

YEAR 2

Unit 10 THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson 1: The Spirit Comes

Lesson 2: The Spirit Guides

Lesson 3: The Spirit Empowers

Family Service: Pentecost Sunday





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The Spirit comes at Pentecost

Session Overview



Objectives for the lesson:

1. To know and understand the meaning of Pentecost.
2. To understand who the Holy Spirit is.
3. To learn that we can all be filled with the Holy spirit.

Learning outcomes for the lesson:

1. To know the story of Pentecost and what happened.
2. To understand the importance and significance the Holy Spirit makes in our lives.

GAMES



Suggested Games:

*'Pass the flame' * 'Holy Spirit relay!' * 'Name game'*
(See the games sheet enclosed)



SONGS

Suggested Songs:

*'Spirit of the Living God' * 'Holy Spirit fills me up' * 'Father we adore you'*
(See the songs sheet enclosed)

Memory Verse

Memory verse for this unit:

'The helper is the Holy Spirit the Father will send in my place. He will teach you everything and help you remember everything I have told you' John 14:26

(See the Memory verse sheet enclosed)



Bible Blast:

- **Key Passage:** *'Acts 2: 1-13'*
- **Talk and application:**

(See the Bible Blast sheet enclosed)



Response:

- **Suggested activity:** *'Holy Spirit mobile'*
- **Key Questions:** *For different age groups*

(See the response sheet enclosed)

Reflect and Pray:

'Fizzy Explosive Prayers'

(See the response sheet enclosed)



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SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. 'Spirit of the Living God.'
Complete Mission Praise No. 612
(See video on Pinterest site Year 2 Unit 10)
2. 'Holy Spirit fills me up'
Amazing God Songs for Children CD by Brendon and Cathie Clancy
(See video on Pinterest site Year 2 unit 10)
3. 'Father we adore you.'
Complete Mission Praise No. 44
(See video on Pinterest site Year 2 unit 10)
4. 'Breath on me'
Hillsong United CD Shout to the Lord 2000
(See video on Pinterest site Year 2 unit 10)

* please note: in order to use these songs you need to either buy the CD or download the individual song from itunes or go to the website provided.



Multimedia: Video songs on JIGSAW DDYC Pinterest site 'Year 2 Unit 10 The Holy Spirit'

Useful websites: www.missionpraise.com
www.gofishresources.com
www.elevationkids.com
www.childbiblesongs.com
www.itunes.com

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GAMES

Ideas for fun ways to introduce the lesson:

1. Play **'Pass the flame'**. This game is very similar to 'squeeze'. Get the children into a circle, holding hands. The children will pass on the flame by squeezing the hand next to them. The teacher will choose someone to begin. The children must only squeeze one hand going around in the circle. (This can be difficult for some children and adds to the fun when the squeeze may be passed around the circle both ways!) To add to the difficulty you may add another instruction: if you double squeeze the hand beside you then the squeeze must change direction and go back the way it had come! One person is chosen and asked to stand in the centre of the circle to guess where the flame has been passed to. They watch and when they notice a hand being squeezed they shout stop. If they are correct they swap places with that person. We want to pass on the good news of Jesus to those around us and keep going.
2. A game of **'Holy Spirit relay!'** Get the children into teams to race against each other. Have chairs at the top end of the room with deflated balloons sitting on the chairs, (make sure you have a separate balloon for each person for hygiene reasons). The children race up, take a balloon, blow it up, hold the balloon (do not tie) and race back, release the air from the balloon, then the next person can go. The winning team is the team back sitting in a line with their deflated balloons in their hands. We are like that balloon, deflated until we have the Holy Spirit inside to fill us up!
3. Play **'Name game'** Get the children into a circle. Each person introduces themselves by their first name and tells the group a food, beginning with the same letter as their name. Continue the game using, colour, football team, country, superhero etc. Can let the children choose a grouping too. We want to share with each other and see how easy it is to start chatting and finding out about each other.



* Free Games app on phone or tablet. Search Youth Group Games 'Tried and tested youth games'.

