

# He Can Hear You Now

## PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

**Theme:** Priorities/Pentecost

**Scripture:** John 14:25-26

**Memory Verse:** The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things. - John 14:26

## The Children's Sermon

Today is the day that we celebrate God sending His Holy Spirit to be with us so that we are never without God. We call this day Pentecost, or sometimes, "The Birthday of the Church." Through His Holy Spirit, God is always with us, and we can talk to Him anytime, any place, and we will never have to worry that we will run out of minutes or be disconnected!

Let's pray: Dear God, Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to be with us all of the time. Please help us to remember that we can talk to you any time and anywhere because you are always with us. AMEN!

Now, let's dive a bit deeper into our Pentecost sermon. Imagine a world where you have a superhero friend who is always with you, ready to help you, guide you, and make you feel loved and safe. That's kind of what the Holy Spirit is like! On Pentecost, we celebrate the day God sent this amazing friend to be with us forever.

A long time ago, Jesus told His friends, the disciples, that He had to go away but would send a helper to be with them. They were probably a bit scared and sad to hear Jesus

was leaving. But then, something amazing happened! On Pentecost, they were all together when suddenly, they heard a sound like a strong wind, 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 their helper, just like Jesus promised!

This Pentecost sermon isn't just a story from a long time ago; it's about us too. The Holy Spirit didn't just come to be with those first friends of Jesus; He came to be with all of us. That means you and me! We have this incredible friend who is always with us, helping us to make good choices, comforting us when we're sad, and making us feel loved.

Sometimes, we might feel alone or scared, but the message of our Pentecost sermon is that we're never really alone. The Holy Spirit is like a whisper in our hearts that says, "It's okay, I'm here with you." Whether we're worried about a test at school, feeling sad because we lost our favorite toy, or just feeling lonely, we can talk to the Holy Spirit, and He will help us feel better.

Now, you might wonder how we can talk to the Holy Spirit. It's simple! Just like talking to a friend. You can say what's on your mind, ask for help, or even just say thank you for the good things in your life. And the best part? The Holy Spirit always listens, even if we whisper or think our words.

Our Pentecost sermon teaches us that the Holy Spirit also helps us to be better friends, brothers, sisters, and children. He helps us to share, to be kind, and to show love to others. When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we can spread joy and love just like the first disciples did on that first Pentecost.

So, on this special day, let's remember the amazing gift God has given us. Let's be thankful for the Holy Spirit, our superhero friend who is always with us. And let's try to listen to Him and follow His guidance every day.

Let's pray again: Dear God, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us to remember that we can always talk to You through Him. Help us to listen to His whispers and to follow His guidance to be kind, loving, and joyful every day. Thank you for always being with us. AMEN!

And that, my friends, is the heart of our Pentecost sermon. Remember, no matter where you go or what you do, you're never alone. The Holy Spirit is always with you, ready to help, guide, and love you. Let's celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, with joy and thankfulness for this wonderful gift.

## Bible Memory Verse

**The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things. - John 14:26**

You Will Need:

- Colored paper
- Markers or crayons
- Glue sticks
- Stickers (optional)

Get Ready:

- Cut the colored paper into large, simple shapes (like hearts or stars).
- Write one word of the memory verse on each shape.

Do This:

1. Mix up the shapes on a table and help the children arrange them in the correct order to form the memory verse.
2. Once the verse is correctly arranged, let the children decorate their shape with markers, crayons, and stickers.
3. Encourage the children to glue their decorated shape onto a larger piece of paper to create a collective memory verse poster. Hang the poster in your classroom to help them remember the verse.

## Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

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

Get Ready:

- Cut the tissue paper into flame shapes.
- Write "Holy Spirit Helps Us" on the top of each paper plate.

Do this:

1. Talk about how Pentecost is when God sent the Holy Spirit to help and guide us, just like Jesus promised in John 14:25-26. Explain that the Holy Spirit is like our helper and guide for doing what's important - loving God and others.

2. Show the children how to glue the red, orange, and yellow tissue paper flames around the bottom half of the paper plate to represent the fire of the Holy Spirit that appeared at Pentecost.
3. Have the children pull apart cotton balls and glue them to the top half of the plate to represent the clouds in the sky, reminding them that even though we can't see the Holy Spirit, He is always with us, helping us prioritize what's important in our lives.

## Snack Activity: Holy Spirit Fruit Cups

You'll Need:

- Mixed fruit cups or fresh fruit slices (grapes, strawberries, oranges, etc.)
- Small clear plastic cups
- Permanent markers or stickers

Get Ready: Before the activity, prepare a small area where children can easily reach and select their fruits. If using stickers, write or print images that symbolize the Holy Spirit, such as doves or flames, on them before class.

Do this:

1. Start by explaining that just like we need food to give our bodies energy, our spirits need the Holy Spirit to give us strength and guidance. The fruits represent the fruits of the Spirit that grow in us when we have the Holy Spirit.
2. Let each child pick their fruits and fill their cup. As they do, talk about the importance of choosing good things in life, just like they are choosing the good fruits to eat.
3. While they enjoy their fruit cups, encourage them to decorate their cups with the stickers or draw symbols of the Holy Spirit with markers. Explain that the Holy Spirit is

a helper and friend that Jesus promised us, guiding us in making good choices and priorities.

## Game Activity: Holy Spirit Wind Rush

You'll Need:

- Lightweight scarves or fabric pieces
- A clear open space
- Simple images of flames and doves printed or drawn on paper

Get Ready: Before the activity, spread out the scarves or fabric pieces at one end of the open space. Place the images of flames and doves around the play area, ensuring they are visible and reachable for the children.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that just as the wind moves things, the Holy Spirit moved among the people during Pentecost, bringing them together and helping them understand each other. Tell them they are going to pretend to be the wind.
2. Have the children start at the opposite end of the open space from where the scarves or fabric pieces are. When you say 'Go,' they will run towards the scarves, pick one up, and wave it in the air like the wind.
3. After waving the scarves, they must find an image of a flame or dove, bring it back to you, and share a simple thought or prayer. This can be something they are thankful for or a kind wish for someone else.

## Craft Activity: Holy Spirit Windsocks

You'll Need:

- White paper cups
- Markers or crayons
- Red, orange, and yellow streamers
- String
- Hole punch

Get Ready: Cut the bottoms off the paper cups to create a hollow cylinder. Cut the streamers into 2-foot lengths.

Do this:

1. Have the children decorate the paper cups with markers or crayons. They can draw symbols of the Holy Spirit like flames or doves, or simply decorate with bright Pentecost colors (red, orange, yellow).
2. Help the children tape or glue the streamers to the inside edge of the cup's bottom (now removed), so they hang down and will flow like fire when the wind catches them.
3. Use the hole punch to make four evenly spaced holes around the top edge of the cup. Thread a piece of string through the holes and tie it off to create a loop for hanging. Explain that the wind moving the streamers is like the Holy Spirit, unseen but powerful, guiding us and reminding us of God's presence and our priorities.