

CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: *Have you ever been promised something? What did someone promise you? Did the person who made the promise keep their promise to you? How did that make you feel?*



BLOW IT AWAY

Start by 9:20/10:45

Provide each kid with a balloon and a cup. Divide kids into four groups (two groups per table). Have one kid from each group place their cups upside down on the edge of the table. Direct kids to blow up their balloon, then expel the air from the balloon toward the cups as they try to blow the cup off the opposite end of the table. They should hold their balloon about six inches away from the cup as they let out the air. The next kids on each team can start once their teammate has blown their cup off the table. The group who blows all their cups off the table is the winner.

The air in your balloons had 'power' to knock the cups off the table. Today, we will learn how the Holy Spirit came to the disciples like a loud rushing wind and gave them power to speak in other languages.

START BY

REVIEW 3 BI

BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

9:30/10:55

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to Acts 2.

- Remind kids that Acts is in the New Testament. Invite kids to share as many New Testament books as they can remember.
- Choose a volunteer to read aloud Acts 2:8-11.

Luke mentions over 15 different regions of the world that people had traveled from, and every region would have different languages spoken. Yet through the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples could speak these languages they had never learned. Not only did they speak these languages, but they also used these languages to praise God's mighty works. The gift and power of the Holy Spirit was given so that God alone would be praised and magnified.

When we are filled with the Spirit, this is the desire of our hearts as well—to praise God. People filled with the Spirit can't help but tell others how wonderful, great, and mighty God is.



DISCUSSION

- How did the disciples' ability to speak in different languages point people to God? The people wondered how the disciples were speaking languages they had never spoken before and how they were hearing of the works of God in their own native languages. Many people realized this ability was through the power of God. God can work in us for His glory and do more than we can imagine. (Option: read Ephesians 3:20-21.)
- How can we know if we have the Holy Spirit? God gives every believer the Holy Spirit when we trust in Jesus. We can know we have the Spirit if we have trusted in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God" (1 John 5:1). We are born again when we trust in Jesus and are given the Holy Spirit. (Option: read Ephesians 1:13-14.)
- **Do you share the mighty works of God with others? How?** Encourage kids to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives and tell others about God's mighty works. The Holy Spirit lives in us to point others to God and bring Him glory. (Option: read Psalm 145:4-7.)



WALK BY THE SPIRIT

Create an obstacle course by scattering the chairs and tables around the room. Provide each kid with a blindfold, then direct them to line up on one side of the room. When you say "Go," direct kids to walk slowly to the other side of the room without bumping into any objects. Tell kids to count how many objects they bump.

Next, pair kids with a partner. Choose one kid to guide the blindfolded kid through the obstacle course. Direct the guides to provide their partner with instructions to safely go through the course. Once kids make it through, switch roles and repeat the obstacle course one last time.

Was it easier to go through the course on your own or with your partner guiding you? Having a partner guide you made it easier to avoid the obstacles. This reminds me of the Spirit's role in our lives. He is our perfect Guide, who always leads us in truth and helps us live for God. He produces good fruit in our lives that glorifies God.



Key Passage: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.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.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers. Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.