



## LOWER ELEMENTARY

### WEEK 4- STARTER



#### Activity Name: Wind race

**What You Need:**  straws  cotton balls  tape or chalk

#### What You Do:

- Create a start line and a finish line on the floor with tape or chalk.
- Give each kid a straw and a cotton ball.
- Encourage the kids to line up at the start.
- Explain that they are to move their cotton ball to the finish line using only the “wind” from their straw. No hands allowed!
- On “Go,” instruct them to blow their cotton balls across the floor.
- Instruct kids to throw away their straws after the activity.

#### What You Say:

That was a lot of huffing and puffing! You used your breath to make wind to move the cotton balls. In our true story from the Bible today, something happened that sounded like a mighty rushing wind! It was a very special gift from God. Let's go see what it was.

**Lead your group to large group**



#### EveryChild Tips

- If blowing through a straw is difficult for a kid, allow them to use a paper plate to fan the cotton ball across the line instead.

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### WEEK 4- SMALL GROUP

#### Discussion Questions:

- What is the difference between being happy and having joy? (*Leader can explain: happy can come and go, but joy comes from God.*)
- The friends of Jesus had to wait for the Holy Spirit. How would you feel if you had to wait for something God promised?
- The Holy Spirit lives in people who follow Jesus. What is one thing you can ask the Holy Spirit to help you with today?



#### Bible Story

Pentecost / Fruit of the Spirit • Acts 2:1-41  
(supporting: Galatians 5:22-23)

#### Conversation Starter

When have you experienced joy in your life?

#### Bottom Line

The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

#### Monthly Memory Verse

*Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • Philippians 4:4 NirV

## Activity Name: Headband Story

**What You Need:**  Bible  sentence strips  paper flame cutouts  glue sticks  
 Coloring Supplies  tape/stapler

### What You Do:

- Read Acts 2:1-4 out loud to the group. Explain that this is part of the story of what happened at Pentecost when God sent His Holy Spirit.
- Give each kid a sentence strip.
- Give each kid 3-4 flame cutouts to glue or tape onto their headband.
- Set out the coloring supplies to decorate their headband.
- Staple the headbands closed so they can wear them.

### What You Say:

As the believers waited and prayed, a rushing sound, like wind, suddenly filled the whole house! Then tongues of fire appeared in the room, separated, and moved to rest over each believer. The wind and fire were signs that each believer had been filled with the Holy Spirit.

God gave another sign too: these men and women began speaking in languages that they hadn't known before! A crowd gathered because they heard their own languages being spoken. They were hearing about God's Big Story in a way they could understand!

God had sent His very Spirit, the Holy Spirit, to be with each believer. And the Holy Spirit is with all Jesus-followers now too! These headbands with flames remind us that **[Bottom Line] The Holy Spirit gives you joy.** The Holy Spirit is God's special gift to us!

**KEEP GROUP TOGETHER UNTIL PICK UP**