LEFC KIDS

SHEPHERD OVERVIEW

Pre-K / K
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.
-Acts 1:8

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

- [ ] Welcome/Intro Activity..... 5 minutes
- [ ] Circle Time and Bible Story (Kindergarten - Large Group Lesson at 9:20)..... 15-20 minutes
- [ ] Movement Activity..... 10 minutes
- [ ] Craft ..... 10 minutes
- [ ] Music and Friends From Afar ..... 10 minutes
- [ ] Prayer and Bible Verse ..... 10 minutes
- [ ] Snack and Discussion Time ..... 5-7 minutes
- [ ] Group Game ..... 10 minutes

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.

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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.

*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, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, pretend play, 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.



Welcome and Intro Activity

- Blocks/Legos

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

Build Houses

Scatter plastic blocks on the table around the poster. As the kids arrive, ask them to tell you about where they live. Then guide the kids to the prepared table. Invite the kids to use the plastic blocks to build houses. Suggest that they build all kinds and sizes of houses: big, small, tall, and short, and houses in different colors.

SAY: Welcome to our group today. I am so glad you are here. Let's see the houses you built today with blocks. Tell me about these houses. [Encourage each of the kids to take a turn telling you about the houses they built.] In our Bible story today, we are going to hear about something very special that happened in a house. After Jesus went back to heaven, He told His followers to wait for God's gift of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. While the followers were all gathered together in a house, the Holy Spirit came. The big picture question asks, How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God.

ACTIVE MINDS

9:20 - 9:30ish - Kindergarten - Whole Group Bible Lesson in Large Group 3
Pre-K - Classroom Bible Story Time

INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the kids to name things they have to wait for. Mention ideas such as waiting to open presents, waiting for a birthday, waiting for the rain to stop so you can go outside, waiting for a special treat, and so on. Ask the kids if it is easy or hard to wait.

SAY: Waiting can be hard, especially when you are excited for what's coming. Today we will learn what happened while Jesus's disciples were waiting for a special gift Jesus had promised them. Let's open the Bible to find out what happened!

BIBLE STORY:

The Holy Spirit Came

Place a bookmark at Acts 2 in your Bible. Invite a child to open it. Reverently display the open Bible.

SAY: As we listen to stories from the Bible, we can know they are true and really happened because the Bible is God's Word. Today's Bible story comes from the book of Acts. Acts is in the New Testament of the Bible and tells about what happened after Jesus returned to heaven.

Jesus's friends were together in Jerusalem. They were waiting for the special gift Jesus had promised: the Holy Spirit.

Suddenly, the friends heard a sound like a strong wind. It filled the whole house. Then something that looked like small flames of fire appeared and rested on each of them. The Holy Spirit had come!

God's Spirit gave the friends power to speak in other languages they had never learned. People from many countries were in Jerusalem for a festival, and they heard the disciples speaking in their own languages. Everyone was amazed!

Peter stood up and said, "God promised to send His Spirit, and now He has done it! Jesus died on the cross, but God raised Him from the dead. We saw Him alive! Now Jesus is in heaven, and He has sent the Holy Spirit to us. Turn away from your sin and trust in Jesus. God will forgive your sin and give you the Holy Spirit too."

That day, about three thousand people believed in Jesus, were baptized, and received the Holy Spirit.

CHRIST CONNECTION

God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit to live in His people. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us His Spirit to help us love and obey Him.



REVIEW AND DISCUSS

- Paper Plate

Place the following prepared picture cards on a table.

- Holy Spirit
- Wind
- Flames
- Languages
- Peter
- Baptized

Using a paper plate and wave it as a fan - blow the cards away. Prompt kids to pick up the cards and return them to you. Ask a question that is answered by the card's word.
Questions:

- Who did God promise to send? (the Holy Spirit)
- What did the people hear? (the sound of the wind)
- What rested on Jesus's followers? (something that looked like flames)
- What did God's Spirit help the people do? (speak in other languages)
- Who spoke and said to believe in Jesus? (Peter)
- What happened to those who believed in Jesus? (They were baptized.)

SAY: Jesus's friends were in Jerusalem waiting for God's gift. The Holy Spirit arrived sounding like the wind. Something that looked like flames rested on each of Jesus's friends. GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT. When we trust Jesus, God gives us His Spirit to help us.



Movement Activity

Wait, Wind, and Flame

- None

Invite the kids to join you for a game.

Position them in a large standing circle. Tell them you are going to teach them three motions.

The first is wait. When they hear this word, they are to stand absolutely still.

When they hear the word wind, they are to spin.

