



The Promised Helper Comes



Key Passages

- John 14:26; Acts 2:1–4; Galatians 5:22–23

Lesson Focus

- The Holy Spirit came to believers at Pentecost.

Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will color the I Am the Way Coloring Sheet as a review of Lesson 6 and/or play with play dough.



Circle Time

Prayer—Using the Flip Chart Prayer Page, discuss prayer and give each child the opportunity to pray after determining what type of prayer you will offer today.

God's Word—God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gives believers the fruit of the Spirit to help them be more like Jesus.

Song Time—Students will sing songs to help them remember the lesson of the day. Lyrics to the songs are found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.



Activity 1: Pentecost Puzzle

Students will search the room for hidden puzzle pieces then answer questions from the lesson and put the puzzle together as a class.



Activity 2: Fruit of the Spirit

Students will circle the pictures of the fruit of the Spirit then color all the pictures on the worksheet.



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Students will review the memory verse as they play a game and recite/sing the verse. Give them an opportunity to repeat the verse with you or say it themselves.



Applying God's Word/Snack

Students will review the lesson while enjoying the snack for the day.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



FOR THE TEACHER

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.



COME ON IN

- Print one I Am the Way Coloring Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Provide play dough if appropriate.

- I Am the Way Coloring Sheet for each student
- Crayons
- Play dough
- Cookie cutters



CIRCLE TIME

- Practice the songs on the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.
- Print one Lesson Illustration from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use during the lesson.

- Stuffed animal for prayer time
- Bible
- Lesson Illustration



PENTECOST PUZZLE

- Print and cut one set of the 10 Pentecost Puzzle Pieces from the Resource DVD-ROM for class use. Print on cardstock.
- Print one extra puzzle piece to show as an example.

- 10 Pentecost Puzzle Pieces
- Tape or poster putty
- Puzzle piece to show as an example



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- Print one copy of the Fruit of the Spirit worksheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- Fruit of the Spirit worksheet for each student
- Crayons



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW AND ACTIVITY

- Print and cut one set of the 12 Memory Verse Flashcards from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use—preferably on cardstock. You will use these cards for Lessons 8–12.

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- 12 Memory Verse Flashcards
- Tape or poster putty



APPLYING GOD'S WORD/SNACK

- Prepare and bring snacks.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Lesson Flip Chart for Review
- Snacks

► As you teach, refer often to the Lesson Flip Chart Page to keep the children engaged. When reading the lesson Scriptures, stand up, be enthusiastic, look at the children, and emphasize the answers to the questions you will be asking. This will help to keep the children interested.



Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above with this background.

Before Jesus left this earth to go back to His Father, He left His apostles with one last command. That was to go and preach the gospel, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all things that He commanded (Matthew 28:19–20).

Before His death, Jesus had promised the apostles that He would send the Helper, the promised Holy Spirit who would be with them forever (John 14:16). The Holy Spirit would help them remember the things that Jesus had said (John 14:26) and equip the apostles to record these things in the Bible and teach them to others. Jesus also said that the Helper would not come until He went away. Only after Jesus was gone, would the Helper begin His work of convicting the world of sin, revealing righteousness and judgment (John 16:7–11).

Jesus was now gone and the disciples were waiting to receive the promised Spirit. It was the day of Pentecost. The English word “Pentecost” is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means “fifty.” The word Pentecost was used by Greek-speaking Jews to refer to a Jewish holiday known as the Festival of Weeks, or, more simply, Weeks (*Shavuot* in Hebrew). This name comes from an expression in Leviticus 23:16, which instructs people to count seven weeks or “fifty days” from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday.

Shavuot (Pentecost), the second great feast in Israel’s yearly cycle of holy days, was originally a harvest festival (Exodus 23:16) but, in time, turned into a day to commemorate the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai. This was a major holiday for the Jews. Men from many nations were in Jerusalem as all males were required to travel to the sanctuary to worship on this holiday.

The disciples were gathered in one place for their observance of this first Pentecost since Jesus had died. They suddenly heard a sound from heaven, it was like rushing wind, and it filled the house. This rushing wind was accompanied by what appeared to be tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them. As they marveled at these things, they were filled with the promised Holy Spirit. And then they began to speak with other tongues. Now because this was the major holiday of Pentecost, there were devout men there from many different nations. They heard the apostles speaking and were confused at what they heard because everyone heard them speak in his own language. It was an amazing and mar-

velous thing as they realized Jesus’s apostles, the Galileans, were speaking, and yet all of the men heard them in their own language (Acts 2:1–8).

