

Elementary

Small Group

Day 4



Today's Bible Story

We are promised the Holy Spirit Acts 1:2-8

Bottom Line

The Holy Spirit helps us share about Jesus

Memory Verse

John 14:6 (NirV): "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

Small Group Leader Guide Day 4
Kingdom Quest VBS

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Key Question

How can I share
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Theme

SENT

Preparing for the Day

Set up the room:

- Have Kingdom Quest Logs separated and ready to give Crew leaders as they enter.

Tips for leaders:

- Reinforce the Bottom Line: **The Holy Spirit helps us share about Jesus.** Use the phrase often.
- Keep it active and visual. Use gameboard or quest language and actions when possible. Get creative!
- Use short call and repeat phrases to maintain energy:
 - **Leader:** "Follow the path!"
Kids repeat: "Follow the path!"
 - **Leader:** "Quest on!"
Kids repeat: "Quest on!"
- Use movement: Have kids stand for answers, use hand motions, repeat key words and phrases.
- Give short, specific choices rather than open questions.
- Praise bravery/positive behavior: *"I like how you tried that even though it felt a little scary."*
- Use Crew Leaders and Assistant Leaders.
 - Give clear instructions to the other leaders in the room, too! They won't know how to help unless you tell them.

Kingdom Quest Logs:

- Each kid will have a daily Kingdom Quest Log.
- The Log has the Lesson Recap, Memory Verse, space for prayer/reflection, and a back page with information for parents.
- There is a version for younger and older kids.
- Encourage kids to show their parents their Logs each day and challenge them to retell the story.



What You Need

- A small remote control car or battery powered toy that moves
- Batteries
- Day 4 Bottom Line Poster (1/station)

Welcome (1-2 minutes)

Welcome, Quest Crew! I'm [name], your Crew Guide for the week.

This week we are on a Kingdom Quest to discover God's Kingdom. Let's review what we've learned so far. Say these with me:

Day 1: **Jesus invites us to follow Him.** Point to Day 1 Bottom Line Poster.

Day 2: **Jesus helps us trust Him!** Point to Day 2 Bottom Line Poster.

Day 3: **Because of Jesus, I am saved!** Point to Day 3 Bottom Line Poster.

Today, we are learning **The Holy Spirit helps us share about Jesus.**

Opening Activity (1-3 minutes)

Power to Go

How You Prepare

- Make sure batteries are out of the toy, but ready in your pocket or close by.

What You Do

Guys, I'm so excited to show you this toy that I brought today!

Hold up the remote control car/toy.

Press the remote or power button.

Nothing happens.

Look confused.

Hmm, it's supposed to move. Let me try again. Watch this.

Press button again.

Why is it not going anywhere?

Let kids respond with ideas.

Insert batteries quickly and place toy down.

Press remote or power button.

Something changed. The car always had wheels/legs. It always had a remote/button. But it needed power from the batteries to move.

Today we are going to hear about something Jesus promised His followers before He went back to heaven. They had a mission. They had a message. But they needed power.

Let's find out what gave them the power to go on their mission!

What You Need

- Balloons
- String
- Tape
- Drinking straws
- One long piece of string stretched tightly across the room



Balloon Rocket Demo

Bible Story Review (3–5 minutes)

How You Prepare

- Prepare two balloons for a rocket setup:
 - Thread string through straw.
 - Tape balloon to straw.
 - Do not inflate yet.

What You Do

- Retell today's story in a fun, dynamic way. Use the Bible story pictures as you lead.

What You Say

Friends, are you ready for our last day of Kingdom Quest? Today we are learning about how Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to give us power! Before we talk about today's story, let's do our Kingdom Quest Chant together. We'll do this each day before Bible Story time and as we are leaving! Repeat after me.

Use hand motions to add more engagement to this chant.

Jesus invites us to follow Him—I follow His light! *(Kids repeat)*

Called on a quest to do what's right! *(Kids repeat)*

Step by step, I trust and obey! *(Kids repeat)*

His Kingdom grows in me each day! *(Kids repeat)*

In today's story, Jesus had died and come back to life. He appeared to His disciples and gave them instructions. Then He made a promise.

He told them they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came on them.

But it was a power they could not see

Hold up balloon.

This balloon is like the disciples before the Holy Spirit came. It exists. It has purpose. But it is not going anywhere yet.

Inflate balloon but do not release.

When I let go, watch what happens.

Release balloon rocket down string.



What made it move?

Air.

Could you see the air?

No.

But could you see what it did?

Yes.

Jesus told His followers they would receive power from the Holy Spirit. They could not see Him like they saw Jesus. But they would see what He could do.

Younger Kids

Jesus told His friends they would tell people about Him everywhere. Everyone point close to you. That is near.

Now point a little farther to a friend in a different crew.

Now point all the way across the room.

Now stretch your arms as wide as you can.

Jesus wanted the whole world to hear about Him!

But first, Jesus told them to wait.

Everyone freeze. Do not move until I say "unfreeze."

Pause a few seconds. Keep still while you continue in a whisper or low voice:

Waiting can feel hard. But they were waiting for something important. Ok, you can unfreeze!

Inflate the balloon.

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come and give them power.

When I count to three, shout the word power. One, two, three... power!

Release the balloon.

Let's say the Bottom Line together: The Holy Spirit helps us share about Jesus.

Older Kids

Jesus said they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Jerusalem was their city. Judea was their region. Samaria was a place that felt uncomfortable. The ends of the earth meant everywhere.

