

Large Group

Jesus Gave His Mission

Bible Passage: Acts 1

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23

Big Picture Question: How does the Holy Spirit help Christians?

The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Over the last several weeks, we have learned how God wants all people to know Him and that we can know Him through His Word. Even though the time had come for Jesus to return to His Father, the mission of helping others know Him had not ended. Today, we will learn how Jesus gave His followers a mission to go throughout all the world and be His witnesses.

Today's Lesson

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He gave the disciples some very important instructions. He told them to stay in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit. He said they would be baptized, not with water, but with the Holy Spirit. What did Jesus say His followers would get when the Holy Spirit comes upon them? [Allow responses.] Jesus said they would receive power. What would this power help them do? [Allow responses.] The Holy Spirit helped Jesus' disciples be His witnesses in the world. A witness for Jesus means that we tell others what we know to be true about Him. The disciples were to share all they had experienced with Jesus and preach the gospel.

The Bible teaches us that God there is only one God and that He is three equal, but different, persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is an active part in our salvation, and He comes to live in us when we become a Christian. The Holy Spirit is our Helper, teacher, comforter, and our friend! He helps us be witnesses for Jesus just like the disciples.

After Jesus gave His disciples this important mission, He was lifted up back to heaven until a cloud hid Him from sight. What did the disciples do after Jesus went away? [Allow responses.] They returned to Jerusalem like Jesus told them. They prayed and waited for the Holy Spirit. It would be the Holy Spirit who would help them with the mission Jesus gave them. They had to wait for Him and the power He would give them.

The angels told the disciples that Jesus would come back again. And He will! While we wait for Jesus to return, He calls us to be His witnesses. Like the disciples, we can share the truth of the gospel with people we know.

Christ Connection | Jesus left earth and returned to heaven, but He did not leave us alone. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us do God's work. One day, Jesus will return to make all things new and to rule as Lord over all.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Acts 1:4-12

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.