

# Large Group

## The Holy Spirit Came

Bible Passage: Acts 2

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:

Let's review what we've learned after Jesus went back to heaven. Jesus gave His followers a command and a promise. He told them to wait in Jerusalem because He promised to send the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that His disciples would be His witnesses to the world, but they needed help. As they waited, they prayed and chose Matthias to replace Judas. Today, we will learn that Jesus' promise came true and the Holy Spirit came.

## Today's Lesson

Jesus promised His disciples that He would send a special Helper to them. Jesus said the Helper would guide them and glorify Him. And Jesus kept that promise! What sound could be heard when the Holy Spirit came? [Allow responses]. When the Holy Spirit came, the disciples heard a loud sound like wind. What is so important about air? [Allow responses.] It gives us life because we need air to breathe. In the same way God gives us life, too! But the Holy Spirit lives in believers to give us new life in Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we have changed hearts that desire to love and obey God.

The Holy Spirit appeared like tongues of fiery flames on the disciples and each one was filled with the Holy Spirit. How did the Holy Spirit give power to the disciples? [Allow responses.] They were able to share the amazing things God had done in languages they had never spoken before. No one had to teach them the language. The Holy Spirit empowered them to know the language so others could hear the good news of Jesus. When the Holy Spirit lives in us, He gives us power to share the good news of Jesus, too. We may not be able to speak another language, but He helps us remember the Bible and gives us boldness to share the gospel.

Even though some of the listeners doubted the Holy Spirit's power, many who heard all the different languages were amazed. They knew the disciples were speaking languages they had never spoken before. The Holy Spirit's power was shown through the disciples and now they could do the mission Jesus had given them.

**Christ Connection I** God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could begin their work to share the gospel with the entire world. God gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who trusts in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

## Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Acts 2:1-13

## 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.