



Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Comes—Part 1

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with us.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The Spirit Who Gives Us Power

THE WORD

Bible Story: Acts 1:3-4, 8-9; 2:1-4

What He has done: Jesus kept His promise and sent the Holy Spirit.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Wait for the gift."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord Almighty." Zechariah 4:6b
 "I will pour out My Spirit on all people." Joel 2:28a

Unit 1: The Promise of the Spirit			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
1	Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Comes—Part 1, Acts 1:3-4, 8-9; 2:1-4	Jesus kept His promise and sent the Holy Spirit.	To know Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with us.
2	Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Comes—Part 2, Acts 1:3-4, 8-9; 2:1-4	Jesus kept His promise and sent the Holy Spirit.	To know God keeps His promises.
3	Peter and the Lame Man, Acts 3:1-10	God healed the man who could not walk.	To praise God for healing us.
4	Philip and the Ethiopian—Part 1, Acts 8:27-31, 34-35	God led Philip to teach the man from Africa about Jesus.	To know God leads us to people we can serve.
5	Philip and the Ethiopian—Part 2, Acts 8:27-31, 34-35	God led Philip to teach the man from Africa about Jesus.	To know we can tell Bible stories to others.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read John 14:15-27. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for the promise of Your Holy Spirit. Help the children trust in You to keep all of Your promises. Give them faith to wait on Your promises. Amen."



**THE WORSHIP
THE WORD &
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Picture Schedule Cards	Cards with picture illustrating the activities: WELCOME, WORSHIP, BIBLE, CRAFT, PRAYER, SNACK, GAMES, COLORING, GOING HOME. Envelope labeled FINISHED. Optional: To display schedule, use Velcro to attach laminated Picture Schedule cards to a felt board.
		Treasure Chest	Stamp or sticker of a cloud
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "Wait for the gift."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Not by Might" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Heal Me, O Lord," "I Am with You," "It's Praise Time," "The Lord Is Faithful," "Let Everything That Has Breath" Additional Hymn Suggestions "Hallelu, Hallelu," "How Great Is Our God," "I've Got the Joy"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	Prophets & Promises Lesson 2 Delbert & Lello or Commander Cosmos script or storybook
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Acts 1:3-4, 8-9; 2:1-4	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Acts 2:2 Visual: Cotton balls (as clouds) Flannel board/figures: Jesus, the apostles Clay or play-dough option: House
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Wait for the Gift	Standard-size sturdy light blue paper, sturdy white and flesh-colored paper, cotton balls, markers or crayons, glue or glue sticks, tape
		Circle of Prayer or Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer word and picture book
		Snack: Marshmallow Clouds	Marshmallows
		Unit 1 Games: Sand Search	Bin or container of clean sand, cotton ball, bandage, toy angel (or laminated picture)
		Blanket Ball	Blanket or sturdy tablecloth, ball or balloon
		Cloud Hop	White paper or white paper plates
		Musical Chairs	Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "Not by Might," CD player, chairs
		Beanbag Toss	Several beanbags, hula-hoop (or rope or floor tape)
		Freeze Dance	Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "Not by Might," CD player
		Scenes from Commander Cosmos (older children only)	Commander Cosmos scripts for Lessons 2, 3, 5
	Act it Out	Bible times clothing or stick puppets of: Jesus, the apostles, Peter, John, jumping man, Philip, man from Ethiopia	
Final 5	Final Five	Daily Way (Adaptation): Unit 1, Lesson 1 Color This Story: "The Holy Spirit Comes"	

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Wait for the gift

THE WELCOME

PICTURE SCHEDULE: WELCOME TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. Hello _____. I'm glad you are here! Come and see what we are going to do today. Point to each card on the Picture Schedule board. Today, we will WELCOME everyone. We will read the BIBLE story and make a CRAFT. We will have PRAYER time and eat a SNACK. We will play GAMES and enjoy COLORING a picture about today's story.

