

Kids Church

April 26, 2026

K- 1st 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

Grouped Together

What You Need:

- Stickers of different shapes (circle, square, triangle, heart)

What You Do:

- Place a different shape sticker on each kid's shirt. Make sure there are groups of at least 2-3 for each shape.
- Tell the kids they are to find their "shape family," but they can't look at their own sticker!
- They are to ask friends questions like, "Am I round?" or "Do I have four sides?" to figure out what they are.
- Once they guess their shape, they are to find the other kids with the same shape sticker and stand together.
- Explain that in the story, people from all over the world spoke different languages, but the Holy Spirit helped them all understand the good news about Jesus.

What You Say:

"You found your groups! In our story, a crowd, made up of visitors who had traveled to Jerusalem for Passover, was confused. They came from all over: Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Asia, Egypt, Rome, and many more areas. They spoke many different languages. And yet the believers, filled with the Holy Spirit, were speaking in a way that each of those visitors could understand!

"God wanted everyone, every person in every single group, to hear about His love! So the Holy Spirit gave Jesus' friends exactly what they needed so that the people there could hear about God's love. The Holy Spirit still helps us today! He goes through every single bit of life with you and will give you exactly what you need in that moment. He is God in you—He is God closer than close!

“So ask Him for anything you need. You can say, ‘Holy Spirit, I am scared of the dark right now. Can You help me?’ and He will. You can say, ‘Holy Spirit, my friend is sad and needs to feel Your love. Can You give me the right words to say?’ And He will! God goes through everything with you through His Spirit. You are never, ever alone, and that can give you 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.