



GROUP ACTIVITY

The Pentecost

BIG IDEA: God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us follow Jesus.

BIBLE BASIS: Acts 2:1–41

KEY VERSE: “But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit.”
John 14:26 (NIV)

Holy Spirit Sticky Static

Supplies: Small balloons (12-15 per small group) and permanent markers

Set-up: Ahead of time blow up around 12-15 small balloons for each small group. Write the words of the key verse onto the balloons. Practice reciting the verse with the kids so they have it memorized. (If you have more than 12 kids, split the group into 2 teams. If you have a smaller number of kids, they can go multiple times in the race.)

Verse divided into 12 sections

“But the | Father | will send | the Friend | in my | name | to help | you. | The Friend | is the | Holy Spirit.” |
John 14:26

Say: In today's story, we learned how the Holy Spirit now lives in the hearts of people who love and follow Jesus. You can't see the Holy Spirit, but you can feel His comfort and joy in your heart; and you can see how He helps you remember God's Word, guides you in doing right, and gives you a spiritual gift or talent. Let's play a game to help us remember the key verse for today and how the Holy Spirit sticks with us.

Directions: Have the kids line up on one side and pile all the balloons on the floor about 10 feet away. When you say go, the first kid in line will race down, pick up a balloon and stick it to their body using static. (They can rub the balloon on their hair and then place it on their body.) They must walk back keeping the balloon attached without letting it drop. If it falls off, they must pick it up, take one step backwards and continue. When they get back, the next person in line races down and continues. When all the balloons have been picked up, the kids will need to put the balloons in the correct order. For an added challenge, have them stick the balloons on the bodies and try to line up in the correct order. If you have multiple teams, they can take turns and time them to see which team finishes first.

Say: Great job! Just like you can't see the air in the balloon or the static keeping it close, you know it is there. It's the same with the Holy Spirit, you can't see the Holy Spirit but you can see how he sticks with you and helps you remember God's Word, guides you in doing right, and gives you a spiritual gift or talent.



Question: Can you tell us about a time you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit's guidance in making a good choice?

Question: Why do you think the Holy Spirit helps us remember God's Word? Why is that important? Do you have a favorite verse?

Question: What spiritual gift or talent do you have and how can you use that to help others follow Jesus?



HOMEGUIDE

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LESSON 9.2



Draw a picture of the believers with small flames above their heads.
While you're drawing, thank God for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

STRIKE A POSE



Has the Holy Spirit ever helped you? Has He filled you with joy, helped you remember God's Word, guided you to do what's right, or given you a spiritual gift or talent? Write about it.



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**READ
IT!**

Acts 2:1-41. Draw a picture of the story or write to God about your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.



**PRAY
IT!**

Write a prayer to God and thank Him for giving us our Friend, the Holy Spirit.

NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

BARNABAS THE ENCOURAGER

BIG IDEA: God wants us to build His church by encouraging others.

BIBLE BASIS: Acts 4:32-37; 9:20-31; 11:19-26

KEY VERSE: "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11a (NIV)





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