Open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure. Child unlocks Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a cloud. Let this stamp or sticker of a cloud help you remember Jesus was taken up into the clouds. That's when He told his followers to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Today's Whisper Verse is "Wait for the gift." Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.*

SIGN LANGUAGE: "Wait for the gift."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:

"Wait (for)" The fingers of both hands are wiggled with one hand in front of the other and both palms facing the body.

"(the) gift." With both hands closed as if holding something, slightly rotate the arms two times in front of the body as if handing something to someone twice.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time. Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "Wait for the gift," Acts 1:4. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



The Spirit who gives us power

THE WORSHIP

PICTURE SCHEDULE: WORSHIP TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the WELCOME picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Welcome Time. Now, we will have our Worship Time.**

Children may worship in a large group with other classes or in a quiet room with a worship CD or DVD.

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, play “It’s Praise Time!” as children move to a designated place for praise songs, offering, and the worship illustration. Children who are nonverbal may enjoy participating in the music by playing children’s percussion instruments such as maracas, jingle bells, wood blocks, or small tambourines. Children who are sensitive to sound may prefer to wear noise reduction headphones.



It’s Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised His friends He would send the gift of the Holy Spirit who would give them power. Jesus told them to wait for the gift. That is today’s Whisper Verse: “Wait for the gift.” Let’s try it together now. Review Whisper Verse together: “Wait for the gift.” Include sign language.

The Holy Spirit is God. God is three in one: God is the Father, the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit points us to God. He helps us know what God wants us to do. One of the great things God wants us to do is to give our offering to His church. We can praise Him while we give our offering. Sing: “Let Everything That Has Breath” while collecting the offering.

When we do great things, it is not by our own might or power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. That reminds me of our new Bible Memory Verse Song. Sing: “Not by Might.”



Let’s call on Delbert and Lello to see if they know about Jesus’ promise to send the Holy Spirit. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 1, Lesson 2.*



Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with believers forever. His followers waited for the gift of the Holy Spirit because they knew God always keeps His promises. Let’s celebrate that. Sing: “I Am with You” and “The Lord Is Faithful.”

* May substitute Lesson 2 Commander Cosmos script or storybook.



Jesus is taken up

THE WORD

PICTURE SCHEDULE: BIBLE TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the WORSHIP picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Worship Time. Now, we will have our Bible Time.**

Last time, we learned God showed baby Jesus to the wise men. Jesus grew up, died on the cross for us, and rose to life again. Then, Jesus promised to send the gift of the Holy Spirit to His friends. Today, we will hear how Jesus kept His promise. He sent the Holy Spirit! Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 2:2.

WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 1:3-4, 8-9; 2:1-4

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, display cotton balls (as clouds). Have children assist by placing Bible Story figures on a flannel board. Other visual options include Color This Story or a related picture. Optional: To help children focus, have them create a house from clay or play dough as they listen to the story.

- **Jesus was born as a gift from God.**
- **He gave His life to save everyone.**
- **He rose again and promised His friends:**
- **“Wait for the gift of the Spirit to come.”**

- **After Jesus was taken up into the clouds,**
- **His friends waited together in town.**
- **Then came the holiday called Pentecost,**
- **And they all heard a very strange sound.**

- **It was heaven’s wind blowing through the house.**
- **A small flame rested on everyone.**
- **They spoke in many languages to the crowd,**
- **For the gift of the Holy Spirit had come.**

What did Jesus tell His friends to do? (Wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.) **Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let’s say it together: “Wait for the gift.”** Include sign language or hand motions.



What sound did Jesus’ friends hear? (Wind.) **Let’s find our answer in the Bible.** Read Acts 2:2 from the teacher’s Bible. **They also saw small flames resting on everyone, but they were not afraid. The flames did not hurt anyone.**



Waiting and trusting God

THE WAY

PICTURE SCHEDULE: CRAFT TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the BIBLE picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Bible Time. Now, it is Craft Time.**

CRAFT: WAIT FOR THE GIFT

Purpose: For children to remember the promise Jesus made as He was taken up into heaven.

