

# Children's Ministries Lesson – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

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## “Come, Holy Spirit” – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-41

Children's Ministries purpose is to build a spiritual foundation in each child that lasts a lifetime.

We hope this lesson provides additional opportunities for your family to strengthen your relationship with each other and with Jesus. This lesson has components of both Children's Church and Sunday School fused together.

As you prepare for this lesson and the space you will use, consider gathering supplies, create a worship focal point (ideas: a Bible, a cross, a candle and an offering container), and remove other distractions from the area. Read through this lesson before beginning. *Wording in BLUE italics is information for the family leader(s).* **BLACK italics** are actions to do.

With love, from your Children's Ministries Team and Worship Leaders, Ashley Hymel and Thanushka Lewkebandara.

**BIBLE POINT:** This week, we celebrate Pentecost – the birthday of the church. Jesus told his disciples before he ascended into heaven, that God will send the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with great joy and give us all we need to share the good news and live the good news.

**SUPPLIES:** Worship focal point ideas: a Bible, a cross, a candle and an offering container; praise & worship music links; Bible story video link; activity supplies (see activity options below); service opportunity (listed at the bottom of the lesson)

**FAMILY CHANT:** *During Sunday School, your children begin with a “class chant”. To bring that to your home, create a family chant that you can say each time. Create your own or use this one. The chant helps connect mind with body and connects everyone together. Motions/actions are in parentheses.*

Let's create our own family “chant” as a way to begin our time together. Repeat what I say and do.

Together we make the [insert family name] family. *(put arms around each other's shoulders - form a huddle)*

Together we make the [insert family name] family. *(put arms around each other's shoulders - form a huddle)*

I love our [insert family name] family! *(whoop whoop)* I love our [insert family name] family! *(whoop whoop)*

We are the dream team you see. *(clap clap)* We are the dream team you see. *(clap clap)*  
*(continued on next page)*

We are safe and helpful too. *(stomp stomp)* We are safe and helpful too. *(stomp stomp)*

Using kind words is what we do. *(high five each other)* Using kind words is what we do. *(high five each other)*

I love our *[insert family name]* family! *(whoop whoop)* I love our *[insert family name]* family!  
*(whoop whoop)*

We are the dream team you see. *(clap clap)* We are the dream team you see. *(clap clap)*

## **OPENING PRAISE SONGS**

[Click here](#) for the full playlist of St. Luke's Children's Praise Music, including more Fruit of the Spirit songs!

**Supplies:** Select the links for Praise and Worship Music (use one or both links)

1. ["Great Big God"](#) (Ashley Hymel and Thanushka Lewkebandara, Contemporary & Children's Church Worship Leaders)



2. ["Strong & Courageous"](#) (performed by Ashley Hymel & Thanushka Lewkebandara)



## **OFFERTORY**

*Determine where your offering will go. You may select an organization of your choice, or save it until we return to Sunday School/Children's Church to give to our current mission. The below scripture is the scripture we use each Sunday during our Offertory time.*

Let's say this scripture together. "God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Now, let us pray for those who will receive our offering and The Lord's Prayer. Does someone want to lead us in prayer?

*Or, you may use this optional prayer:*

Dear God, We thank you for our many blessings. May the offering we share today bring your hope to those who will receive it. And now, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **LEARNING SCRIPTURE:**

Let us learn this scripture together.

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, declaring the mighty works of God."

*Acts 2:4a, 11b (CEB)*

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## **INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE STORY**

Today, we will learn what happened when God sent the Holy Spirit. The story takes place in Jerusalem. Jewish people from all around the world had come to celebrate a festival called Pentecost. Pentecost was known as Festival of Weeks – it celebrated God giving the Ten Commandments 50 days after the Exodus. There were so many visitors in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost because this was one of three major feasts for which all Jewish males were required to travel to the temple in Jerusalem.

Pentecost for Christians, as we are more familiar, is the 50 days after Easter in which the Holy Spirit descended into the hearts of Jesus' apostles and followers. We often refer to Pentecost as the Birthday of the Church – not just St. Luke's, but all churches everywhere. Guess what... Today is Pentecost! Let us find out what happened to the apostles at the Pentecost festival on the day when God made church.

## **BIBLE STORY –**

**Supplies:** [Click here for the Bible Story video.](#)

Our Bible story for today comes from the New Testament, the Book of Acts. Watch and listen to the story, from the Lion Storyteller Bible, by Bob Hartman and Krisztina Kallai Nagy: *The Helper Arrives*.

