



# Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Comes

Lesson Aim: To know God keeps His promises.

## THE WORSHIP

**Who God Is:** The Spirit Who Gives Us Power

## THE WORD

**Bible Story:** Acts 2:1-4

**What He Has Done:** Jesus kept His promise and sent the Holy Spirit.

## THE WAY

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

Unit 1: The Promise of the Spirit			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
1	The Promise of the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:4-11	Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come.	To know Jesus promised a special helper.
2	Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Comes, Acts 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	Stephen Serves Others, Acts 6:1-8	God helped Stephen serve others by feeding the hungry.	To know we can serve others by feeding the hungry.
5	Philip and the Ethiopian, 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 Psalm 16. Please join us in praying, “Thank You for pouring out Your Spirit on all people at Pentecost. Fill us with Your Spirit so we may share the good news about Jesus with people all over the world. Amen.”

## TEACHER'S TIP

**Teaching Young Children about the Holy Spirit.** It is difficult for young children to understand the concept of the Holy Spirit living within us. It may be easier to refer to the Holy Spirit as the part of God that is our special helper.



Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	<b>Welcome</b>	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a gift box
		<b>Coloring Center:</b> The Holy Spirit Comes	Coloring pages of people praising God, sticker of a gift box
		<b>Play-Dough Center:</b> Keeping Promises	Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools
		<b>Bubbles Center:</b> He Is with Us	Bubbles, bubble wand
		<b>Dramatic Play Center:</b> Do Great Things	Dishes, cups, napkins, play food
	Up to 5	<b>Prepare for Worship</b>	None
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	<b>Worship</b> Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Praise music, optional: musical instruments <b>Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song:</b> "Not by Might" <b>Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions:</b> "Heal Me, O Lord" "Here Am I" "He Is Mighty to Save" "I Am with You" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "The Lord Is Faithful"
		<b>Offering</b>	Baskets
		<b>Worship Illustration</b>	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 1, Lesson 2
THE WORD	Up to 10	<b>Watch the Word:</b> Acts 2:1-4	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Acts 2:2 Visuals: Picture of the Bible story, wrapped gift
THE WAY	Up to 25	<b>Craft:</b> Gift for All People	Plain box or bag, sturdy paper, assorted craft decorations*, glue or tape, crayons or markers, optional: magazines
		<b>Game:</b> God Keeps His Promises	Bible, Bible Memory Verse Song: "The Lord Is Faithful"
		<b>Game:</b> Go and Tell!	None
		<b>Snack:</b> Windy Snack	Any favorite snack
	Final 5	<b>Final Five</b>	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 1, Lesson 2
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	<b>Say &amp; Do:</b> Acts 2:1-4	None
	Up to 10	<b>Game:</b> Bible Memory Verse Hop	None
	Up to 10	<b>Game:</b> Close with Him	Large blanket
	Up to 10	<b>Story Time</b>	Any story about telling other people about Jesus

**RESOURCES:** Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



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## **THE WELCOME**

### **WELCOME**

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello \_\_\_\_\_. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a gift box. **Let this stamp (or sticker) of a gift help you remember Jesus kept His promise to send the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**Teacher's Note:** These activity centers are designed to reinforce the lesson through hands-on learning experiences either individually or in small groups with the guidance of the teacher. Choose the Bible Activity Centers that best suit the children in your class. Set up the activity centers around the room before children arrive. Allow children to move freely among them.

### **COLORING CENTER: THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES**

#### **SUPPLIES**

Coloring pages of people praising God, sticker of a gift box

#### **DO**

Children color their picture and add a sticker of a gift as they talk about today's story.

#### **TALK ABOUT**

**Would you say the people in this picture are happy or sad? (Happy.) They are happy because Jesus kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the part of God that is our special helper. He is a gift to us to help us know what God wants us to do. Let's put a sticker of a gift box on our picture so we remember the Holy Spirit is a gift to us.**

### **PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: KEEPING PROMISES**

#### **SUPPLIES**

Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools

#### **DO**

Children play with the play-dough while discussing the importance of keeping promises. Encourage children to make a Bible with the play-dough.

