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Four[Five- April 26

Bible Story: Pentecost/Fruit of the Spirit • *Acts 2:1-41; Galatians 5:22-23*

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

Conversation Starter: When have you experienced joy in your life?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • *Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)*

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive
- Have a couple students be door greeters, a couple more help with communion in the big church and a few more to volunteer to stay and help with the littles once we finish in the elementary room.

I took out the activity time before lesson because so, any students are passing out communion or door greeters.

Instead, spend this time playing games with the students or talking to them about how their week went.

This is the get to know your students time.

9:05/10:50 Leave for the Elementary Room

9:45/11:30 Leave for the Merge room

Communion

What You Do:

First - have one of the students pass out communion once everyone is seated.

Discuss communions and the importance of taking it and have one of the students pray.

The Holy Spirit Moves Us

What You Need:

- Prepared balloons (deflated with heart cutouts inserted inside)
- Prepared paper plates that are taped to the wall at different heights

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into groups of three and assign each group a paper plate target.
- Show kids the paper plate targets across the room and explain that it represents people God wants us to reach with His love and joy.
- Give each kid a balloon and instruct kids to blow up their balloon until they see the special image inside—a heart!
- When everyone is ready, say: “On the count of three, let your balloon go and see if it can fly toward the target!”
- Allow several attempts so kids can adjust how much air they blow into the balloon and how they release it.

What You Say:

“Look at what happened every time you blew up your balloon. You saw the heart shape in the balloon, which reminds us of love. When you let the balloon go, it flew toward the target. Some balloons flew straight. Some spun around. Some went sideways. But eventually, they all moved because something inside them pushed them.

“That’s exactly what happened at Pentecost. Jesus’ followers were waiting and praying, and then the Holy Spirit filled them. When the Holy Spirit filled them, amazing things started happening. They had courage. They spoke languages they didn’t know. They shared Jesus boldly with people who had never heard the message of Jesus before.

“The Holy Spirit does the same thing in you. When you follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives inside you. He is God in you! He fills your heart with things you can’t create on your own—like love, peace, patience, and especially joy.

“Just like the balloon couldn’t move without something inside it, you can’t live out God’s purpose without the Holy Spirit helping you from the inside out. The more you rely on the Holy Spirit, the more His fruit, including joy, shows up in the way you live your life. You can ask the Holy Spirit to help you, guide you, and fill you with joy, because ***[Bottom Line]*** the Holy Spirit gives you joy.”

Please take time to Pray!

Ask:

- What’s the difference between being happy and having joy?
- What’s one thing you want to ask the Holy Spirit to help you with today?
- Before that Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit, the believers were waiting without knowing what would happen. How would YOU feel waiting for something God promised but didn’t explain?
- Why does God choose to work through us instead of doing everything Himself?
- Since the Holy Spirit lives in you as a follower of Jesus, what are some ways you hear His voice?