LEFC KIDS

SHEPHERD OVERVIEW

Grades 3-4
Nov. 29, 2026
2nd 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

- [ ] Starter Activity - Welcome and Question of the Day
- [ ] **11:00 - Kids Worship**



ACTIVATE HEARTS

- [ ] Lesson Review - The Holy Spirit Came
- [ ] Discussion Questions
- [ ] Group Activity: Box Demonstration



ENGAGE HEARTS

- [ ] Group Game: Fruit of the Spirit Charades
- [ ] Share and Care Prayer Time
- [ ] Group Activity: Holy Spirit Power

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 10:20 - 10:30 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.

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GRADES 3-4

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 you arrive and children come and go - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the others.
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 2nd service (by 10:50ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.
Option - Pen Pal Kit!!



PREPARE HEARTS

Question of the Day:

Starter Activity

Welcome and Question of the Day

We have an incredible story to explore together. But first, think of a strong person. What makes them so strong? What are they able to do that other people can't do? [Allow responses.]

You might know someone who has super strong muscles who can lift heavy things. But not all strength is physical. Today we'll hear about spiritual strength, which is the strength and power that comes from God. We'll learn that GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE IN BELIEVERS.

If we want to read a story about the early church and the spread of the gospel, we can turn in our Bibles to the book of Acts. A man named Luke wrote this book (and the Gospel of Luke), and it tells the story of the early church and how Jesus's followers obeyed His command to go out into the world to tell others about Him!



KIDS WORSHIP

11:00 **Kids Worship for Pre-K - 4th Grade in LG2.**

ACTIVE MINDS

You can use the REVIEW VIDEO on your TV and / or use this lesson as a review of what was taught 1st service.

The Holy Spirit Came

Bibles,
Review Video -
Bible story on TV

Open your Bible to Acts 2. You can use the Kids Sermon Outline as you go through the story.

KIDS SERMON OUTLINE:

God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16-17): At Pentecost, Jesus's followers were waiting—just like He told them to. Then the Holy Spirit came with power. The disciples heard the sound of wind, saw the flames of fire, and had the ability to speak in other languages. This shows that God always keeps His promises and gives His people everything they need to follow Him.

The Holy Spirit gives believers power to share the good news. (Acts 2:5-11): The disciples didn't speak different languages on their own—the Holy Spirit helped them. This allowed people from many nations hear about Jesus in their own language. Today, the Holy Spirit still helps believers by giving them courage, wisdom, and the right words to tell others about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit lives in everyone who trusts in Jesus. (Ephesians 1:13-14): When people repented and believed, God forgave them and gave them the Holy Spirit. The same is true for us—the moment we put our trust in Jesus, God's Spirit comes to live in us. He comforts us, shows us our sin, guides us, and helps us obey God and live for His glory.

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.

GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE IN BELIEVERS. During the festival of Pentecost the disciples were together. **What sound did they hear? What did they see? What were the disciples able to do?** [Allow responses.] (Read Acts 2:2-4.) The disciples were able to speak in foreign languages, and people from other nations were able to understand that they were praising God. With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus's disciples could begin their work to share the gospel with the entire world.

The Holy Spirit is amazing! **But how can we have the Holy Spirit living in us too?** [Allow responses.] 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.



Discussion

Discussion questions listed here

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

Who receives the gift of the Holy Spirit? The Bible tells us that anyone who trusts in Jesus as Savior receives the gift of the Holy Spirit who helps all believers to love and obey God and share the good news with others. The Holy Spirit also comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for His glory. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read John 14:15-17.)

What are some ways we can see the Holy Spirit's work in our lives and the lives of other believers? One of the Holy Spirit's jobs in the life of a believer is to help them become more like Jesus. The Bible lists out the fruit of the Spirit like love, joy, peace, and patience. When we see these qualities in the life of a believer, we can know that they are there because of the Holy Spirit's work. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Galatians 5:22-23.)

How can the Holy Spirit help believers share the gospel with boldness? Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples of all nations by sharing the good news of the gospel with them, but He doesn't expect for them to do this alone or in their own power. God sends the Holy Spirit to live inside every believer. The Holy Spirit is our Helper, and we go and share about Jesus with others empowered by Him. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read John 14:26.)



Box Demonstration

- Large cardboard box
- Markers

Display a large cardboard box at the front of the room. Challenge the kids to think of as many uses for the box as possible. Encourage them to be creative and think outside the box! Write their answers on the board. After collecting many ideas, invite a few volunteers to demonstrate or act out one of the suggested uses.