#### **TALK ABOUT**

**We know God always keeps His promises. A promise is when we tell someone we will do something. When God tells us He will do something, He always does it. We find His promises in the Bible. Can you tell me any of God's promises? (Children respond. Possible answers may include to love us, to always be with us, to help us know right and wrong, to forgive, to teach us.) What can we promise to God? (Children respond. Possible answers may include to pray and read the Bible, love others, be kind, tell others about Him.)**

# THE WELCOME *continued...*

## **BUBBLES CENTER: HE IS WITH US**

### **SUPPLIES**

Bubbles, bubble wand

### **DO**

Children play with bubbles to remember who the Holy Spirit is.

### **TALK ABOUT**

**Today, we are going to talk about the Holy Spirit. He is the part of God that is our special helper.**

**The Bible tells us that when the Holy Spirit came, “heaven’s wind blew through the house.” Can you see the wind? (No.) But we know it is there. We can use wind to blow the bubbles.**

Demonstrate by blowing bubbles from the wand. Encourage the children to blow the bubbles you make through the air. **We can’t see the Holy Spirit but we know He is with us because He teaches us right and wrong and guides us through each day.**

## **DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: DO GREAT THINGS**

### **SUPPLIES**

Dishes, cups, napkins, play food

### **DO**

### **TALK ABOUT**

**Our Bible Memory Verse tells us, “‘Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.” That means the Holy Spirit—the part of God who is our special helper—will give us what we need to do great things. What great things do you want to do when you grow up?**

(Children respond.) If you have time, you can talk about the great things the children can do now, such as loving their family, helping others, and telling others about Jesus.

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## **PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**It’s time for Praise Time. Let’s sing a “Clean Up Song” as we put things away.** Praise children as they help clean.

**Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!  
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SIGN LANGUAGE**

(For visual demonstrations, see [www.signingsavvy.com](http://www.signingsavvy.com))

**“‘Not by might,  
nor by power,  
but by My Spirit,’**

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(Spirit) On each hand, touch the tip of the pointer finger to the tip of the thumb. Hands begin at center of the chest, then move apart in a back and forth wavy motion.

**says the Lord Almighty.”**

(Lord) Make “L” shape with right index finger and thumb. Move “L” from left shoulder to right hip as a royal sash.

**Zechariah 4:6b**

Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.

Adding sign language or motions to the Bible Memory Verse helps children recall what they are learning.



The Spirit who gives us power

# THE WORSHIP

**Supplies:** Praise music, optional: musical instruments

**Teacher Tip:** To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" as children move to that designated area.



**Last week, we learned about a special promise Jesus made to His friends. Can we trust Jesus to always keep His promises? (Yes.) Let's pray.** Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear Jesus, we praise You for keeping Your promise and sending us the Holy Spirit to be our special helper. Amen.**



**Let's praise Jesus right now for always keeping His promises.** Sing: "The Lord Is Faithful."

**Jesus promised His friends that He would send the gift of the Holy Spirit to them. The Holy Spirit is our helper. He is with us wherever we go.** Sing: "I Am with You" while collecting the offering.



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



**Zechariah 4:6b says, "'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty." That means the Holy Spirit will give us the power to do what is right. Let's say our verse together.** Practice a few times together.

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**Let's sing our Bible Memory Verse Song.** Sing Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Not by Might."



Jesus kept His promise

## THE WORD

**Supplies:** Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Acts 2:2, picture of the Bible story, wrapped gift

**Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.**

<b>With my eyes on my teacher;</b>	Point to eyes.
<b>My mouth quiet as can be,</b>	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
<b>I will listen to hear,</b>	Cup hand around ear.
<b>How God loves you and me.</b>	Hug self, point to others, and then self.

