

# CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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## PRAY FOR WISDOM-

Lord God, thank You for sending the gift of Your Holy Spirit. As He clearly empowered early Church, may He embolden and energize the Church today. Father, give me boldness and power to share the Good News with others--- starting with these children.

Send Your Spirit to empower these children, Lord. Help them feel bold and eager to speak to others about Jesus. I pray in His magnificent name, amen.

## LESSON MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:33 "The Holy Spirit came as Jesus promised."

## BIBLE STORY- HELLO! (BASED ON ACTS 2)

Jesus had gone up to heaven to be with God, His Father. Jesus told His friends to stay in Jerusalem. He told them to wait for Someone special. Who could it be? What would He be like? The disciples obeyed Jesus. They stayed. They waited. They prayed.

One day, many of Jesus' friends were gathered in a large room. They were praying together. All of a sudden, they heard the sound of a blowing wind. Whoosh, Whoosh. They wondered, "What is going on?"

The wind was God's Spirit. He had come to give power to Jesus' friends.

Wind and fire, fire and wind

God's Spirit came like fire and wind.

As the wind blew, God's Spirit filled all of Jesus' followers. Small flames of fire blew on everyone—but the fire didn't burn their hair or clothes. It didn't hurt them at all. The wind and fire showed that the Holy Spirit had come! The Spirit gave them power to say things about God. He gave them power to do things for others. He gave them power to speak in others languages! Now they could tell everyone about Jesus. They could tell everyone what God had done!

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The Holy Spirit was doing something wonderful! A crowd of people gathered. They heard Jesus' friends speaking their own languages. They were amazed and confused! They wondered, "What is going on?"

God's Spirit made Jesus' friends brave. Peter, one of Jesus' followers, stood up and said, "Jesus came from God and did wonderful things. He is the Savior. He died to forgive our sins—and God brought Him back to life. Jesus promised to send us a special Helper. Today, God has given His Holy Spirit to us."

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The people who listened to Peter were surprised, "What should we do?" they asked.

"Believe in Jesus. Stop doing bad things. Start obeying the Lord, " said Peter. "Be baptized in the name of Jesus. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit, too!"

On that day, more than three thousand people believed in Jesus and were baptized! Peter and the other disciples told them about their friend, Jesus.

God's Holy Spirit still helps Jesus' followers be brave. He gives us power to tell other people about Jesus- just like Peter did!

### **PRAYER:**

Ask God to help us be brave and tell our friends that Jesus is alive and will come back again someday.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

#### Sailboats:

Draw or print a picture of a sailboat and give to each child. Have your child(ren) glue a craft stick to the back of the sailboat. Have the children color and decorate their sail boat. Talk with your children about how the Holy Spirit is like wind, powerful but unseen.

#### Paper Flames:

Supplies: Strips of yellow, orange, and red paper, scissors and stapler.

Cut the paper into strips. Have each child find a red, yellow, and orange piece. Staple the pieces together at one end, and let the children wiggle them to look like flames. Talk about how the Holy Spirit looked like little bits of flame.

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