The Holy Spirit had come to Jesus’s disciples, just as Jesus promised He would. And the Bible teaches that everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ through the Word of truth, the gospel of God’s salvation, will be sealed with the same Holy Spirit Jesus promised to His apostles. The Holy Spirit is a guarantee to believers of the promised inheritance—that is, the glory of eternity with God in heaven (Ephesians 1:13–14). Every believer in Jesus Christ has the Holy Spirit living in him (John 14:17).

The Holy Spirit not only lives with the believer but He works in a believer’s life. He does this by changing the character, the wants, and the desires of the one who was saved—He enables the believer to become the new creation in Christ promised in 2 Corinthians 5:17. And every true believer, being a new creation in Christ and indwelt by the Holy Spirit, will manifest the good fruit of the Spirit. This fruit includes love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22–23).

We must keep in mind that the Bible tells us this is the Spirit’s fruit. It is brought forth in our lives ONLY for those who trust in Jesus. We could not bear more of the Spirit’s fruit (or any fruit) to God’s glory without the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In fact, this fruit is directed by God the Father. And in order to allow it to grow in our lives, we must abide in the true vine, Jesus Christ. For without Him we would bear no fruit at all (John 15:5–6).

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

The pouring out of God’s Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost was a momentous event. It had been prophesied by the prophet Joel that in the last days God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh (Joel 2:28–32). Peter quoted from this passage in Joel as he preached to the Jews gathered in Jerusalem on that day (Acts 2:16–21). The day of Pentecost, the birth of the church, was the beginning of the “last days,” which will end when Christ comes for His people.

The coming of the Spirit was necessary for the future ministry of Jesus’s disciples. Look at the final words of Jesus before He ascended to heaven in Acts 1:4–5:

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from

Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Jesus promised that the power of the Holy Spirit would come upon them. They would be given the boldness to go out and be witnesses for Jesus in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth. After He had spoken these things, He ascended to His Father (Acts 1:8–9).

The future ministry of the disciples depended on them receiving the Holy Spirit and relying on His power. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit of truth, the Helper, would abide with them forever. This Spirit, who had dwelt WITH them, would now be IN them (John 14:16–17).

In the same way, all believers, at the moment of salvation, are baptized in the Spirit. When we believe, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13–14). This baptism of the Spirit is a one-time event. Paul told the Corinthians, “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:13). The New Testament does not command believers to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. It is not an experience we are to seek, but rather it is God’s action performed on the believer at the moment of regeneration. Believers are, however, commanded to be filled with the Spirit, which means to be controlled by the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). To be filled with the Spirit involves confessing all known sin and dying to self. We yield ourselves fully to the Lord and depend on Him step by step as we walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16). As we walk in the Spirit, we will manifest the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22–23). This fruit will in turn show itself clearly as we live a life pleasing to God (Colossians 1:10), conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29), and in right relationship with those around us (Colossians 3:16–4:1).

It is staggering to see God’s providence at work throughout the Bible. And Pentecost is no different. God had providentially ordained that it would be during Pentecost that the Holy Spirit would descend from heaven. And during this time there were men from many countries present. Acts 2 mentions Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Libya, and Rome. This list of nations recorded in Acts reminds us of the list of nations in Genesis 10 at the Tower of Babel judgment. At Babel,

God confused the language and dispersed the people around the world as judgment for their foolish pride. Now, at Pentecost, by His grace, God reversed the confusion experienced at Babel with the miracle of speaking in tongues. Now people of all languages could understand! And God’s purpose that the gospel be spread to all nations was launched way beyond the borders of Jerusalem to many nations as the men in Jerusalem that day returned to their homes.

In fact, the Bible tells us that after Peter preached the gospel, those who were listening were “cut to the heart,” and 3,000 souls were baptized and added to the church (Acts 2:37–41). The Holy Spirit gave Peter the boldness to preach, and that same Holy Spirit brought conviction of sin and repentance. It must have been a glorious time as the apostles saw the fruit of their labors so quickly and so abundantly—all by the power of the Holy Spirit.