Think about the name of city you live in. Now, think about the name of your school or the place you go to the most. If you don't go to school this could be your church, co-op, or a friend's home.

Pause for a few moments while kids think.

Everyone put one hand over your heart and whisper the name of your city and the school/place you thought of. Pause and whisper your own city and work/school/place.

This is your community, your Jerusalem.

Now, think about places that you go where you see people who live near you, but maybe you don't know as well. This could be the playground, jump park, zoo, sports practices, or other places you might go. Pause.

Hold two hands out in front of you and whisper the place in your community you thought of. Pause and whisper your own community places.

This is your region, your Judea.

Next, think about somewhere far away you have never been. A country, city, or place. Pause.

Stretch your arms out as far as they will go and point as you whisper the name of the far away place you were thinking. Pause and whisper your own far away place.

This is an example of what Jesus means by the "ends of the earth."

Jesus used ordinary people to spread the good news of the gospel and it grew all over the world!

Those faithful men listened and obeyed Jesus, but before they could go, Jesus told them to wait for the Holy Spirit.

What You Need

- Quest Log (younger and older) 1/kid
- coloring utensils
- pencils
- stickers
- Small Group Spotify Playlist

Close your eyes and be still. Just wait. No talking.

Pause for 15-20 seconds, long enough for kids to start to squirm or peek around.

Open your eyes. Waiting requires trust. They had a mission, but they needed God's power first.

Fill the balloon with air.

You cannot see air, but you can see its effect.

The Holy Spirit is not just energy though. He is God with us. He gives us courage, boldness, and wisdom.

Release the balloon.

Sharing about Jesus is not about being loud or perfect. It is about depending on the Holy Spirit.

Let's say the Bottom Line together: The Holy Spirit helps us share about Jesus.

Prayer & Reflection (7-10 minutes)

How You Prepare

- Put Logs and supplies at each seat.
- Play background music.

What You Do

- Explain that this guide can help them talk to God as they continue on an epic journey to discover God's kingdom.
- Invite first-time kids to write their names in their book.
- Show the kids the Day 4 page. Read the prompts and guide the kids through them.
- Give them several minutes to quietly write a prayer.
- Close in prayer together.

What You Say

Today we learned that Jesus did not send His followers out alone. He promised the Holy Spirit.

The disciples had a big mission, but they did not have to do it in their own strength.

The same is true for us. When we feel nervous, unsure, or small, the Holy Spirit helps us share about Jesus.

We are sent, but we are never alone!

Younger Kids:

Repeat this prayer after me:

Dear God, (kids repeat)

Thank You for loving me. (kids repeat)

Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit. (kids repeat)

Help me be brave. (kids repeat)

Help me share about Jesus. (kids repeat)

I know I am not alone. (kids repeat)

Amen.

Older Kids:

Take a quiet minute to think about this question: How can I share about Jesus?

In your Log, write one place that could be your Jerusalem, one person you could pray for, and one way you can depend on the Holy Spirit this week.

Ask God to give you courage, wisdom, and the right words at the right time.

Allow quiet writing time before transitioning.

Close in prayer.

What You Need

- lantern templates 1/kid
- Scissors 1/older kid/rotation
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Star stickers
- Metallic stickers
- Tape or glue sticks
- Mini LED balloon lights or small battery LED lights 1/kid
- String pieces (4-5 inches each) 1/kid
- Extra tape for securing lights

Craft (7-10 minutes)

SENT Lantern

How You Prepare

- Cut out all lantern templates ahead of time.
- For younger kids, pre-cut the vertical strips in the center section.
- Pre-cut string pieces for lights.
- Test all LED lights to ensure they work.
- Prepare supplies divided by crews ahead of time.

What You Do

- Give each kid a template, coloring supplies, and stickers to decorate.
- Older kids cut along the vertical lines in the center section.
- Gently roll the lantern into a cylinder shape.
- Tape or glue the short ends together.
- Attach the paper handle to the top with tape or glue.
- Thread a string through the mini LED light.
- Tape or secure the string ends to the inside top edges of the lantern so the light hangs in the middle.

Younger Kids:

Keep instructions one step at a time. Focus language on simple truths: *God helps me. The Holy Spirit gives me power.*

Older Kids:

Invite them to write one place they feel nervous to share Jesus on the inside of the lantern before inserting the light. Ask reflective questions while working: *What kind of courage do you think the disciples needed? What kind do you need?*

What You Say

Today you are creating a lantern to remind you of something very important.

In our Bible story, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come and give His followers power.

They were sent to share about Jesus, but they were not sent alone.

The Holy Spirit is like this light. hold up light.

You cannot see air, but you see what it does. In the same way, we cannot see the Holy Spirit with our eyes, but we see how He gives courage, boldness, and power.

While kids decorate:

As you decorate, think about where God might be sending you. Your home? Your school? Your team?

You can add stars to remind you that God's power shines bright. You can use metallic stickers to show that His Kingdom is greater than anything in this world.

When adding the light:

Turn on one lantern as a demo.

Watch what happens when the light goes inside.

Pause for effect.

The lantern does not shine by itself. It shines because of what is inside it.

We do not share about Jesus because we are brave on our own. The Holy Spirit gives us the power.

When you see this lantern glow, remember that you are sent, and you are not alone.

Everyone hold up your lantern with me while we say our Bottom Line.

The Holy Spirit helps us share about Jesus.