

### THIS WEEK'S STORY:

The Holy Spirit Came

### UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

2 Peter 1:3 "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

### 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.

### BIBLE PASSAGES:

Acts 2

#### TALK ABOUT IT

1. What happened when the Holy Spirit came? *A sound like a rushing wind came from heaven, tongues like flames of fire rested on each person, and they all spoke in different languages.*
2. How did other people react after the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples? *They were amazed and wondered how the disciples could speak in their languages.*
3. How can we receive the Holy Spirit? *Guide everyone to think about the gospel and what it means to believe the gospel to be saved. Remind them that works cannot save us, and we must come to Jesus in faith. Help them see that all who repent and believe the gospel receive the Holy Spirit.*
4. How has the Holy Spirit affected your life? *Guide everyone to talk about ways they have seen the Spirit working in their lives or the lives of their family members who are saved. Help them think through the kinds of traits God said would mark a believer, such as love, kindness, faithfulness, and so forth.*
5. How does the Holy Spirit help us carry out the Great Commission? *Help everyone recognize that without the Holy Spirit, we could never carry out the Great Commission. God has given us the job of sharing the good news with everyone, but only the Holy Spirit can cause people to realize their sin and their need for the Savior.*

#### APPLY IT

1. What does this story teach me about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me live on mission better?

#### FOR FUN

Download a translator app or use an online translator to practice saying common phrases in other languages. Talk about the disciples' ability to share the gospel in various languages so that the people could hear about Jesus. Remind your kids that God loves people of all nationalities and ethnicities and desires to save all who trust in Jesus.

#### TO SERVE

"The Gospel God's Plan for Us" is attached along with this sheet for you. Use the guide as a way to practice sharing the gospel. Have each family member use the images, Scripture verses, and kid-friendly language to present the gospel to another family member.

# THE GOSPEL

## GOD'S PLAN for US

The gospel is the good news, the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use these prompts to share the gospel with your kids.



**GOD RULES.** Ask: "Who is in charge at home?" Explain that because God created everything, He is in charge of everything. Read Revelation 4:11.

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**WE SINNED.** Ask: "Have you ever done something wrong?" Tell kids that everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. Read Romans 3:23.

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**GOD PROVIDED.** Explain that God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. Read John 3:16.

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**JESUS GIVES.** Ask: "What is the best gift you've ever received?" Say that Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever! Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

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**WE RESPOND.** Explain that everyone has a choice to make. Ask: "Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord? You can turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus." Read Romans 10:9-10.