



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

Whisper Verse: "The Lord has kept the promise."

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	The Promise of the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:4-11	Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come.	To know that sometimes we must wait for God's gifts.
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."



Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a gift box
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "The Lord has kept the promise."
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" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "The Lord Is Faithful" Additional Hymn Suggestions "Hallelu, Hallelu" "How Great Is Our God" "I've Got the Joy"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 1, Lesson 2
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Acts 2:1-4	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Acts 2:2 Visual: Wrapped gift box
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Gift for All People	Plain box or bag, sturdy paper, assorted craft supplies (buttons, shells, craft jewels, glitter, etc.), glue or tape, crayons or markers, optional: magazines
		Game: Promise Keeper	Soft ball for rolling
		Game: Go and Tell!	None
		Snack: Windy Snack	Any favorite snack
		Circle of Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 1, Lesson 2 Color This Story: "The Holy Spirit Comes"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Acts 2:1-4	None
	Up to 10	Game: Cloud Hop	Sturdy white paper or paper plates
	Up to 10	Game: God's Blanket for Us	Large blanket
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about telling other people about Jesus

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



The Lord has kept the promise

THE 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. Today's Whisper Verse is "The Lord has kept the promise."** 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: "The Lord has kept the promise."

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

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

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| "(The) Lord" | Extend thumb and index finger of right hand to create an "L" shape. Bring "L" shape diagonal across chest from the left shoulder to the right hip as a royal sash. |
| "(has) kept" | Each hand creates the letter "K" hand shape by resting the thumb on the webbing of the extended middle and index fingers with the other two fingers curled into a fist. Lightly tap one letter "K" hand shape on top of the other. |
| "(the) promise." | The index finger of the right hand gently taps the lips. Then, the right palm taps the thumb side of the left closed fist. |

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:** "The Lord has kept the promise," 2 Corinthians 6:10. 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

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.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the Holy Spirit who gives us power. Jesus promised His friends that He would send the gift of the Holy Spirit to them. Today, we will celebrate the way Jesus kept His promise and sent the Holy Spirit. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse: “The Lord has kept the promise.” Let's try it together now. Review Whisper Verse together: “The Lord has kept the promise.” Include sign language.



The Holy Spirit is our helper. He is with us wherever we go. Sing: “I Am with You” while collecting the offering.

Jesus kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. He always keeps His promises. Sing: “The Lord Is Faithful.”



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.



In today's story, we will see how the Lord kept His promise to pour out His Spirit on all people. Let's sing about that promise. Sing: “Not by Might.”



Jesus sends the Holy Spirit

THE WORD

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

With my eyes on my teacher;

My mouth quiet as can be,

I will listen to hear,

How God loves you and me.

Point to eyes.

Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.

Cup hand around ear.

Hug self, point to others, and then self.

Last time, we learned Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. Today, we will hear how Jesus kept His promise. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 2:2.

WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 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 a gift box. Other visual options include the craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- **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.**



The Bible tells us a small flame came to rest on Jesus' friends. The flame didn't hurt them. It was a symbol of the power the Holy Spirit gave each believer. What sound did Jesus' friends hear? (Wind.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Acts 2:2 from the teacher's Bible.

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. Did Jesus keep His promise? (Yes.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "The Lord has kept the promise." Include sign language or hand motions. **Remember, "Lord" is another name for God.**



The Lord 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 supplies (buttons, shells, craft jewels, glitter, etc.), glue or tape, crayons or markers, optional: magazines

Prepare: Draw and cut out an outline of many children holding a banner. On the banner, print: **“I will pour out My Spirit on all people.” Acts 2:1-4**

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.

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 supplies.
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.**
- **Who kept His promise?** (Jesus.) **That's like our Whisper Verse! Let's say it with our motions right now!** Say the Whisper Verse together with hand motions.
- **The Holy Spirit gave Jesus' friends power to do good things. They could speak in different languages to teach other people about Him.**
- **The Lord kept His promise to pour out His Spirit. Your gift is a reminder that the Holy Spirit is a gift to all people. Give the gift you made to someone in your family. Tell them about the day Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His friends.**

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: PROMISE KEEPER

Purpose: Children will discover that just as God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit as a helper, He keeps His promises to help us.