Supplies: Standard-size sturdy light blue paper, sturdy white and flesh-colored paper, cotton balls, markers or crayons, glue or glue sticks, tape

Prepare: From sturdy white paper, cut out an outline of Jesus and a 1-inch x 2-inch rectangle tab to tape to the back of Jesus. Crease the tab in half on its width. From sturdy flesh-colored paper, cut three 1-inch circles. On a standard-size sheet of sturdy light blue paper, cut a slit lengthwise in the upper half of the middle of the paper. On the bottom, print: **"Wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:4-11**

Directions:

1. Color Jesus.
2. Tape half of the tab to the back of Jesus, leaving the other half loose for a small handle.
3. Draw faces on the three 1-inch circles. Attach them at the bottom of the light blue paper.
4. Attach cotton balls, for clouds, to both sides of the lengthwise slit.
5. Help children slide the handle part of the tab through the slit in the paper.
6. Show children how to grasp the tab from the back to show how Jesus was taken up into heaven.

Craft Discussion:

- **Where is Jesus now?** (In heaven.) **His friends saw Him taken up into heaven.**
- **Before He was taken up into heaven, what did Jesus promise to send His friends?** (The gift of the Holy Spirit.) **Jesus wanted His friends to wait for the gift.**
- **That's our Whisper Verse! Let's say it with our motions right now!** Say the Whisper Verse together with the hand motions.
- **What is the most special gift you have ever received?** (Children respond.) **Did you have to wait to open your gift?** (Children respond.)
- **Just like Jesus asked His followers to wait, sometimes God asks us to wait for His good gifts, too.**
- **Jesus' friends waited for the gift of the Holy Spirit. What did they see and hear when the Holy Spirit came?** (They heard a loud wind and saw small flames resting on each of them. The flames did not hurt them. They spoke in many languages.)

THE WAY *continued...*



CIRCLE OF PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PICTURE SCHEDULE: PRAYER TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the CRAFT picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Craft Time. Now, it is Prayer Time.**

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (say every name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen. You may add the Lord's Prayer with the word picture book.

PICTURE SCHEDULE: SNACK TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the PRAYER picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Prayer Time. Now, it is Snack Time.**

Teacher Tip: It is important to keep a record of all dietary restrictions and allergies accessible. Some parents may prefer to bring their child's snack. Depending on the dietary needs of your classroom, you may determine it is best to omit snack time completely.

SNACK: MARSHMALLOW CLOUDS

Purpose: Children will eat marshmallows to remind them of the clouds.

Snack Suggestion: Marshmallows

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank you for our blessings. Thank you for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **The marshmallows we are eating remind me of the clouds in our story.**
 - **Where did His friends see Jesus go?** (Up to heaven, hidden by a cloud.) **Jesus went up through the clouds.**
 - **Is Jesus going to come back to earth?** (Yes.) **Jesus wants us to wait for Him. Sometimes, God asks us to wait.**
 - **Jesus sent a gift for us to have while we wait for Him to come back. What was it?** (The Holy Spirit.)
 - **What did Jesus' friends hear and see when the Holy Spirit came?** (They heard a loud wind and saw small flames resting on each of them. The flames did not hurt them. They spoke in many languages.)

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS)

UNIT 1 GAME OPTIONS

Play one or more of the activities below until the last five minutes of class then proceed to Final Five.

PICTURE SCHEDULE: GAMES TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the SNACK picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Snack Time. Now, is our time to play Games.**

GAME: SAND SEARCH

Purpose: This sand sifting activity soothes children. The items in the bin can be used to introduce the Bible stories or the Unit 1 Worship Attribute: The Spirit Who Gives Us Power

Supplies: Bin or container of clean sand, cotton ball, bandage, toy angel (or laminated picture)

Prepare: Place all items beneath the surface of the sand.

Directions:

1. Children take turns reaching into the sand in search of the objects.
2. Teacher and children discuss each object as it is located.
3. When all the objects have been located, display them together on a tabletop or on the surface of the sand.
4. Children feel each item as the teacher explains their connection to the Unit 1 Bible stories. The cotton ball reminds us that Jesus was lifted up into the clouds of heaven before the Holy Spirit came. The bandage reminds us that God healed the man who could not walk. The angel reminds us that an angel sent Philip down the road to the man from Ethiopia.