However, not all men responded positively to Peter’s preaching that day, in spite of the miracle of the languages. Even miracles will not convince mockers who do not want to submit their lives to the lordship of Christ. Throughout the Book of Acts, we read of powerful conversions, but also violent opposition to the preaching of the gospel. As Christians we can expect the same response. But our confidence must remain in the sovereign, holy God and in the message of Jesus Christ whose name will demand that every knee will bow before Him, and every tongue will confess Him as Lord to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9–11).

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Father, you sent the Holy Spirit just as Jesus promised to teach, help, warn, and guide. You alone can transform sinners into believers and new creations in Christ. You empower believers to live in obedience to your Word and to manifest the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in their lives. May your Holy Spirit stir in the hearts of my students to realize their sin and their need for a Savior. Give them a desire to live their life to God’s glory and seal them by your Spirit’s power as children of God for all eternity.



COME ON IN

As children arrive . . .

- They will color the I Am the Way Coloring Sheet as a review of Lesson 6.
- If there is time, they can play with play dough.

During this time you should be at the door welcoming the children as they come in and directing them to sit down at the tables and begin the activity. Have an aid/helper ready to engage the children with the activity.



REVIEW

Using the Flip Chart, quickly review the previous lessons with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Flip Chart Pages. Remind the children of each lesson's focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Circle Time

In an orderly manner, have the children assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs. Bring your Lesson Flip Chart, Bible, stuffed animal for prayer time, Lesson Illustration, and any other props you brought or prepared for this lesson.

PRAYER

This prayer time is designed to get children to begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to get them to understand that they can pray. Use a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—or an appropriate object to pass around the circle as each child gets his/her turn to pray. Only the child with the stuffed animal is allowed to pray or speak during this time. Using the same stuffed animal or other object all year will add continuity and structure to this time.

We start our Bible study with prayer. Let's pray. Turn to the Flip Chart Prayer Page. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there. Then determine which type you want the children to pray today.

- I love you prayers—Adoration
- I'm sorry prayers—Confession
- Thank you prayers—Thanksgiving
- Please prayers—Supplication

Today Confession is suggested. You might proceed this way:

Today let's say prayers of confession—and tell God how sorry we are for our sin against Him.

The prayers you begin with should be specific to your needs. This will model to the children that you believe God does care about all the details of your life, and you pray to Him about these things. Your example will increase their confidence in praying to God.

I'll start. Dear God, you are Holy and perfect so when I sin, it comes between you and me. I want my heart to be right with you, so I will confess my sin and ask you to forgive me. I am so sorry for . . . (insert personal prayer).

➤ Prior to making your transition to Circle Time, we suggest you take time for restroom breaks and hand washing.

➤ Preschoolers need to move. This is a good opportunity to get them to move. Make an orderly transition to the Circle Time. You can have carpet squares if you want to sit on the floor, or help them to move their chairs into the circle.

Pass the stuffed animal around the circle giving all the children an opportunity to say a prayer telling God something they are sorry for.

Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away, and we'll get into God's Word.

GOD'S WORD

These first five questions will be repeated each week this quarter. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.

- ? **Does God know all things?** *Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.*
- ? **Can you see God?** *No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.*
- ? **Can God do all things?** *Yes! God can do all His holy will.*
- ? **Where do you learn how to love and obey God?** *In the Bible alone.*
- ? **Is God's Word true?** *Yes! Every Word of God is true.*

Bible Pass Around

► Before Bible Pass Around, place a sticky note in your Bible to mark the first passage to be read.

► When the Bible Pass Around Activity is completed, continue with the lesson.

The following activity should be repeated at the beginning of each lesson to encourage anticipation and enthusiasm for looking into the Word of God. Use a sticky note to mark today's passage before you begin.

