



## UPPER 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's the difference between being happy and having joy?
- What's one thing you want to ask the Holy Spirit to help you with today?
- Before that Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit, the believers were waiting without knowing what would happen. How would YOU feel waiting for something God promised but didn't explain?
- Why does God choose to work through us instead of doing everything Himself?
- Since the Holy Spirit lives in you as a follower of Jesus, what are some ways you hear His voice?



#### 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: Pentecost Comic

**What You Need:**  Bible  “Pentecost Comic Strip” Activity Page  Coloring Supplies

### 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 comic strip page from the “Pentecost Comic Strip” Activity Page.
- Instruct the kids to draw the pictures for each panel.
- The captions should outline the story:
  1. The disciples were waiting and praying together.
  2. Suddenly, a sound like a mighty wind filled the house!
  3. Something that looked like fire in the shape of tongues separated and came to rest on each of them.
  4. They started speaking in different languages!
  5. Peter told the crowd about Jesus. 6. 3,000 people decided to follow Jesus that day!
- Encourage the kids to be creative with how they show the wind and fire.
- Let them share their comics with a partner.

### What You Say:

Your comics really bring the story to life! Can you imagine being there? It must have been so amazing. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to do things they couldn't do before—things like speaking new languages and being bold enough to preach to thousands.

That same Holy Spirit, God's very Spirit, lives in us today! When you choose to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you. But it takes practice to learn to listen and follow God's Spirit. Sometimes the Holy Spirit speaks to you in nudges throughout your day. Sometimes He brings words to your mind, sometimes He will make words in the Bible jump right off the page, and you know they're just for you. Sometimes He speaks through worship song lyrics that shoot straight to your heart.

There are a lot of different ways that the God who goes with you everywhere will speak to you! He will send truths from heaven right to your heart! **[Bottom Line] The Holy Spirit gives you joy.**

**KEEP GROUP TOGETHER UNTIL PICK UP**