GAME: BLANKET BALL

Purpose: Children catch a ball in a blanket or parachute to remember the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Blanket or sturdy tablecloth, ball or balloon

In this game, we will remind each other of our Bible Memory Verse: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord Almighty," "I will pour out My Spirit on all people."

Let's play Blanket Ball. Each time we toss the ball into the air and catch it in the blanket, we will say a phrase of the Bible Memory Verse.

Directions:

1. Children stand in a circle holding the edges of the blanket.
2. Place a ball or balloon in the center of the blanket.
3. Together, the children quickly raise the blanket to toss the ball or balloon into the air.
4. As the ball lands, lead children in saying a phrase of the Bible Memory Verse.
5. Phrases can be divided as follows: Not by might/ nor by power/ but by My Spirit/ says the Lord Almighty./ I will pour out My Spirit/ on all people.
6. Play several times.

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

GAME: CLOUD HOP

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: White paper or white paper plates

Prepare: Cut 23 cloud shapes from white paper or paper plates. Lay the clouds on the floor in a line or circle around the play area.

After He promised to send the Holy Spirit, Jesus was lifted up through the clouds. Let's say each Bible Memory Verse word as we hop from cloud to cloud.

Directions:

1. Children repeat each word from the Bible Memory Verse after you say it.
2. Children hop or step from one cloud to the next as they say each word.

Teacher Tip: Allow children who are unable to hop or step to toss each paper cloud into a bin as they say or sign each word of the Bible Memory Verse.

GAME: MUSICAL CHAIRS

Purpose: This version of Musical Chairs familiarizes children with the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song.

Supplies: Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "Not by Might," CD player, chair for each child

Prepare: Set chairs back-to-back in a row.

Teacher Tip: In this version of musical chairs, no chair is removed; all children remain in the game. Leave one or more spaces at the end of the row of chairs for any children in wheelchairs. Encourage quick listening and affirm those who are the first to hear the music stop and are seated.

To practice our Bible Memory Verse Song, let's play Musical Chairs.

Directions:

1. As the Bible Memory Verse Song plays, children march around the row of chairs and sing.
2. The teacher stops the music at different times during the song.
3. When the music stops, children find the nearest chair and sit immediately.

GAME: BEAN BAG TOSS

Purpose: To help children review the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Several beanbags, one hula-hoop (or rope or floor tape)

Prepare: Use hula-hoop, rope, or floor tape to create a large target area on the floor.

Directions:

1. Give a beanbag to the first child.
2. Stand with the child approximately 6 feet from the target.
3. Before tossing the beanbag, the child says part of the Bible Memory Verse. (The teacher may say it with the child as needed.)
4. Child tosses the beanbag at the target.
5. Children take turns to see who can reach the target.
6. Repeat as time allows.

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

GAME: FREEZE DANCE

Purpose: To practice the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song.

Supplies: Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "Not by Might," CD player

To practice our Bible Memory Verse Song, let's play Freeze Dance. Be sure to stop and freeze when you hear the music stop.

Directions:

1. Children dance as the Bible Memory Verse Song is played.
2. Have a helper periodically pause the music.
3. When the music stops, everyone "freezes" (stops in place and doesn't move). When the helper restarts the music, the children begin dancing again.
4. Play as long as you like.

GAME: SCENES FROM COMMANDER COSMOS

Purpose: To learn applications to the Unit 1 Bible stories, older children act out today's Commander Cosmos script.

Supplies: Commander Cosmos scripts for Lessons 2, 3, 5

Directions:

1. Choose the script that corresponds with today's Bible story.
2. Assign each child a character name and improvise with the script so all the children can be their favorite character, a new character, or just take turns being the same character.
3. Act it out!

GAME: ACT IT OUT

Purpose: To help learn the Unit 1 stories, children act them out in costumes or with stick puppets.

Supplies: Bible times clothing or pictures of the following characters attached to craft sticks: Jesus, the apostles, Peter, John, jumping man, Philip, man from Ethiopia

Directions: With each phrase, teacher says phrase and acts it out with hand motions, then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

Optional: Children can wear costumes and act it out or children can hold craft sticks with characters. You may choose one or more stories.