We are going to start out today by looking into God's Word, the Bible. *Hold up Bible. God's Word is true, and we can trust what it says. But where should we look? One of you will help me with that. We're going to play Bible Pass Around. Whoever ends up with the Bible must hold it very carefully until it is time to look in it. When it is time to read, you can bring it to me, and we'll open it to see what we are going to talk about! Here's what we're going to do. I want everyone to count with me up to the number* *choose a number. You may also choose to practice the alphabet, recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity.* **We'll start right here.** *Hand the Bible to the first student. As we say each number (or word) you must carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you—remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready to start our lesson. Are you ready? Let's begin.* *You may want to have the student with the Bible stand next to you until it is time to open it. Continue with the lesson when finished with Bible Pass Around.*

Refer to Lesson 5 Flip Chart. **After Jesus was crucified, He rose from the grave! He talked to His disciples and spent some time with them. Then, Jesus went back to heaven.**

Refer to Lesson 6 Flip Chart. **But before He did, Jesus gave His followers one more command—to go to all the nations and make disciples. He wanted His followers to tell others about Jesus and about the gospel. The gospel is good news for sinners who believe!**

But telling people about Jesus isn't always easy. Many people don't want to hear about Him and don't believe in Him. Jesus knew that His followers would need help.

I'm going to read something Jesus told His disciples before He left. Now listen **carefully!** *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible, and he/she opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book is. Let them look at it. Carry it around your circle.*

This is what Jesus said. *Read John 14:26 Emphasize the answers to the questions below.*

? **Jesus said something about the Helper. Who is the Helper?** *The Holy Spirit.*

? **What does a helper do?** *Allow discussion. Helps people.*

A helper helps people. There are some good helpers in this class! You help me! Well, Jesus knew that His disciples would need a helper to help them tell other people about Jesus. One reason they needed a helper is that they couldn't remember EVERYTHING Jesus had taught them.

But where does the Helper come from? Listen to John 14:26 again to find the answer. *Re-read John 14:26.*

? **Who would send the Holy Spirit, or the Helper?** *The Father.*

? **Who is the Father?** *God!*

The Holy Spirit is God. And He is a gift from God the Father to everyone who believes in Jesus. The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit was sent in Jesus's name. That means He was sent for Jesus.

You see, Jesus went to heaven to be with His Father. He was no longer on earth teaching the disciples. But the disciples still needed a helper. So, God gave them the Holy Spirit in the place of Jesus. But the disciples didn't have the Helper right away. They had to wait for the Helper to come.

One day, Jesus's disciples were together in the city of Jerusalem. They were celebrating a special holiday called Pentecost.

? **Can you say "Pentecost" with me?** *Repeat Pentecost several times.*

At Pentecost, men from different nations came to worship God and to celebrate. It was during Pentecost that God decided to give the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Let's read about it!

Listen quietly and carefully as I read from the Bible about the Holy Spirit, the Helper! I'm going to read from the book of Acts. *Show the Bible and the book of Acts. Read Acts 2:1 enthusiastically.*

? **What holiday was it?** *Pentecost.*

Yes! Jesus's followers were all gathered together in one room. They were going to celebrate and worship God. As they celebrated, the Holy Spirit came to them. Boy, were they surprised! They had been waiting for the Helper's arrival. And now the Holy Spirit was here!

So, what happened on that day? What happened on Pentecost? Listen to this! *Read Acts 2:2.*

What sound did they hear? *A rushing, mighty wind.*

John 14:26

► Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text. The children should hear God's Word and know they can answer questions from it. It is not too hard for them.

Acts 2:1

Acts 2:2

All of a sudden, they heard a sound coming down from heaven. It sounded like a rushing, mighty wind!

? Have you ever heard the sound of the wind? What is it like? *Allow discussion.*

Sometimes the wind can sound very loud. This wind was very loud. And it was inside the room where the disciples met.

? The wind filled something. What did the wind fill? *Re-read Acts 2:2. Filled the whole house.*

The disciples were worshipping God in a room. Suddenly, the sound of a rushing, mighty wind filled the room. I wonder what that must have been like! I wonder if they knew the Holy Spirit was coming to them.

Acts 2:3

Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page. But then another wonderful thing happened in that room. Listen to this. *Read Acts 2:3 emphasizing "fire."*

? What did they see? *They saw something that looked like fire!*

First the wind came. Then something like fire appeared! They could see it! Each person had something like fire on him!

Acts 2:4

What was happening? Listen as I read Acts 2:4. *Read Acts 2:4.*

? Who were Jesus's followers filled with? *The Holy Spirit.*

Yes! Jesus's followers were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came to believers at Pentecost! Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come, and He did come! God sent the Holy Spirit to help His followers and ALL believers!

