

Pentecost - God Is With Us!

Bible Passage: Acts 1-2

Memory Verse of the Week: "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever..." John 14:16

Storytelling Video

Click [HERE](#) to watch this week's Kids Worship video.

Discussion & Activities

Review the story with your children. Use the image below to review the story in creative and unique ways that you know your child will enjoy. Use a Bible to read this story straight from God's Word as you review it. Encourage your reading-age children to practice using their own Bibles!

WHEN I READ THE BIBLE, I CAN ...

DRAW IT  Draw a picture of what I read.

WRITE IT  Write a favorite verse or sentence.
I can use fancy lettering if I like!

RESEARCH IT  Use the info in my Bible to find out:
- who wrote this part?
- for whom did they write it?
- why was it important to write down?
- where is this in the timeline of the Bible?

PRAY IT  Change each sentence a bit to turn the words into a prayer.

IMAGINE IT  Imagine myself in the story.
What does it feel/smell/sound/taste/look like?

PLAY IT  I can act it out or reenact it with stuffed animals, make up a dance, shape it out of play dough, or build it with blocks.

SING IT  Does this passage remind me of a song?
If not, I can make up my own song!

ASK IT  Does this passage remind me of another Bible passage?
What does this show me about God?
Is God asking me to do something in response to this?

SPEAK IT  Read it out loud. I can use dramatic voices, weird accents, or read it to someone else.

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Story Overview:

Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come. Then, Jesus went up into heaven. Jerusalem was full of people from all over the world who were visiting for the Feast of Pentecost. On the day of the feast, a sound like a violent wind came and suddenly tongues of flames rested above the disciples' heads and they were speaking in different languages! A crowd of people from all over gathered as they heard their languages being spoken by people not from their country. Then, Peter spoke to the crowd, teaching them about Jesus— how He came and died and is alive again. That day, 3,000 people believed Peter's words about Jesus and were baptized and received the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

Adapt and ask these questions to fit your children's ages and developmental levels.

1. **Before He left, what did Jesus tell the disciples to do? Matthew 28:18–20**
2. **Why were there so many people from all different places in Jerusalem? (To celebrate the Feast of Pentecost at the temple in Jerusalem.)**
3. **How do you think the disciples felt when they heard the loud sounds from heaven, saw flames above their heads, and started speaking different languages?**
4. **Who gave people the ability to speak in languages different from their own?
(Acts 2:4, the Holy Spirit)**
5. **Who shared the message of Jesus with the people? (Acts 2:14, Peter)**
6. **What did Peter tell people they needed to do after hearing about Jesus? (Acts 3:28, "Turn away from their sins; be baptized")**
7. **What happened after people repented and were baptized? (Acts 2:38b, They received the Holy Spirit.)**
8. **Why do we need the Holy Spirit today? How does He help us?**
9. **How does it make you feel to know that God is always with you?**

Prayer of Blessing

Bless each child individually by going around and gently placing your hand on their head or shoulder saying:

(Child's name), may you always remember that God is with you and that His Holy Spirit will give you everything you need to follow Him each day.

This is a great time to talk with your children about their salvation in Jesus Christ. If they have not yet made the choice to follow Jesus, encourage them to ask questions, dig deeper, and see if that's a decision they want to make.

Activity: Science Experiment - Balloon Blow Up

SUPPLIES

Disposable tablecloth or tarp, Balloon (uninflated), Vinegar (approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ c.), Funnel, Baking soda (5 approximately Tbsp.), Empty narrow-necked bottle (e.g., water bottle)

NOTE

This is an experiment for older kids or parents to lead. Too much vinegar and baking soda may pop the balloon and spread the fizz in the bottle. Spread the tablecloth or tarp on the table and place the supplies on top of it.

EXPERIMENT

Pour the vinegar into the bottle. Insert the funnel into the balloon, pulling the neck of the balloon over the neck of the funnel. Pour the baking soda into the balloon. Pinch the neck of the balloon closed and carefully stretch the neck over the bottle opening, making sure the baking soda doesn't spill into the bottle. Tell your kids that when the baking soda is emptied into the bottle, mixing with the vinegar, they'll see a big change! The fizzing and foaming will create a chemical reaction—a release of carbon dioxide gas—that will slowly blow up the balloon. Then pour the baking soda into the bottle and watch the reaction occur.

It's like us getting filled up by the Holy Spirit when we decide to believe in and follow Jesus!

Craft: Draw Your Favorite Part

SUPPLIES

Paper, coloring materials

CREATE

Have your children draw their favorite part(s) from the story. After they are finished, they can share why that part was their favorite and what they learned. Hang the pictures up and refer back to them during the week.