SAY: This simple cardboard box has many uses. You could build a box fort, a spaceship, a puppet theater, a treasure chest, a pet house, a cave, a robot costume, or a mailbox. Some things, like this box, can help us in a lot of ways. We're learning that GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE IN BELIEVERS. **But does the Holy Spirit help us in just one way?** Of course not! Let's remind ourselves of our big picture question: **How does the Holy Spirit help Christians?** The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.

The Holy Spirit is the one who gives us spiritual life! Before we know Jesus, we are spiritually dead— but the Spirit helps us believe and trust in Jesus. He helps us know what is right and wrong. He shows us when we've sinned so we can tell God we're sorry and make things right. The Holy Spirit comforts us when life is hard, gives us wisdom to make good choices, and gives us strength to do the things Jesus calls us to do. The Spirit is how we experience God's presence with us every single day.

Sounds amazing, right? Who wouldn't want God helping them like that? So how do we receive the Holy Spirit? [Allow responses.] The Bible teaches that Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Him. If you have chosen to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit already lives in you—helping you love God and showing others what He is like. You may not suddenly start speaking another language like the believers did at Pentecost, but the Spirit will empower you to follow Jesus, love others, and obey God with joy.



Fruit of the Spirit Charades

- Index cards with Fruits of the Spirit
- Basket

Prior to the session, write the fruit of the Spirit on individual index cards. (This will be done for you!)

Invite one kid to come to the front and select a card from the stack. Challenge her to read the card silently and then act out the fruit of the Spirit that is written on the card.

- For example, for kindness, she could act out giving a gift to someone or helping someone. For patience, she could pretend to look at a watch.

As she acts out the fruit of the Spirit, challenge kids to shout out which one they think she is acting out.

Repeat, inviting another kid to take a turn acting out a fruit of the Spirit. Continue until all the fruit of the Spirit have been acted out.

SAY: Today we learned that GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE IN BELIEVERS. When the Holy Spirit lives in us and helps us become more like Jesus, we will see the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.



Share and Care Prayer

Spend some time as a class sharing about:

- Our Global Partner Family of the Month (**The Karthak Family**)
- Specific prayer requests from any of the kids about something going on in their own lives.

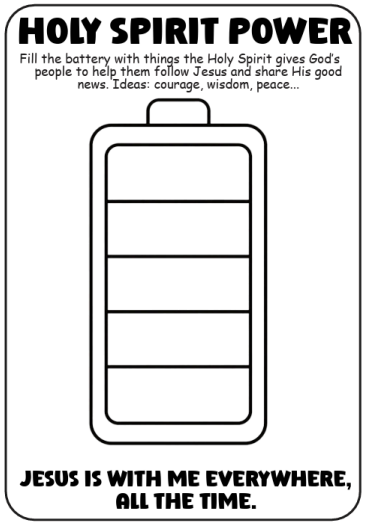
Have the class sit in a circle as you share and care for one another's needs. Ask for and share requests with one another. Review and follow up with any prayer requests from the chain made the week before. Use the Global Partner of the Month spotlight sheet (In the Pen Pal Kit) to talk about prayer requests from the Karthak Family



Holy Spirit Power

- Holy Spirit Power half-sheet
- Markers
- Colored Pencils

Talk to the class about how Jesus promised He would send a Helper, Comforter, and Advocate to be with His followers. He told them that although He was going away, they would not be left alone. Pentecost was the moment Jesus kept that promise.



- When Jesus lived on earth, He could only be in one place at a time. He could be with Peter or John, but not with both if they were far apart. The Holy Spirit changed that. Now God's presence would be with all of Jesus' followers, wherever they were. The same Spirit who empowered Jesus' disciples would guide, teach, comfort, and help believers around the world.

- Jesus did not leave His people to continue His mission alone. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus ' followers could know God's presence with them every day. Pentecost reminds us that Jesus kept His promises and is still at work through His people.

Pass out the "Holy Spirit Power" half-sheet.

Ask: Can we find 5 things that need power to work in our classroom? Have kids look around and share what they find.

Ask: What does the Holy Spirit give to God's people to help them follow Jesus and share His good news? Power through.....

- Ideas: Courage, wisdom, peace....

Write down their ideas on the whiteboard.

Have them color each section of the battery and copy some of the words from the board onto their battery.

Remind the children that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can have Jesus with us at all times.! God is with His people!