

LESSON 2

JESUS SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT (PENTECOST)

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: The Holy Spirit Gives Us Power

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2

GOD'S BIG STORY: While celebrating the first Pentecost after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaim the good news that Jesus is Lord!

WORD OF WONDER: The Holy Spirit gives us power. —from Acts 1:8

Object Lesson: Wind Power

Activity: Wind and Fire

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Object Lesson: Wind Power

SUPPLIES: electric or battery-powered fan, lightweight objects for the fan to blow (such as pom-poms, cotton balls, paper streamers)

RESOURCES: Wind Sound Effect

Ahead of time, cue the Wind Sound Effect. Plug the fan into an outlet (if electric) but don't turn it on yet. Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church. **Welcome! We're going to hear a story from the Bible today about people who heard something amazing. They heard a sound like wind that was very loud and filled the room where they were. What do you think wind sounds like?** Allow the kids to respond. **Let's turn on this fan and get curious!**

Play the Wind Sound Effect. **Can we see the wind or only hear and feel wind?** Allow the kids to respond. **We can't see the wind, but we can see what it blows.**

What do you think the wind feels like? Have you felt the wind blow? Did it feel soft or strong? Was it loud or quiet? Allow the kids to respond to each question. **How do you feel when it blows?**

Turn on the fan and let the kids feel it. Let the fan blow the lightweight objects. Invite the kids to gather the objects as the fan blows them.

We can hold our hands out and feel the wind. We can feel the wind on our faces. Sometimes we can even hear the wind blowing. We can see what the wind blows. Turn the fan on the lowest speed to allow kids to feel the wind.

That wind can be powerful. We'll learn today about when people heard a strong wind sound when God sent the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's powerful, wise, and loving presence. Set the fan out of kids' reach after the activity.

Activity: Wind and Fire

RESOURCES: Wind and Fire Pictures (1/SG)

Ahead of time, print the Wind and Fire Pictures.

In God's big story today, we'll hear about when the sound like a strong wind filled a house and how something like flames appeared over people's heads when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers. Let's pretend to be wind. When I say, "wind," and hold up the Wind Picture (show the Wind Picture), you can blow air from your mouth, pretending to be the wind. When I say, "fire," and hold up the Fire Picture (show the Fire Picture), you can wiggle your whole body like dancing flames in a fire.



Leader Tip: Make sure to remind the kids not to blow on each other to lessen the spread of germs.

Take turns holding up the pictures and saying, "wind" and "fire" and encourage the kids to pretend to be wind and fire.

We can't see wind, but in our story today, we'll hear about a sound like wind. The sound filled a house where people were gathered. We'll hear how God sent the Holy Spirit to His people.

Our Wonder Truth today is: THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US POWER. The word empowers means to give us power.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

- **THE HOLY SPIRIT**—Move arms up and in a circle in front of your body, palms facing out.
- **EMPOWERS US**—Point to yourself
- **TO SHARE**—Cup your hands to your mouth, as if speaking
- **GOD'S STORY**—Put your hands in front of you like a book.

You may want to save the Wind and Fire Pictures to use again in God's Big Story.

Worship

Today we'll learn about when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers and how the Holy Spirit helps us. Let's sing and thank God for sending the Holy Spirit!

Play songs from the [LL Spotify Playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

RESOURCES: Wind and Fire Pictures from Activity, Bible Story Picture (1/SG)

Gather kids to watch the God's Big Story Video, then circle up for a short review:

In today's Bible story, you will be reinforcing 4 main points from our story: The Holy Spirit came, the Holy Spirit helps me, and Jesus kept His promise.

God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about the Holy Spirit, Friends, can you say Holy Spirit? Encourage the kids to say, "Holy Spirit."

Jesus died and came back to life. He was going to heaven. But before He went to heaven, Jesus gave His followers a special mission to share His story with all people in the world.

Jesus promised to send a Helper, and He kept His promise. Say this with me: The Holy Spirit came. The Holy Spirit came.

One day, Jesus' friends were gathered in a house and suddenly, the whole house filled with a sound like a strong wind blowing! What do you think it sounded like? Invite the kids to make sounds like whooshing wind. Hold up the Wind Picture and wave around like it is blowing in the wind.

It was the Holy Spirit! Can you see the wind? No. But you can feel it.

The Holy Spirit is like that. He is God with us and helps us. God's power is here. Pat your heart and invite kids to do the same.

Something else amazing happened, something that looked like flames of fire came on top of each person in the room. Hold up the Fire Picture over your head.

The Holy Spirit helps us follow Jesus and tell others about Him. Can you clasp your hands together and say "The Holy Spirit helps me." e Ho pirit e ps me.



Jesus promised to send a Helper, and He kept His promise! Can you point up and say that with me, "Jesus kept His promise." *Jesus kept His promise.*

The people were filled with power from the Holy Spirit. They went to share the story of Jesus with other people. When we trust Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us. The Holy Spirit gives us power too! The Holy Spirit helps us tell others about Jesus.

Snack

Instruct kids to sit in the floor. Pass out snacks and say a prayer together.

Invite kids to repeat after you:

Thank you for the world so sweet. kids repeat

Thank you for the food we eat. kids repeat

Thank you for the birds that sing. kids repeat

Thank you God for everything. kids repeat

Amen

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible

WORD OF WONDER

The Holy Spirit gives us power.

—from Acts 1:8

Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder Bible verse together. This comes from the book of Acts in the Bible - which is God's true Word!

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **THE HOLY SPIRIT**—Move arms up and in a circle in front of your body, palms facing out.
- **GIVES US**—Point to yourself.
- **POWER.**—Flex your arm muscles.
- **FROM ACTS 1:8**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. When I say, "power," hold up your arms and show your muscles.

God, thank You for giving us power (show muscles) from the Holy Spirit. Thank You for giving us power (show muscle) to share Your story with others. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God gives us the Holy Spirit to comfort us, help us, and give us power. May you walk in the power of the Holy Spirit this week, sharing the story of Jesus with your family and friends.

Activity: Holy Spirit Power

SUPPLIES: plastic or paper accordion-style fan

In our story today, we learned that the Holy Spirit came to God's people, and they heard a sound like blowing wind! The Holy Spirit gave the people power, and the Holy Spirit gives us power! Close your eyes and sit very still. If you feel any wind on your hands, you can jump up and shout, "The Holy Spirit gives us power!" Then go to someone else and tell that person, "Jesus loves you." You can share God's story with others.

Invite the kids to close their eyes as you go around and use an accordion-style fan to gently blow air on their hands. Encourage the kids to jump up and shout, "The Holy Spirit gives us power!" as you blow air on their hands.

Leader Tip: You can make your own paper or cardstock fan by folding a piece of paper back and forth to create an accordion-style fan. You can even give one to each kid and let them practice making wind. They can take their fans home to show their families how to make their own wind and tell the story of God sending the Holy Spirit.