And all who believe in Jesus and trust Him to forgive their sins will receive the Holy Spirit from God. And when the Holy Spirit comes to believers, He brings something with Him. The Bible calls what He brings *fruit*.

? What kind of fruit does the Holy Spirit have? *Allow discussion.*

The Holy Spirit doesn't have apples and bananas and mangoes! No. His fruit is NOT something we eat! It is a different kind of fruit. Listen as I read this. And see if you can tell me what the Bible calls the fruit of the Spirit! *Read Galatians 5:22-23a emphasizing each word.*

? What did you hear? What is the fruit of the Spirit? *Allow discussion. Encourage children to repeat the fruit mentioned.*

When we turn from our sins and believe in Jesus, we receive the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes to us, He brings His fruit. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering (which means patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are wonderful things to have!

Refer to Lesson Illustration. People who have the Holy Spirit living in them have the fruit of the Spirit! It isn't fruit they can eat—but it IS fruit that will make them more like Jesus!

? Repeat the fruit of the Spirit after me! *Have students repeat the fruit again: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

➤ You may want to repeat the verse and have the kids shout out the fruit of the Spirit as you read it. Make it fun!

Galatians 5:22-23a

Every day we have many choices to make. It can really be hard to know the right thing to do. That’s why God gave the Helper, the Holy Spirit!

The Bible teaches us to love. The Holy Spirit helps us to love. The Bible teaches us to be kind to others. The Holy Spirit helps us to be kind to others.

Refer to Lesson Flip Chart Page. God the Father sent the Holy Spirit on the special day of Pentecost. And the Bible says that everyone who believes in Jesus and trusts Him can receive the Holy Spirit, too! The Holy Spirit has special fruit—not fruit we can eat but fruit that will make us more like Jesus!

SONG TIME

Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Today we’re going to learn our new Memory Verse Song. We do not need to be ashamed of the gospel. The gospel is what saves sinners! *Sing the Memory Verse Song two or three times.*

Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page. God calls us to obey His Word. The Holy Spirit helps us to obey God’s Word. Let’s sing the song “God Calls You!” to remind us that we should obey God. *Sing together while marching around in a circle.*

We have a new song to learn. It is about the Holy Spirit. If you are a follower of Jesus, then the Holy Spirit lives inside of you! Let’s sing this new song together. It is called, “The Holy Spirit Song.” *Sing together while clapping.*

Repeat songs as time allows. You may want to add hand motions, stomping, marching, or instruments.

➤ Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page and Flip Chart Memory Verse Page during this part of the lesson.

➤ Lyrics can be found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the end of this Teacher Guide.



Pentecost Puzzle

MATERIALS

- Pentecost Puzzle pieces
- Tape or poster putty
- One extra puzzle piece to show

INSTRUCTIONS

Using cardstock, print and cut the Pentecost Puzzle from the Resource DVD-ROM. Hide puzzle pieces around the room. After students have found the 10 puzzle pieces, ask questions 1–10 to the class. After the correct answer is given, have the student with that piece put it on the wall. As students answer the questions, they will complete the puzzle.

If appropriate, mix the questions up to make assembling the puzzle more challenging.

Today we’re going to look for pieces to a puzzle. Here is what they look like! *Show one of the puzzle pieces.* I’ve hidden them around the

room. When I say “Go!” you can walk around the room and look until you find one. When you find one, bring it back to the circle. Then we will put the puzzle together and answer questions about our lesson.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

? Who came to the disciples at Pentecost? *The Holy Spirit.*

Jesus promised that God would send His Holy Spirit. God sent the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. People who turn from their sins and believe in Jesus will receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps believers do what Jesus commanded them to do. And the fruit of the Spirit helps believers become more like Jesus.



Fruit of the Spirit

MATERIALS

- Fruit of the Spirit worksheet for each student
- Crayons

INSTRUCTIONS

Print one Fruit of the Spirit worksheet for each student. Have the students find and circle the pictures of the fruit of the Spirit. Then they can color all the pictures on the worksheet.

We learned that when we believe in Jesus, the Spirit comes to live in our hearts. The Spirit brings fruit.

- ? The fruit of the Spirit is very special. Repeat after me what they are! *Have students repeat*

each word after you: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22–23a.

Good job! We can't eat the fruit of the Spirit. But it will help to make us more like Jesus!

