

RAISE YOUR GAME

PLAY WITH CONFIDENCE

WEEK
TWO
MAY 2023

SMALL GROUP
K-1

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, ask God to open each kid's heart to receive God's love. Ask God to help them learn to feel confident, knowing that the Holy Spirit is here to help them. Ask God to help the kids show the fruit of the Spirit in their interactions with others as they make the wise choice.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Level Up

The Holy Spirit
Comes at Pentecost
Acts 2:1-41

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God sent the Holy Spirit
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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"So we say with confidence,
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Hebrews 13:6a, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Confidence—Living like you
believe God is with you

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- As kids enter, invite them to sit around the circle with you.
- Remind kids to put their offering in the offering container if they brought one.
- Play "Telephone."
- Whisper one of the phrases below in one of the kid's ears.
- They will then whisper it to the kid on their right and so forth until the phrase makes it all the way around the circle.
- Let the last person say aloud what they heard and see if the phrase accurately made it all the way around the circle!
- Start with a different kid each time you begin a new round.
- Feel free to come up with other silly phrases, if needed.
 - The puppy played with a porpoise.
 - Billy rode his bicycle down the bumpy road to the bus stop.
 - Hot dogs do not need a sweater.
 - Did the cow really jump over the moon?
 - Hairy hamsters need shampoo, a comb, and a towel.
 - The trees talk to each other with telephones.
 - Do you have stinky socks?

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



2. WINDY PAINTINGS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Holy Spirit" Activity Pages, liquid watercolor paints (yellow, red, or orange, and blue), straw halves, dropper, small containers or dishes; *Optional:* tablecloth

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WHAT YOU DO:

- *Option:* Cover your table or art area with a large tablecloth.
- Put a small amount of each watercolor paint in a different container or dish.
- Give each kid a "Holy Spirit" Activity Page.
- Drop liquid watercolor paints on each kid's "Holy Spirit" Activity Page.
 - Drop yellow, red, or orange above the people to create fire.
 - Drop blue dots around the room to create wind.
- Give each kid a straw half.
- Direct the kids to blow through the straw at the paint drops, forcing the paint to move along the paper.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You all did a great job of using wind, or your breath, to create these pictures from today's Bible story! Even though we can't see the wind, we can see its effects. We can feel the wind in our hair or see it move the leaves on the trees. When you go outside and feel the wind all around you, let it remind you that God is always with you, too. Even though we can't see God, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit! When we believe that God is always with us, we can have confidence as we show others God's love. And remember, you never have to do it on your own because **God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.**"

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an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



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3. SECRET DECODER

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Secret Decoder" Activity Pages and pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Secret Decoder" Activity Page and a pencil.
 - *Option: Have the kids decode the verse in pairs.*
- Instruct the kids to "decode" the secret message by filling in the letters to the memory verse!
- When they're finished, direct the kids to read the memory verse to the group.
- Ask:
 - What kinds of situations do you find yourself afraid or nervous in?
 - When you need a boost of confidence, how can you remind yourself that God is with you?

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job solving today's secret code! What does our secret code say? (*Pause for kids to repeat the memory verse.*) That's right! This month's memory verse is no secret. In fact, it's what can give us confidence! You can be confident that the Lord is your helper. You don't have to be afraid to live the way that Jesus is asking you to live because **God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.**"

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for personal processing
and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- Tell the kids that you'll lead them in a CHAT with God.
- Remind the kids that last week, you talked about C for Confess, when we tell God the wrong things we've done or said and ask for forgiveness.
- Share that this week you'll continue the CHAT with the letter H, which stands for Honor.
- Invite the kids to pray to God, focusing on honoring the great things God has done and is doing for us.
- Close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"If you remember our conversation from last week, we said that praying is just like talking to God! We can come to God with everything going on in our lives. There's nothing too big for God. We talked about having a CHAT with God and how each letter in CHAT represents one way we can talk to God. Who remembers what the 'C' stands for? (*Invite responses.*) That's right! 'C' stands for 'confess to God.' We can have confidence that God will love us, no matter what mistake we've made or what we're going through. Remember, we don't have to go through life alone because **God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.**

"Today, we'll talk about the letter H. 'H' stands for 'honor God.' We can have confidence in exactly who God is! We can honor Him by talking about what the Bible says about Him. What do we know to be true about God? (*Invite responses—God is faithful, loving, forgiving, perfect, a healer, holy, unchanging, etc.*) That's right! God is so good to us. So good, in fact, that God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us! With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live with confidence and show the love of God to others. (*Lead the kids in prayer.*)

"God, there is so much to love about You. You invite us to love others because You love us first. You love us completely and perfectly, and we know that won't ever change. You are our loving God, who is always faithful, ready to forgive us, and is always near us. We love You for exactly who You are. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show them their "Holy Spirit" Activity Page and share it like on that day at Pentecost, **God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.**

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