(Stories are on the next page.)

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

GAME: ACT IT OUT continued

PENTECOST: THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

- **Jesus was born as a gift from God.** (Pretend to hold a baby.)
- **He gave His life to save everyone.** (Put hands on heart.)
- **He rose again and promised His friends:** (Point to heaven.)
- **“Wait for the gift of the Spirit to come.”** (Pretend to hold a gift.)

- **After Jesus was taken up into the clouds,** (Point to clouds.)
- **His friends waited together in town.** (Place hands on hips.)
- **Then came the holiday called Pentecost,** (Spin in a circle.)
- **And they all heard a very strange sound.** (Cup hand around ear to hear.)

- **It was heaven’s wind blowing through the house.** (Wave arms in the air.)
- **A small flame rested on everyone.** (Wiggle fingers above head.)
- **They spoke in many languages to the crowd,** (Point to mouth.)
- **For the gift of the Holy Spirit had come.** (Point to heaven.)

JESUS AND THE CRIPPLED MAN

- **A man who couldn’t walk saw Peter and John,** (Cup hands around eyes as eyeglasses.)
- **They were heading to the temple to pray.** (Fold hands in prayer.)
- **The man begged them for money,** (Hold out hands as if begging.)
- **So, here is what Peter had to say.** (Raise index finger as if teaching.)

- **“Silver and gold have I none,** (Point to pockets and shake head no.)
- **But I’ll give you what I can.** (Point to self.)
- **In the name of Jesus, you will walk!”** (Point to heaven.)
- **Then, Peter helped the man to stand.** (Stand up tall with hands on hips.)

- **The man jumped up to his feet,** (Jump in place.)
- **He began to walk right away.** (Walk in place.)
- **He walked and jumped and he praised God,** (Raise hands in praise.)
- **For healing him that day.** (Point to feet.)

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN

- **Philip was walking down the road one day,** (Walk in place.)
- **A man from Africa he did see.** (Cup hands around eyes like binoculars.)
- **Philip ran to the man as fast as he could,** (Run in place.)
- **For the Bible he was trying to read.** (Fold hands like a book and pretend to read.)

- **Philip asked, “Do you understand this?”** (Palms up as if asking a question.)
- **“Tell me, please!” said the man.** (Cup hand around ear as if listening.)
- **Philip told him all about Jesus** (Point index finger like teaching.)
- **When they read the Bible story again!** (Fold hands like a book and pretend to read.)

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

PICTURE SCHEDULE: COLORING TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the GAMES picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Game Time. Now, is our time for coloring the picture of today's story.**

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Wait for the Gift" craft. Tell someone Jesus told His friends to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Tell them what happened when the Holy Spirit came that day!

DAILY WAY (ADAPTATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES): Distribute this version of the Daily Way, if available. **Show the Daily Way to your family. Talk about how Jesus was taken up to heaven.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "The Holy Spirit Comes." Discuss the Bible story and play Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song, "Not by Might," as children color.

As coloring is completed or parents arrive:

PICTURE SCHEDULE: GOING HOME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the COLORING picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Coloring Time. Now, it is time for Going Home.**

THE DAILY WAY

Unit 1, Lesson 1 – Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Comes – Part 1

PONDER! Read Acts 1:3-4, 8-9; 2:1-4 with your family. Talk about how Jesus was taken up to heaven. What did Jesus promise to send to His friends? What did Jesus' friends see and hear when He sent the Holy Spirit?

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for sending Your gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us to wait for the gifts You have for us as we trust You to keep Your promises. Amen."

PLAY! "Wait for the Gift." Ask your family to close their eyes. Put a wrapped gift in front of one person. Ask everyone to open their eyes. Take turns giving the gift. Afterward, talk about your favorite gifts. What was it like to wait for them? What is the hardest thing you have had to wait for?

Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord Almighty." Zechariah 4:6b

"I will pour out My Spirit on all people." Joel 2:28a