Supplies: Soft ball for rolling

The Lord has kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. He keeps His promises to each one of us. In the Bible, the Lord promises to help us. He helps us be kind. He helps us do what is right. He helps us tell others about God. Let's talk about some of the different ways the Lord has kept His promise to help us.

Optional: You may choose to have the children stand and gently toss the ball to each other.

Directions:

1. Children sit in a circle.
2. Teacher rolls ball to a child.
3. Child holds balls and tells the group one way the Lord has helped him or her. You may need to offer suggestions. Ask the child to share a time when God has helped them be kind or to do the right thing. If a child is reluctant to share, have them lead the class in saying the Whisper Verse.
4. All say the Whisper Verse, "The Lord has kept the promise," with the sign language or motions.
5. Child rolls ball to another child.
6. Continue playing until each child has a turn.

GAME: GO AND TELL!

Purpose: Children will learn how to say Jesus' name in another language, just like the disciples spoke other languages at Pentecost.

Supplies: None

The Holy Spirit helped Jesus' friends tell other people about Him. Some of the people who were there did not understand His friends because they spoke a different language. So, the Holy Spirit helped Jesus' friends speak in the languages of those people! We can learn to say Jesus' name in other languages, just like Jesus' friends!

Directions:

1. Children sit in a circle.
2. Teach children to pronounce "Jesus" in a foreign language. See the examples below.

Arabic:	عيسى	(Īsā)	Hebrew:	יֵשׁוּעַ	(Yēšūā)
French:	Jésus	(Zheh-sü)	Italian:	Gesú	(Djay-zoo')
German:	Jesus	(Yay'soos)	Spanish:	Jesús	(Hāsoos')
Greek:	Ἰησοῦς	(Iēsous)			
3. Say the name of the language.
4. Slowly pronounce the name "Jesus" in that language.
5. Children repeat the pronunciation three times.
6. Go around the circle and have each child say to the child next to him or her, "**His name is insert the name of Jesus in the chosen language.**"
7. Repeat with as many of the languages as you like.

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 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.
 - **Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. Did He keep His promise?** (Yes.)
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate the motions to the Whisper Verse: "The Lord has kept the promise."
 - **The Lord will keep His promises to us, just as He kept the promise to send the Holy Spirit.**



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

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 each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Gift for All People" craft. Tell someone that Jesus kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how the Lord has kept His promises.**

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



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 acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **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

"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

GAME: CLOUD HOP

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

Supplies: Sturdy white paper or paper plates

Prepare: Cut 23 cloud shapes from white paper or white paper plates.

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

Directions:

1. Lay the clouds on the floor in a line or in a circle around the play area.
2. As you say each word from the Bible Memory Verse, children repeat after you and hop from one cloud to the next.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: GOD'S BLANKET FOR US

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

Supplies: Large blanket

Directions:

1. In the center of the room, lay the blanket on the floor.
2. Children stand around the edges of the blanket.
3. **God says, "I will pour out My Spirit on all people." The Holy Spirit is God. To pour out His Spirit is a way of saying God is with us in a powerful way. Let's imagine what that might be like by imagining this blanket is the Holy Spirit.**
4. Children pick up the blanket and raise it over their heads as they imagine God pouring His Spirit out on all of them.
5. **Let's wrap God's Spirit around us.**
6. Children duck under the blanket and pull it tight around them.
7. **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!**



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

Unit 1, Lesson 2: Pentecost: God Sent His Spirit

PONDER! Read Acts 2:1-4 with your family. Talk about how Jesus' friends waited for Him to send the gift of the Holy Spirit. What happened when the Holy Spirit came?

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! The Holy Spirit helped Jesus' friends talk to people in other languages. As a family challenge, learn to say, "Jesus loves you," in a different language. Practice it together. Then, you can go and teach a friend how to say it.

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