**Let's reach deep in our pockets and pull out our listening ears.** Reach in your pocket and cup your hands behind your ears as if listening.

Show the children the wrapped gift. **Who likes to receive gifts?** (Children respond.) **It's fun, isn't it. The hard part is waiting to open the gift. What is the best gift you have ever had to wait to open?** (Children respond.)

**Last week, we talked about the gift Jesus promised to send. His friends had to wait for that gift. Does anyone remember what the gift was?** (The Holy Spirit.) **The Holy Spirit is the part of God that is our special helper. Today, we will hear how Jesus kept His promise. Let's listen and find out what happened.** Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 2:2.



### **WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 2:1-4**

Read the story below or retell the passage in your own words. To illustrate the story, show a picture of the Bible story from a children's Bible, the coloring page, or other source.

- **Jesus had told His friends to wait for the gift.**
- **So, they 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 each one.**
- **They spoke in many languages to the crowd,**
- **For the gift of the Holy Spirit had come.**

**Who was the gift?** (The Holy Spirit.) **Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit. Did He keep His promise?** (Yes.)



God keeps His promises

## THE WAY

**Teacher Tip:** Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

### **CRAFT: GIFT FOR ALL PEOPLE**

**Purpose:** To remind the children that God sent the Holy Spirit for all people.

**Supplies:** Plain box or bag, sturdy paper, assorted craft decorations\*, glue or tape, crayons or markers, optional: magazines

**Prepare:** Draw and cut out an outline of several children holding a banner. On the banner, print:

**I will pour out My Spirit on all people.**

**Acts 2:1-4**

**Teacher's Tip:** "I will pour out My Spirit on all people." is found in Acts 2:17.

**Option:** Instead of a picture of children holding a banner, print the verse at the bottom of a plain sheet of paper. Assist children in cutting pictures of people from old magazines and attaching them to the sheet of paper. Place the collage in the gift bag or box.

**\*Adaptation for Ages 2-3:** This craft has been adapted from the curriculum for ages 4-5. When considering craft decorations for younger children, it is best to avoid anything that could be a choking hazard. Some craft decorations that work well for this age are stickers, stampers, sturdy paper, tissue paper, wrapping paper, ribbon, yarn, pom-poms, cotton balls, felt, foam shapes, small feathers, non-toxic glitter paint, or watercolor paints.

#### **Directions:**

1. **Let's make a gift that will help us tell others about the day Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His friends.**
2. Color the picture of the children with the banner.
3. Color and decorate the bag or box with crayons or markers and assorted craft decorations.
4. Place the picture inside the gift bag or box.

#### **Craft Discussion:**

- **Who likes gifts?** (Children respond.)
- **Last time, we heard Jesus promised to send a gift to His friends.**
- **Did He keep His promise?** (Yes.)
- **The Holy Spirit gave Jesus' friends power to do good things. They could speak in different languages to teach other people about Him.**
- **You can use your gift to tell someone about the day Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His friends. Tell them God always keeps His promises.**

# THE WAY *continued...*

## **GAME: GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES**

**Purpose:** Children will understand God's promises are found in the Bible.

**Supplies:** Bible, Bible Memory Verse Song: "The Lord Is Faithful"

**God keeps His promises to each one of us. Who can tell me where we find God's promises? (The Bible.) Show children the Bible. We know we can trust God to keep His promises. Let's share the Bible I have here with each other. We will pass the Bible around the circle. If you are holding the Bible when the music stops, I want you to say, "God keeps His promises!"**

### **Directions:**

1. Children sit in a circle.
2. Teacher gives the Bible to a child.
3. Play "The Lord Is Faithful."
4. While the music plays, help children pass the Bible around the circle.
5. Have a helper stop the music.
6. Child holding the Bible says, **"God keeps His promises!"** If the child is hesitant, have the class say it together.
7. Start the music again.
8. Repeat steps 5-7 until each child has a turn or for as long as time allows.

