

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AT PENTECOST

Scripture:

Acts 1-2

Materials Needed:

Pictures of story

Memory Verse:

Acts 1:8 You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses...

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—After Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples waited in Jerusalem for power from the Holy Spirit in order to be witnesses and when Jews from all over came for Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came with mighty power—giving them the courage and the languages they needed to testify of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection and ascension, resulting in 3,000 being saved that day!

To Realize—The power of the Holy Spirit gives courage and the words to share about Jesus so that others are convicted, turn from sin, and believe in Jesus.

To Respond by—witnessing about Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sing G-O-S-P-E-L

Do Books of Bible review and teach Hosea-Micah

Setting up the Story:

In our study about Moses, we learned about the Jewish people, the Israelites, who were Abraham’s descendants, and they all lived in Egypt. God took them OUT of Egypt into a land called Canaan, and that was later changed to the name Israel. When David was king, he was king over all the Jewish people in the land of Israel. This was where ALL the Jewish people lived.

Who was David’s great-great-great-great-grandson? JESUS!

By the time Jesus was born, there were Jewish people who lived in many other countries of the Middle East and Egypt and around the Mediterranean Sea.

Today there are many Jews in the world: (hand out name tags) Most live in the country of Israel (almost 7 million), then the second country where most live is the United States (about 6 million) and then the third country where most live is France (1/2 million). If the Jews from Israel and the United States and France all met in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, what problem would they have talking to each other? (Speak different languages!)

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Telling the story:

As you tell the story:

- I. Disciples Wait in Jerusalem
 - A. Jesus Ascends
 - B. Commands to be witnesses

Storytell background

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Commands to wait for power from the Holy Spirit D. They pray and wait E. 10 days after Jesus ascends, Jews from all over come to Jerusalem for Pentecost | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> II. The Holy Spirit Descends in Power <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Mighty wind B. Tongues of fire III. Peter Speaks with Boldness!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Jesus was shown to be God's chosen King and Savior B. You and Gentile Romans put him to death C. God raised Him from the dead (we are witnesses!) D. He is exalted! IV. 3,000 Believe in Jesus! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. "What shall we do?" B. Repent and be baptized C. Be saved from this evil generation! | <p>Give out name cards of all the places where the Jews are coming from to celebrate the feast of Shavout (Pentecost)</p> |
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Concluding the Story:

The people who believed in Jesus that day had never heard about Him and when they did, they were sorry for their sins and put their trust in Him. They became followers of Him and God's Holy Spirit filled them, too. Guess what they could do then? (show glove) They had courage to share about Jesus!

Maybe you are like someone in the crowd listening to Peter and you know what he would say to you? You need to get out of this evil generation! You need to turn around and start following Jesus!

Maybe you have already trusted Jesus, and you are scared to talk about Him! You are like Peter was before the Holy Spirit came—afraid of what others would think and do. You need to trust God's Holy Spirit to make you His witness and tell others about Jesus!