

Kids Church

April 26, 2026

2nd-3rd Grades

Theme This Week- “The Gift of the Holy Spirit!”

Prayer Time- Father, what a huge gift that You have given. Please put us on path to begin to understand what this actually means. Put us in places to rely on You. Please don't let anyone leave today without planting that seed of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Challenge- Land a Sticky Chicken on Disc Bonk

Special Story- Working with the kids in Mexico.

Memory Verse – “Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!”
Philippians 4:4

Songs- Free, Goodness of God, Jesus Loves Me

Devotion- The Holy Spirit for all to see.
Acts 2:1-41

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Small Group Time

Sculpted Creations

What You Need:

- Bible
- Play-Doh® or air-dry clay
- Paper plates

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Read Acts 2:1-4. Explain that this is part of the story of Pentecost!
- Give each kid a paper plate and a lump of dough/clay.
- Talk about the story of Pentecost: The sound of wind, the tongues of fire, people speaking different languages, and the church growing.
- Ask the kids to choose one part of the story to sculpt. They could make a flame, a person, a mouth (for speaking), or a heart (for the fruit of the spirit).
- Give them time to create.
- Go around the circle and let each kid show what they made and explain which part of the story it is.

What You Say:

“These sculptures are awesome! You remembered so many details. The wind and fire were signs that each believer had been filled with the Holy Spirit. God gave another sign too: these men and women began speaking in languages that they hadn’t known before! A crowd gathered because they heard their own languages being spoken. They were hearing about God’s Big Story in a way they could understand! The most important part is that God sent His Holy Spirit, His very Spirit, to be with us. God is closer than close! The Holy Spirit helps us hear from God, know Him more, and gives us joy. **[Bottom Line] The Holy Spirit gives you joy.**”

Take Time to Pray with your Kiddos!

Joyful Jump

What You Need:

- Bibles marked at Philippians 4:4

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Bible marked at Philippians 4:4.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Instruct the kids to stand up with plenty of space around them.
- Say the Memory Verse together once: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! —Philippians 4:4*
- Tell the kids you are going to say the verse again, but this time, they are to jump up and down the whole time!
- Start jumping and saying the verse.
- Challenge the kids to keep jumping until the very end!
- Do it again, maybe hopping on one foot this time.

What You Say:

“Whew! I’m out of breath! Jumping makes me feel joyful. Remember, even when we aren’t jumping, we can have joy on the inside because God is with us. The Holy Spirit lives inside every one of us who follows Jesus. The more that we trust and rely on the Holy Spirit, the more our lives will be filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As we grow in our faith and our relationship with God, we will look more and more like Him. **[Bottom Line] The Holy Spirit gives you joy.**”

Discussion Questions

1. If Easter was on April 5, 2026, and Jesus stayed on earth for 40 days, would Jesus still be on earth today? Yes, He would have been here until May 15.
2. Why did Jesus tell His friends to wait in Jerusalem? He told to wait for the “Helper” to come.
3. Did they know what that meant? Nope
4. What did it turn out to be? The Holy Spirit.
5. What did they do while they waited? They prayed.
6. How did they know that the Holy Spirit had arrived? He came in like a rushing wind and rested on each of them. They saw little flames land on each person, then they were able to talk in languages that they had never known before.
7. Who can speak a second language besides English?
8. Wouldn't it be nice to just have the Holy Spirit give you the ability to speak another language whenever you need it?
9. What did Peter do right after this? He went out into the huge crowd of people that were from all over the world, and told them about Jesus?
10. Did everyone speak the same language? Nope
11. Was everyone able to understand Peter? Yes, and they could understand each other as well.
12. What did the people ask Peter when he was done? How can we be saved?
13. How did Peter answer this? He told them to turn from their sins and get baptized. And then they too will receive the Holy Spirit and be saved.
14. Do you think the Holy Spirit can help us today?
15. How do you think the Holy Spirit helps us today? He gives us courage,, strength, words to say, helps us pray, reminds us of the Truth, love for the unlovable, and much more.