

Pentecost

Preschool

28 May 2023

Aim: To teach the children that Jesus promised to send Holy Spirit, and He did. To teach the children that Holy Spirit gives us power to follow Jesus.

Bible: Acts 2

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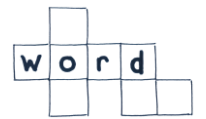


Need:
Cotton wool
balls

Do: Set up a ball of cotton wool at one end of the table. Choose one child to blow the ball across the table.

Say: We are going to have a cotton ball race. I am going to put a cotton wool ball at the end of the table. You need to blow it off the other side of the table. Well done everyone!

Word



Need:
Pictures and
story

Do: Download the pictures and story from Free Bible Images.
<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/ls-pentecost/>
Use the Storyplanner and pictures to tell the story

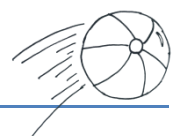
Say: Before Jesus went back to Heaven, He promised His friends/disciples that He would ask God to send a special Gift. It would be Someone who would always be with them, and would help them.

Jesus' friends were very sad when He left to go to Heaven, but they were very excited to get the special Gift.

Let's listen to this story from the Bible to hear what happened next.

Tell the story from the storyplanner and show the pictures.

Move



Need:
feathers

Do: Give each child a feather for them to blow.

Say: I am going to give each of you a feather. Your job is to keep the feather up in the air by blowing it. Start blowing when I say “go”.
Well done everyone. You can stop blowing now.



Review, Relate, Reveal

Need:
Pictures
from Word
activity

Do: Prepare a few phrases that you can say in different languages. If you like, you can use the pictures from the Word activity as you review the story, or to give the children clues to the questions.

Say: Earlier I told you a story. Let's see if you can answer my questions.

- What sound did the friends waiting in the room **hear**? (Point to ears)
- What did they **see** above each other's heads? (Point to eyes)
- What did they **feel** in their hearts? (Cover heart with hands)

In the story Holy Spirit helped Jesus' friends speak in different languages. Do you know any words in a language different to English? Who taught you to say that?

In today's story Holy Spirit gave Jesus' friends power to speak in languages that everyone in the crowd could understand. Holy Spirit wanted everyone to know about Jesus and how much He loved them.

That day many people started following Jesus.



God Time

Need:
A torch
Batteries for
torch

Do: Make sure that you take the batteries out of the torch before you begin. Put them in a box or basket or even in your bag close by. Show the torch as you begin to speak.

Say: Who knows what this is? (show torch). How does it work?

(Hopefully one of the children will say you have to switch the button, otherwise, 'discover' the button yourself).

Oh no, I've switched the button on, but it still isn't working. Do you think it is broken?

What does a torch need on the inside to make it work?
(Batteries)

Let's open up this torch and see if it has batteries. (Open torch)

Oh dear! No wonder this torch isn't working. It doesn't have batteries! Let's see if there are batteries in the basket. (Look)

Here are some batteries! Let's put the batteries inside the torch

and see if it will work then. (Put batteries into torch)
Yay! It works! The batteries are giving the torch power to shine and make a light.

Children, this reminds me of Holy Spirit. Jesus says that when we decide to follow Him, Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us and gives us power.

He gives us power to be kind, to love others, to listen to our parents, to tell others about Jesus, to pray for people, and to follow Jesus.

Let's pray: "Jesus, thank You for always keeping Your promises. Holy Spirit, please come and fill us with Your power so that we can love Jesus and love others. In Jesus' Name, Amen."



Make and Do

Need:

Craft foam square for each child
Scissors
Small stickers or chunky glitter to decorate
Craft glue
Drawing pin
Ribbon

Idea adapted from <https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible-crafts-pentecost.html>

Do: Before the time, draw a spiral on each child's square of foam. For small children, you may want to cut it out before the time. Write: "They heard a mighty wind" inside the spiral. Give one to each child. Help them cut it out and then decorate the side **without** the writing. Once they have finished writing, help them to use a drawing pin to make a hole through the top and tie a piece of ribbon through the hole.

Say: In today's story Holy Spirit came as a strong wind and then as little bits of fire on each person's head. We are going to make something that you can take home and hang up. When the wind blows it will move. I am going to give each of you a piece of foam with lines on. I want you to cut along the lines. Then I want you to decorate the side that hasn't got writing on it with these stickers. When you have finished, I will help you to tie a piece of ribbon through the hole at the top so that you can hang it up at home in a place where the wind can blow it.