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Memory
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MEMORY VERSE

***'The helper is the Holy Spirit the father will send in my place. He will teach you everything and help you remember everything I have told you.'* John 14:26**

Ways to teach the memory verse

1. **Memory verse 'count down'**. There are 30 words or phrases in this memory verse. Teach all the children the memory verse first, by using your fingers to count the words as you say them e.g the first line ***'The helper is the Holy Spirit the father will send'*** fingers 1-10 (both hands up and all fingers used), then add ***'in my place.'*** fingers 1-3 (Start afresh new hand 3 fingers). Second sentence - ***'He will teach you everything and help you remember everything'***, fingers 1-10 (both hands up and all fingers used), then add ***'I have told you'***, (Start afresh new hand 4 fingers) and then add ***'John 14:26'***, (Start afresh new hand 3 fingers). Once learnt split the group into two. one side says the memory verse whilst the other counts down from 30 slowly, see who wins, can speed this up as the children get more familiar with the memory verse. Change over and compete against each other.
2. **'Word search' memory verse**. Write the memory verse onto a large piece of card and fill in the spaces with letters. Best to use a grid of squares 10 x 10
3. **'Sing' memory verse**. Can put these verses to the tune of ***'Here we go round the mulberry bush'***. 
Here we go round the mulberry bush. ***The helper is the Holy Spirit***
The mulberry bush. The mulberry bush. ***the father will send in my place.***
Here we go round the mulberry bush. ***He will teach you everything***
On a cold and frosty morning. ***and help you remember everything I have told you.***

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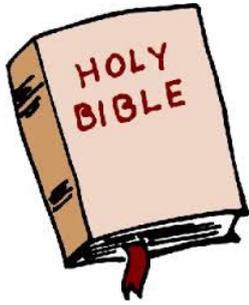
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BIBLE BLAST

KEY PASSAGE: *Acts 2: 1-13*

Background info:

Jesus has died, risen again, spent 40 days with His disciples and then taken up to heaven - the Ascension.

Jesus told His disciples not to be afraid, He would be leaving them but God would send someone to them in His place - the Holy Spirit, 'the helper', 'the comforter'. The Holy Spirit came 10 days after Jesus ascended into heaven, therefore 50 days had gone by since Easter.

Pentecost marks the official end of the 50 days of the Easter Season ('Pente'- cost). It celebrates the Acts 2 outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and into the world! It's the time when we remember that God sent the Holy Spirit to live inside believers. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come into the lives of those who followed Him.

Pentecost is also known as the 'Birthday' of the Christian Church. On the day of Pentecost 3000 people became Christians - the birth of the Church! The Holy Spirit came to the disciples with wind and fire and helped them to do things they'd never been able to do before, like speak other languages and have the courage to speak in front of crowds of people and heal the sick!

Pentecost was originally a Jewish festival (see the book of Leviticus 23:15-20); 'The festival of the harvest' when all Jews would gather in Jerusalem to celebrate the harvest and give thanks for the good gifts of harvest. Therefore, this was why there were Jews from different countries congregating in Jerusalem and many people speaking in many languages in Acts 2.

Sometimes we feel like we can't do things or we'd like to change but it's really hard and we can't do it ourselves. God sends the Holy Spirit to help us!

Resources required:

Name Cards with seasons of the Christian church year. (See talk)



Alternative talk/VIDEO see Pinterest JIGSAW DDYC 'Year 2 Unit 10 Holy Spirit'



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TALK

In church we have different seasons or times of the year when we celebrate different events or happenings in the Christian calendar.

Can you name any of these times? *(Let the children respond)*

[Have pieces of card ready to write on or have the seasons below written on card ready and place them in front of the children in the correct order for the church year.]

Harvest, Remembrance Day, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (Wisemen visit baby Jesus), Candlemas (presentation of Jesus at the temple), Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy week, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension (Jesus taken up into heaven), Pentecost (Holy Spirit comes), Trinity Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost).

Today we are going to be looking at Pentecost in the Bible in Acts Chapter 2, when God gives His people the Holy Spirit, to live inside us, to be our helper as we live out the Christian faith. *(Can look up Acts 2:1-13 and read or ask one of the children to read the passage.)*

When Jesus left to go up to heaven to be with His Father, He promised His disciples that He would never leave them alone and would always be with them, even though He would not be here on Earth any more. Jesus spent 40 days with his disciples, teaching them and talking to them about the Kingdom of God, preparing them for His leaving.