Now look at the worksheet I gave you. I want you to put a circle around the fruit of the Spirit. Then you can color all the pictures on the paper.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

People who love Jesus have the Spirit living inside of them. The Holy Spirit gives believers His fruit. We can't eat the fruit of the Spirit, but it will help us to be more like Jesus.



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Romans 1:16a For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.

MATERIALS

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- Memory Verse Flashcards printed on cardstock
- Tape or poster putty

INSTRUCTIONS

Print, preferably onto cardstock, and cut out one set of the Memory Verse Flashcards. Tape the cards in order on the wall or board as you recite the verse together. Review the verse as you point to each card. Choose a student to remove one card from the wall. Recite the verse again with the class. Continue to choose students to remove cards one at a time, reciting the whole verse after each card is removed.

We're going to practice our memory verse. Let's say it first. *Point to each flashcard as you say each word and have the students repeat.*

Good job! Now I'm going to ask one of you to come up and take one of our cards down. Then we'll say the verse without that card! Do you think we can do it? Of course we can! OK, let's do it! *Call on a student to take down one card then recite the verse together. Help the students to recite the verse after each card is removed. Continue until the cards are gone.*

You may want to sing the Memory Verse Song instead of saying the verse. When finished, see if anyone can say the verse using the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Because Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the grave, sinners can have eternal life in heaven one day! That is good news! We should never be ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God to salvation!



Applying God's Word/Snack

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

After thanking God for your snack, review today's lesson using the Flip Chart.

Jesus went to heaven to be with His Father. Before He left, Jesus promised the disciples that God would send the Holy Spirit. God sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is the believer's Helper. It's the Holy Spirit's job to help followers of Jesus remember and obey what Jesus taught. Those who turn from their sins and believe in Jesus have the Holy Spirit living inside their hearts.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

It's a little strange talking about a Spirit living inside of us. But that is what happens to believers of Jesus Christ. And it's a good thing! The Holy Spirit brings fruit to followers of Jesus. This isn't fruit we can eat! No! It is fruit that will make us more like Jesus. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And the Holy Spirit helps us understand God's Word and how we should live.

The gospel is the good news about Jesus. We should never be ashamed of the gospel. We should want to tell others the good news so they can believe in Jesus and have the Holy Spirit as their Helper, too!

► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



Group Prayer Time

- Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit as our Helper.
- Praise God for the first disciples who told others about Jesus.
- Pray that God will give us hearts to listen to the Holy Spirit.

Do you still have more time? Review the past quarters using the Flip Charts, add another coloring sheet, recite and review the current and past memory verses, sing more songs, bring out play dough. Keep the children occupied with intentional, God-centered activities until their parents come to pick them up.

Song Sheet

ROMANS 1:16

(To the tune of "Amazing Grace")

For I'm not a-ashamed

(Amazing grace!)

Of the gospel of Christ,

(How sweet the sound)

For it is the-e power o-of God

(That saved a wretch like me.)

To-o sa-alvation for

(I once was lost,)

Everyone who believes.

(But now am found,)

Romans one ver-erse si-ixteen.

(Was blind, but now I see.)

GOD CALLS YOU!

(To the tune of "Skip, Skip, Skip to My Lou")

God calls you to obey.

(Skip, skip, skip to my Lou.)

God calls you to obey.

(Skip, skip, skip to my Lou.)

God calls you to obey.

(Skip, skip, skip to my Lou.)

Yes! I'll obey today, Lord!

(Skip to my Lou, my darlin'.)

THE HOLY SPIRIT SONG

(To the tune of "Do You Know the Muffin Man?")

Do you have the Spi-i-rit?

(Do you know the muffin man,)

The Spi-i-rit, the Spi-i-rit.

(The muffin man, the muffin man?)

Do you have the Spi-i-rit,

(Do you know the muffin man,)

Li-ving inside of you?

(Who lives on Drury Lane?)

If you are a follower,

Of Jesus Christ, of Jesus Christ.

If you are a follower,

The Spirit lives in you.

The Spirit is the He-el-per

Sent by God, when you believe.

The Spirit is the He-el-per,

To know just what to do!

Think of fun ways to sing. Get children in a circle holding hands. They can go in one direction and at each verse quickly reverse direction. Put one or more than one child in the middle of the circle. Go around them then move in and back out! Get them into a straight line. Have them follow you around the room.