

The Holy Spirit

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: The Holy Spirit—Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

Memory Verse: Acts 2:4, 'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.'

The Children's Sermon

Imagine holding a hot, spicy cinnamon ball in your mouth. At first, it feels super hot and you might want to spit it out because it's not comfy at all. But after a while, you get used to it, and it starts to taste sweet. This is a bit like how it feels when we first learn about the Holy Spirit. At first, it's a bit strange and hard to understand, but the more we learn, the better it feels.

The Holy Spirit is a special gift from God. It's like having a best friend who is always with you, helping you make good choices and feel brave when you talk about Jesus. Even when others might think you're a bit odd for loving Jesus so much, the Holy Spirit helps you keep going.

Sometimes, when we try to share our love for Jesus with our friends, they might not understand and think we're weird. But the Holy Spirit is like that hot cinnamon ball. Even though it's tough at the beginning, if we keep going, it gets easier and sweeter. The Holy Spirit whispers to us, encouraging us to keep sharing Jesus' love, even when it's hard.

Our friends might still think we're a bit strange, but they'll start to notice that we're making good choices and good things are happening in our lives. That's the Holy Spirit at work! It's like the hot ball has turned sweet, and the Holy Spirit's guidance feels comfortable and nice.

Now, let's talk about a special story from the Bible. It's about the Pentecost sermon Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-4. This story happened a long time ago, right after Jesus went to heaven. His friends, the disciples, were all together in one place. Suddenly, something amazing happened! They heard a sound like a strong wind blowing, and they saw what looked like little flames of fire that came and rested on each of them. That was the Holy Spirit coming to be with them, just like Jesus promised.

After the Holy Spirit came, the disciples could do amazing things! They started speaking in languages they didn't even know before, so they could tell everyone about Jesus, no matter where they were from. This was the very first Pentecost, and it was super special because it was when the Holy Spirit came to help Jesus' friends share His love with the whole world.

The Holy Spirit is still with us today, helping us just like it helped the disciples. It's like having a superpower that helps us be brave and share Jesus' love, even when it might feel a bit scary at first. Remember, even if your friends think you're a bit different for loving Jesus, the Holy Spirit is always with you, making you strong and helping you make good choices.

So, next time you feel a bit unsure about talking about Jesus or doing the right thing, think about that hot cinnamon ball. Remember how it starts off hot and uncomfortable but then becomes sweet? That's what it's like when we let the Holy Spirit help us. It

might be a bit tough at first, but it gets easier and sweeter, and we can feel happy and confident because we're doing what God wants us to do.

Let's say a prayer together: Dear God, thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to be our helper and friend. Please help us to listen to the Holy Spirit's whispers and be brave when we talk about Jesus. Help us to remember the story of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit helped the disciples. We want to be like them, sharing Your love with everyone. Amen.

So, kids, always remember that the Holy Spirit is like that sweet part of the hot cinnamon ball. It's there to make you strong, help you make good choices, and feel confident in sharing Jesus' love, no matter what. And just like the disciples on that first Pentecost, you can do amazing things with the Holy Spirit's help.

Bible Memory Verse

Acts 2:4, 'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.'

You Will Need:

- Red, orange, and yellow tissue paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- White construction paper

Get Ready:

- Cut the red, orange, and yellow tissue paper into flame shapes.
- Cut out a simple dove shape from the white construction paper.

Do This:

1. Talk about the day of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit came like flames above the disciples' heads. Explain that the dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
2. Have the children glue the tissue paper flames onto the white construction paper around the dove to represent the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost.
3. Encourage the children to say the memory verse together as they work on their craft. Display their artwork in the classroom as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Red, orange, and yellow tissue paper
- Glue sticks
- Paper plates
- Flame template (optional)
- Cotton balls
- Streamers or ribbons (red, orange, yellow)
- Simple picture Bible or images depicting Pentecost

Get Ready:

- Cut the tissue paper into flame shapes ahead of time or prepare a flame template for older children to trace and cut.
- Set up a story area with a simple picture Bible or images depicting Pentecost ready to show the children.

Do this:

1. Begin by showing the children the pictures of Pentecost and briefly explain that God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, like a special helper. Mention how the Holy Spirit appeared as flames over the disciples' heads.
2. Give each child a paper plate and assist them in gluing the red, orange, and yellow tissue paper flames around the top half to represent the Holy Spirit's flames. For younger children, you might need to apply the glue for them and let them place the tissue paper.
3. While they work, talk to them about how the Holy Spirit is always with us, helping and guiding us. Once everyone has finished their flame crowns, help them attach a cotton ball to the bottom of the plate (opposite the flames) to rest comfortably on their heads.
4. Lastly, have the children parade around the room with their flame crowns on their heads, waving the streamers or ribbons to represent the wind of the Holy Spirit. Play a simple song in the background that is joyful and can be associated with the Holy Spirit or Pentecost.

Snack Activity: Pentecost Fire Cupcakes

You'll Need:

- Cupcakes (pre-baked, any flavor)
- Red, orange, and yellow frosting
- Plastic knives or small spatulas for spreading frosting
- Sprinkles (optional)

Get Ready: Bake or buy plain cupcakes ahead of time. Prepare three bowls of frosting, coloring one bowl red, one orange, and one yellow to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit.

Do this:

1. Give each child a cupcake and a plastic knife or spatula. Explain that we are making special cupcakes to remember when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples like flames of fire.
2. Show the children how to spread the red frosting on one third of the top of their cupcake, then the orange frosting on the next third, and finally the yellow frosting on the last third, to make it look like flames.
3. If desired, let the children add sprinkles to represent the sparks of the fire. Remind them that the Holy Spirit is like a fire inside us, giving us power and love.

Game Activity: Wind and Fire Tag

You'll Need:

- Red, orange, and yellow tissue paper
- String or yarn
- Safety pins

Get Ready: Cut the tissue paper into flame shapes. Attach each 'flame' to a piece of string or yarn using the safety pins. Create enough flame necklaces for each child to wear one around their neck.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came like a rushing wind and appeared like flames above the disciples' heads. Today, they're going to play a game to remember this event.
2. Choose one child to be 'It,' representing the Holy Spirit. This child tries to tag the others, who are wearing the flame necklaces.

3. When a child is tagged, they freeze and raise their hands to the sky, like the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit. To be 'unfrozen,' another player must come and say 'Receive the Holy Spirit' while touching their shoulder.

4. Play continues until everyone has had a chance to be 'It.' Remind the children that the Holy Spirit is with us, just like it was with the disciples on Pentecost.

Prayer Activity: Whispers of the Wind: A Pentecost

Prayer

You'll Need:

- Red, orange, and yellow tissue paper
- Glue sticks
- Paper plates

Get Ready: Cut the tissue paper into flame shapes in advance.

Do this:

1. Tell the children the story of Pentecost from Acts 2:1-4, focusing on how the Holy Spirit came like a wind and appeared like flames above the disciples' heads. Explain that the Holy Spirit is still with us today, helping and guiding us.

2. Give each child a paper plate and glue stick. Let them glue the red, orange, and yellow tissue paper flames around the edge of the plate to represent the Holy Spirit's flames.

3. Once everyone has finished their flame plates, gather the children in a circle.

Encourage them to wave their plates gently to make the tissue paper move like flames in the wind. Lead them in a simple prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to be with them, guide them, and fill them with love and courage. End with a group 'Amen.'