When they hear the word flame, they are to lift their hands in the air and wave them.

Begin slowly saying the three words: wait, wind, and flame. Lead the children to do the motions. Then, get progressively faster and start mixing the words up in a different order. When the kids are finished, ask them to be seated.

Holy Spirit Flames

- Brown strips of construction paper
- Flame cut-outs
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Stapler

- Teach the children a simple phrase in a few different languages
    - Spanish - "God loves you" - “Dios te ama”
    - Vietnamese - “God loves you” - “Chua yeu ban”
    - German - “God loves you” - “Gott liebt dich”



Have fun trying to say the phrases and guess which language they're hearing. Talk about how the Holy Spirit empowered the believers to speak in a way that all people could understand in their own language.

Invite the children to make their own headband of flames with names for “Jesus” in different languages.

Pass out a strip of brown paper to each child.
Pass out flame cut-outs to each child. Have them pick 4-6 flames with different names of Jesus to add to their headband.

Have them color each flame and then glue it to the strip of brown paper. (See example).

Finally, wrap the strip of paper around their head to measure and then take it off to staple it together.

Music

- Activity page

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you would like! You may distribue the Activity page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

Friends From Afar

You will find today’s activity for Friends From Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month’s Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are invluded. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.

Prayer

Use these words, or your own, to pray about today’s Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well.

God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to forgive us for the wrong things we do. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit when we trust in You. Thank You that the Holy Spirit guides us and helps us tell others about You. Amen.

Bible Memory Verse

- Ball

Memory Actions

Read the verse aloud - Acts 1:8

Direct kids to stand in a circle. Challenge kids to quickly pass a ball around the circle while reciting the key passage - saying one word for as each kid passes to the next. Repeat as time allows.

Snack and Discussion Time

- Snack (Pretzels) located under the sink cabinet

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

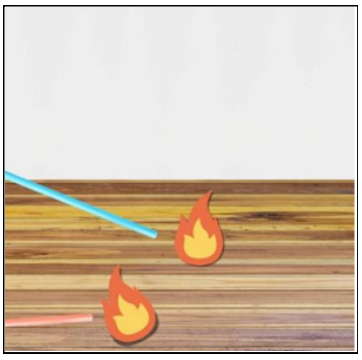
- Were Jesus's friends together in Jerusalem? (yes)
- Did they hear a sound like a strong wind? (yes)
- Did rain fall inside the house? (no)
- Did the Holy Spirit come that day? (yes)
- Did only a few people believe in Jesus that day? (no)
- Did many people believe in Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit? (yes)

SAY: GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT. When God sent the Holy Spirit, the disciples began speaking in different languages that other people could understand. Everyone was amazed and listened to Peter teach that if people trust in Jesus, God will forgive them and give them the Holy Spirit to help them live for Him.

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!



Additional Activities:

- Construction paper

TURN AWAY

Lead all the kids to stand with you. Instruct kids to listen carefully, and if they hear you say something that is a sin, they should turn around in a circle. Remind kids that sin is anything we think, say, or do that displeases God. Create different scenarios or use the suggestions below: Sin: cheating in a game, telling a lie so you don't get in trouble, hitting someone when you are mad, disobeying your parents, taking a toy that is not yours. Not Sin: helping your mom set the table, waiting your turn, playing with your pet, helping a friend clean up toys, praying before bed. SAY Peter preached the good news about Jesus after GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT. He told people to turn away from sin and trust in Jesus. We sin when we disobey God's rules. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us His Spirit to help us love and obey Him.

PAPER FANS

Distribute construction paper and markers to kids and invite them to draw designs on their papers. When the kids are finished, help them to fold their papers back and forth using a fan fold. When the children's fans are complete, demonstrate how to hold one end of the fan and then how to wave it in front of their faces. SAY Can you feel the light breeze on your face from your fan? What sounded like a wind filling the house in our Bible story? The Holy Spirit arrived like the sound of the wind and something like flames appeared above each of Jesus's friends. GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT. When we trust Jesus, God gives us His Spirit to help us.

COUNT BY 2'S

Place a bin of markers or crayons on a table. Show children how to count to 2 by counting, "4, 2," and placing two markers or crayons together on the table. Help the children to make as many groups of two as they can from the provided items, placing each group on the table. After all the items have been grouped, count the number of items on the table. SAY Let's count how many markers we have on the table. We have counted markers. That is a lot! Good job! In today's Bible story, GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Holy Spirit helped Peter speak to the people about Jesus. Many, many people, more than the number of markers we counted, believed in Jesus and were baptized.