Jesus had left but He reminded the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until God's helper, the Holy Spirit had come to them. Jesus said, "John baptised with water, but in just a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit". And so they waited and waited . . . 10 more days.

While the disciples waited they stayed together and chose another disciple to come and replace Judas, who had betrayed Jesus. They chose Matthias. Now they were 12 again - the 12 disciples or 12 apostles as they were sometimes known.

So let's hear what happened in the book of Acts chapter 2 when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and all believers - The day of Pentecost.

Ask the children to follow your actions as you tell the story. (Adapted from CPAS 'Telling Tales')

On the day of Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, (the day Jesus rose from the dead), the believers were meeting together in one place, Jerusalem. **Squeeze together.**

They were feeling very sad and frightened, as Jesus had left them. **Look around with sad and frightened faces.**

The disciples had stuck by one another, whatever the weather. **Look up & check for rain.**

In good times . . . in bad times. **Thumbs up, thumbs down.**

They were good friends and looked after each other. **Give each other a pat on the back.**

But their best friend, Jesus had gone away. **Wave goodbye.**

And they were a bit confused as to what they should do next. **Look confused, shrug shoulders.**

So they had gathered in a house, and talked together, and prayed together waiting and waiting . . .

Hands in prayer and then look at watch on wrist.

Suddenly there was a loud sound from heaven. **Shout out 'BOOM' and clap hands.**

A mighty windstorm was whirling around them. **Make sounds of the wind.**

It was SO loud! **Cover ears.**

Little flames of fire came into the room and landed on them. **Make flickering flame with fingers.**

They didn't get burnt! **Dust off shoulders.**

This was the special present Jesus had talked about. God's power was going to come into each one of them. **Point to everyone.**

Everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit. **Hands over heart.**

The disciples began to speak in different languages, that they'd never even heard. **Listen and look surprised.**

Other people outside the house heard the commotion and wondered what had happened. **Look quizzically at each other.**

People ran to see, from all over Jerusalem, neighbours, friends and visitors. **Make running arm movements.**

The disciples ran outside and began telling everyone about Jesus in their own languages! **Whisper to each other.**

Lots of people's lives were changed that day. **Roll arms around and around.**

It was the 'birth'- day of the church and nothing would be the same again. **Pretend to blow out candle on cake.**

From that day, and everyday since, the church and God's word has spread and spread throughout the world. **Mime spreading jam on toast.**

And WE are here today in church because of what the disciples did. **Punch the air and say 'Yes!'**

Application:

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us, to be our helper, to fill us with power and boldness to tell other people about God, and Pentecost reminds us to continue to celebrate the birthday of the church and tell others about God.

All of us have the Holy Spirit in us if we love Jesus and ask God to come into our lives and become a Christian, a follower of Jesus. (If you are comfortable with this and an opportunity arises you may want to let the children know how to become a friend of Jesus and become a Christian, a believer of Jesus Christ. See '**How do I become a Christian**' sheet below)

Let's pray.

Dear God, thank you that you never leave us. Thank you that Jesus came to die for us and take away our sin. Thank you that you gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit, the helper, to be with us always. Help us to tell others about you and live our lives for you. Amen



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HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

Becoming a Christian means that you realise that you need Jesus Christ in your life. Jesus is the Son of God and He came to earth to share the good news that God wants to get to know us and have a relationship with us. God loves us. God is holy and hates sin.

Jesus was born into the world and is fully human and fully divine. He is our way to come into the holy presence of God. Because God cannot be around sin, Jesus died for our sins on the cross, so that when we ask for God's forgiveness and ask him to come into our lives we can freely come into God's holy presence. We have all done wrong and we all need Jesus!

Jesus also gives us a gift called the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the part of God that can be with us all the time. He will comfort us, guide us, lead us into truth, teach us more about Jesus, and help us to live like God wants us too.

Christians try to live for God through their own personal faith in God.