## **GAME: GO AND TELL!**

**Purpose:** Children will remember Jesus' friends told other people about Him.

**Supplies:** None

**The Holy Spirit helped Jesus' friends tell others about Him. He will help us, too. Let's practice telling each other that God keeps His promises.**

### **Directions:**

1. Divide children into two groups.
2. Line up each group (Group A, Group B) at opposite ends of the play area.
3. First child of Group A runs to the first child of Group B and says, **"God keeps His promises!"**
4. Group B child then runs to the next child in the Group A line and says, **"God keeps His promises!"**
5. Children should sit near their group after they have completed their turn.
6. Continue until each child has a turn. The last child in Group B can either find the first child from Group A or tell the teacher, **"God keeps His promises!"**



# THE WAY *continued...*

## **SNACK: WINDY SNACK**

**Purpose:** Children will blow like the wind and then eat a favorite snack to help them remember Jesus' friends heard a loud wind when the Holy Spirit came.

**Snack Suggestion:** Any favorite snack

**What did it sound like when the Holy Spirit came?** (A loud wind.) **Before we eat our snack, let's pretend to be like the wind that came that day.** Show the children how to cup one hand around their mouths and blow while waving the other arm back and forth. **Imagine the sound Jesus' friends heard that day!**

### **Directions:**

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or another 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.
  - **What was the gift Jesus' friends had been waiting for?** (The Holy Spirit.) **That's right. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. Did He keep His promise?** (Yes.)
  - **We can always trust the Lord will keep His promises to us.**



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

## **FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

Gather children in a circle sitting or standing and practice the words and motions.

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<b>Zechariah 4:6b</b>	Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.

### **PRAY**

**Let's pray together.** Say a closing prayer with the children.

### **PLAY**

Allow children to play with selected toys or centers or choose a book to read to them.

### **DISMISSAL**

Have children take home their coloring page, craft, and a copy of the Ponder, Pray & Play for 2-3's.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

## **GOT TIME?**

### **SAY & DO: ACTS 2:1-4**

**Purpose:** This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the story details.

**Supplies:** None

**Directions:** With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and leads the children in doing the hand motions.

- **Jesus had told His friends to wait for the gift.** (Pretend to hold a gift in both hands.)
- **So, they 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 each one.** (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.)



### **BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES**

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### **GAME: BIBLE MEMORY VERSE HOP**

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

**Supplies:** None

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

**Directions:**

1. Children line up behind you.
2. As you say each word from the Bible Memory Verse, hop around the room.
3. If you have time, use other motions while saying the verse such as taking big steps, taking baby steps, clapping, or skipping.

# GOT TIME? *continued...*

## **GAME: CLOSE WITH HIM**

**Purpose:** Children learn the meaning of the promise in Joel 2:28a.

**Supplies:** Large blanket

**Jesus promised to send a special helper, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God. Let's imagine what that might be like by imagining this blanket is the Holy Spirit.**

### **Directions:**

1. Have the children stand close together and wrap the blanket around them.
2. **God wants you to know that He is as close to you as this blanket. That's why He gives you His Spirit—so you can be close with Him.**
3. **The Holy Spirit will help us in everything we say and do. That's why our Bible Memory Verse says, "'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty." Can we say it together?** Practice the Bible Memory Verse with the children. You may choose to drop the blanket and have them say the Bible Memory Verse with the motions.



## **STORY TIME**

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about telling other people about Jesus.

### **PONDER, PRAY & PLAY**

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**PONDER!** Jesus kept His promise to send His friends a special helper—the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4). Can we trust God to keep His promises? (Yes!)

**PRAY!** Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for sending Your Spirit. May Your Spirit help us do good things for You. Amen."

**PLAY!** Hold hands and walk in a circle while saying this rhyme together: "*God keeps His promises. We know His Word is true. God keeps His promises. He sent a special helper to me and you!*" At the end of the rhyme, make up different ways to praise God such as clapping or saying, "Thank You, God!"

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