the day of Pentecost, a Jewish festival. Jesus's disciples were all together in one place in Jerusalem. They were waiting, just as Jesus had told them. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the whole house. Then something like small flames of fire appeared and rested on each of them. Right then, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit—God's Spirit living in them! The Holy Spirit gave them power to speak in different languages, languages they had never learned before.

People from many nations were in Jerusalem for the festival, and they heard the noise. A crowd gathered. When they heard the disciples speaking in many different languages, they were amazed. "How can this be?" they wondered. "Aren't these men from Galilee? How are they speaking our languages and telling us about the mighty works of God?"

Some people were curious, but others made fun of them. Then Peter stood up with the other disciples. "Listen to me," Peter said. "God promised long ago through the prophet Joel that He would pour out His Spirit on people and that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Peter also said, "Jesus of Nazareth did many wonders and signs because God was with Him. But you put Him to death on a cross. Yet this was God's plan from the beginning! God raised Jesus from the dead, just as the Scriptures said. We are witnesses. He is alive! Jesus is now in heaven, and He has sent the Holy Spirit just as He promised."

Peter's words reached the people's hearts. "What should we do?" they asked.

Peter answered, "Repent from your sin and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

That day, about three thousand people believed in Jesus, were baptized, and received the Holy Spirit. The church began to grow as believers told others the good news.

CHRIST CONNECTION

When we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, God forgives us and gives us His Spirit to help us love and obey Him. The Holy Spirit gives believers power to tell others the good news that Jesus died, rose again, and is Lord of all.



REVIEW AND DISCUSS

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Allow time to have the children think and process - however this works best for your class. We want our kids to feel known and heard!

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In small groups (or as a large group), talk through these questions.

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He told His followers to go make disciples. He told them that He would empower them to do this through the Holy Spirit. At the beginning of today's story, we saw that the disciples were waiting in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus had told them. **What happened when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples?** [Choose a volunteer to read Acts 2:4.]

The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to begin speaking in languages that they had never learned. Because of this, many people in the crowd that had gathered around them were able to hear and understand the good news of Jesus in their own language. Some of the crowd were amazed that they could understand the disciples, but others made fun of them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter began to share the gospel with the crowd. He told them about Jesus and how He died and rose again, conquering sin and death.

The Holy Spirit moved in the people's hearts, and many wanted to know how to respond to Peter's message. **What did Peter tell them to do?** [Choose a volunteer to read Acts 2:38.] Peter told the people to repent and be baptized. He also told them that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit just as everyone does when they believe in Jesus. When we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, God forgives us and gives us His Spirit to help us love and obey Him. The Holy Spirit gives believers power to tell others the good news that Jesus died, rose again, and is Lord of all.



Reflection and Prayer

Have children use their coloring page as you answer the following questions. Or, just talk about it together.

What does this story teach me about God?
God cares about all people - He wants everyone around the world to know Him. God is powerful - He gave His disciples power to do amazing things.
What does this story teach me about myself?
I need the Holy Spirit to help me follow Jesus.

***Pray together**: God, thank you for your incredible love for us. It's exciting that You invite us to participate in the work you are doing in the world. We need your Spirit to help us follow Jesus and live like Him. We want to share Your love with the people around us. Help us do that this week!*
Amen



Questions from Kids Video

USB on TV

Show the "Unit 29, Session 2" Questions from Kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

- How do we know when the Holy Spirit is talking to us?
- Have you put your trust in Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit?



ENGAGE HEARTS

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Acts 1:8.

Key Passage Activity:

Hidden Verse

- Strips of paper with words from verse

SAY: Today we saw our key passage fulfilled as the disciples received power from the Holy Spirit and shared the gospel with many people. Let's continue memorizing this verse.

***Before class!!** - Take the different strips of paper with words from the key passage and tape them under a few chairs.

Invite kids to sit in chairs, then direct them to look under their seats. Ask anyone with a verse strip under their chair to come to the front of the room. Challenge the rest of the class to arrange the group in the correct order. Once complete, invite each kid to read his or her verse strip to see if they are in the correct order.



What Does the Bible Say about the Holy Spirit

- Index Cards with Bible references
- Bibles
- Pencils

Use the index cards with references of several places where the Holy Spirit is mentioned in the Bible such as:

- John 14:26
- Acts 2:38
- 1 Corinthians 6:19
- John 14:16
- John 14:17
- Luke 11:13
- John 16:13
- Genesis 1:2
- Romans 8:26
- Hebrews 3:7
- Hebrews 10:15.

Divide the class into groups of 2 or 3 (enough to have 11 groups!) Distribute a card to each group of kids.

Challenge kids to use their Bibles to look up the verse listed on their card and write down what that verse says about the Holy Spirit.
Once kids have had enough time to look up their assigned verses, go around the room and encourage each kid to share what they learned about the Holy Spirit from their verse.

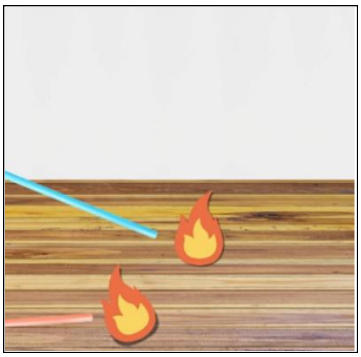
SAY: Today we learned that GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE IN BELIEVERS. The Holy Spirit is a gift to all believers who comforts them, shows them their sin, and guides them as they live for God's glory.



Wind and Fire Pass

- Plastic straws
- Pom Poms

Using straws and yellow, red and orange pom poms (to represent flames), children will group into pairs and sit across from one another at the tables.



Give each child a straw and a pom pom.

Each child will blow on the straw to move the pom pom from their side of the table to the other side without sending it over the edge. Then, their partner will use their straw to blow the pom pom back, while still trying not to send it over the edge. Give them time to keep ending the pom pom back and forth or add different challenges to the mix. This activity helps children understand the movement of the Holy Spirit while engaging in a fun, competitive game.

SAY: Today we learned how GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE IN BELIEVERS. When God sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it sounded like a mighty rushing wind and something like small flames rested on each of the disciples. Let's thank God for sending His Holy Spirit to everyone who believes!