[Watch the Bible story video.](#)



## **DISCUSSION AFTER BIBLE STORY:**

- What did the apostles see and hear when the Holy Spirit came that day? *(They heard the wind blow harder than the fiercest storm. They saw fire on each of their heads and hands, but they smelled no smoke and no one was hurt by the fire.)*
- How would you feel if a sudden wind came around you, and fire rested on you and your friends but did not burn anyone?
- The wind and fire showed the apostles the power of the Holy Spirit. They also saw the power of the Holy Spirit when, suddenly, they were able to speak in many different languages. It was important for people to hear about Jesus in their own language so they could understand Jesus is Lord.
- Can anyone speak more than one language? *(Allow children to answer.)*
- Do any of you know words from other languages? *(Allow children to answer.)*
- On that day the Holy Spirit came, Jerusalem had visitors from all over the world who spoke different languages. Why were they in Jerusalem that day? *(To celebrate Pentecost: a celebration of God giving the Ten Commandments 50 days after the Exodus.)*
- Why do you think God chose the time when Jerusalem was filled with visitors from all over the world? *(All children to answer.)*
- What do you think the visitors might have told their families and friends when they returned to their own lands? *(They might have talked about the apostles and the Holy Spirit, or shared the news about Jesus.)*

## **Activity Option #1: “Fanning Peace” craft**

Inspired by sermons4kids.com

**Supplies:** Piece of paper, pencil or markers, craft stick or tongue depressor (optional), tape



1. Give each child a piece of paper.
2. Have them fold it back and forth accordion style (make small folds back and forth). Here is a YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAhXeJu41g> if you are unsure (it does not need to look as professional as the video.)
3. After the folds are made, look at the different phrases for Peace below and discuss which they would like to put on their fan.
4. Have them choose a few of the sayings and decorate their folds with some of the sayings. They can also decorate the folds with things like doves or flames.
5. Tape the fan to a tongue depressor or craft stick to use. If you do not have a tongue depressor or craft stick, you can just fold up one end. (see the picture below.)
6. They can use the fan to recreate part of the bible story where the wind blows!
7. After the wind blows, have them practice pronouncing the phrases they chose to put on their fans as they fan others or themselves with peace.

Discussion questions:

1. What do you think the wind in the story was? (the holy spirit)
2. What were the disciples filled with after the wind blew and the flames flickered? (the holy spirit)
3. What were the disciples able to do after the disciples were filled with it? (speak in different languages to spread the word of God and the teachings of Jesus)

The phrases are listed for you on the following page.

## Peace to You

### Peace

Salaam  
Kapayapaan  
Rauha  
Paix  
Frieden  
Eirini se sas  
Shalom  
Pace  
Heiwa  
Pachem  
Fred  
Paz  
Mir  
Paz  
Amani

### Language

Arabic  
Filipino  
Finnish  
French  
German  
Greek  
Hebrew  
Italian  
Japanese  
Latin  
Norwegian  
Portuguese  
Russian  
Spanish  
Swahili

### Pronunciation

*sa-lahm*  
*kah-paya-pan*  
*rou-oo-ha*  
*pay*  
*freeden*  
*areeni*  
*shah-lome*  
*paw-chay*  
*hay-wah*  
*paw-chem*  
*frred*  
*pawz*  
*meer*  
*pawz*  
*ah-mah-nee*

### Activity Option #2: Making a Church

**Supplies:** wooden blocks and/or Legos, plastic cups, paper and markers.

#### **Directions:**

We are celebrating the birthday of the church. Use building materials and work together, or individually, to build or draw a church.

### Activity Option #3: There She Blows!

**Supplies:** Plastic cups and one straw per child



Today we are going to play a game that represents what the apostles experienced on Pentecost - the birthday of the church. In our game, the red plastic cups will represent the fire the apostles felt, and we will use straws to create wind.

#### **Directions:**

1. Have child stand next to table for their starting point.
2. Give each child a cup and a new straw.
3. Say go and try to blow the cup off the other side of the table using only a straw.
4. The winner is the child who blows the cup off the side first.
5. Play again if you like for as many times as you like.

## **CLOSING:**

### **LEARNING SCRIPTURE:**

Let's say our scripture again!

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, declaring the mighty works of God."

*Acts 2:4a, 11b (CEB)*

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

God promised to pour out his Holy Spirit on all the people. Everyone who loves God and carries him in their hearts will be close to God forever. Imagine if each and every one of you told 3 friends about God today. How many people total would that be? (Do the math together.) Let us see if we can share the love of the Holy Spirit this week! I think altogether we can tell over 100 people this week about God!

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**Let's pray this prayer together as an echo prayer:**

Lord, let the Holy Spirit. **(Lord, let the Holy Spirit.)**

Fill our hearts and minds with your love. **(Fill our hearts and minds with your love.)**

Let us act on this love **(Let us act on this love)**

to serve our church **(to serve our church)**

and give freely to its purpose **(and give freely to its purpose)**

in serving you and your kingdom. **(in serving you and your kingdom.)**

Breathe new life into our church. **(Breathe new life into our church.)**

Amen. **(Amen.)**

### **CLOSING SONG:**

**Supplies:** [Click here](#) for closing song, "We Will Worship" (Ashley Hymel & Thanushka Lewkebandara) *Play the closing song.*



### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – to continue our worship all week!**

**LET'S HELP THE CHURCH GROW EVEN MORE!**

**Supplies:** sidewalk chalk (or other creative materials to share that it is the church's birthday!)

Go outside and together as a family draw a "Happy Birthday Church!" picture with sidewalk chalk where all your neighbors and friends can see! You can draw balloons, or streamers, or party hats – whatever you like to help celebrate!