Through: **reading the bible**, which is our study guide; **praying**, which is our communication with God, we talk to God and we listen to what He says back to us and having a **relationship** with Jesus, having a best friend. The more time you spend with your best friend, the more you start to act alike; the more time we spend with Jesus, the more we'll start to act like Him.

To put it simply:

We recognise that we need Jesus.

We acknowledge that we sin and need to ask for forgiveness.

We can now have a relationship with God.

We can become children of God

We can call God our Father

We can one day be with God in heaven.

Invite the child to pray for forgiveness and for Jesus to come into his/her life.

Let the child know that saying this prayer means:

You are truly sorry for all the wrong things you have done

You truly believe that Jesus took the punishment for your sins

You truly want to start a relationship with Jesus to help you turn from all the wrong things you have done and do what is right.

Sample prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you died for me. I am sorry for all the bad things I have done in my life.

Please forgive me and help me to live my life for you. Amen

Some helpful websites. www.dltk-bible.com/cv/becoming_a_christian.htm
www.letthelittlechildrencome.com
www.the4points.com/uk

RESPONSE

GROUP ACTIVITY & QUESTIONS

(Break into small groups, age appropriate, class or key stages)



See Craft worksheet: **Holy Spirit Mobile**



KEY QUESTIONS

Age 5-7

What were the two signs of the Holy Spirit coming?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
How do we get the Holy Spirit?

Age 8-10

Who is the Holy Spirit?
What happened at Pentecost?
What signs showed the coming of the Holy Spirit?
Why do we have the Holy Spirit in our lives?



REFLECT & PRAY

Fizzy Explosive Prayers (See Pinterest 'Year 2 Unit 10 Holy Spirit' or flamecreativekids.blogspot.co.uk)

Materials: Bicarbonate of soda (baking powder), white vinegar, food colouring, eye droppers.

Mix food colouring into white vinegar to colour it. Keep each colour of vinegar in a separate container and use a different eye dropper with each one. Cover the bottom of a baking tray with bicarbonate of soda.

Bring the children around in a circle. Talk with them about the Holy Spirit how it can transform our lives and bring change. Demonstrate by dropping a drop of coloured vinegar onto the tray . . . watch the explosion and how it transforms the baking powder. This can happen in our lives too if we ask for the Holy Spirit to help us.

Ask the children to choose a colour and add a drop to the tray. As they drop the vinegar onto the baking soda, pray that the Holy Spirit will come to them and transform their lives.

Pray with the children - Dear God, thank you for the Holy Spirit. Please fill us each day with your love and help. Amen



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Holy Spirit Mobile

[Try and have one made to show the children]

MATERIALS:

- Dove and flame template (see next page)
- Scissors
- Colouring pencils, felt tips
- Red/yellow string or wool
- Sharp pencil to make holes
- Piece of plasticine
- Cellotape



See Pinterest JIGSAW DDYC 'Year 2 Unit 10 Holy Spirit' for alternative ideas

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Give each child a template of the Holy Spirit Mobile. Let the children know that quite often the Holy Spirit is depicted or thought of as a dove - pure and gentle.
2. Let the children colour in the 5 flames.
3. Cut out the dove and the 5 flames. (Can have these already pre-cut and holes made for little ones).
4. Using a pencil push through 5 holes in the dove, a hole in each flame and a hole in the head of the dove to hang string from.
5. Take coloured string or wool and cellotape one end to the flame and the other to the dove.
6. Let the children fly their Holy Spirit Mobiles.
7. Use the discussion questions in the '**Response**' time to chat together.

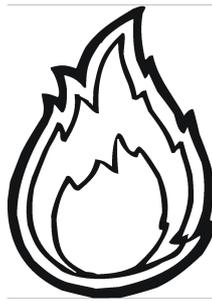
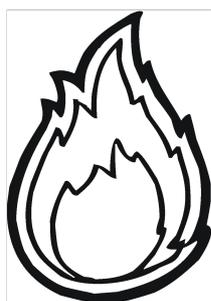
Holy Spirit Template

Photocopy onto card and cut out.



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Pentecost

Use playdough to make tongues of fire above the heads of the disciples.

