



Lesson
36

4s-K

THE HOLY SPIRIT

April 25 & 26

GOD IS WITH US



LESSON GOAL:

Background: God sent the Holy Spirit to be with Jesus' followers in a powerful way.

The Holy Spirit helped them speak, understand one another, and share God's love with everyone. God promises to send the Holy Spirit to anyone who accepts Jesus as their savior.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God doesn't leave us alone - He is always with us. The Holy Spirit is with us to help us understand, trust Jesus, and follow Him every day.

Acts 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mother's Day - May 10

Kids Camp - June 8-11
woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:

Reptile Rick



KEY VERSE:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

SALT (Serving & Loving Teachers)

Through SALT, Woodmen's ACTS ministry is serving and loving over 1200 teachers and school staff in El Paso County through morale boosting. This includes staff appreciation events for all school staff such as luncheons, conference treats, notes with words of encouragement, classroom support, school event support and more.

This weekend, we are coloring flowers that will be used as decor for an upcoming teacher luncheon to spread love and encouragement to these teachers in our community.



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is With Us!

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

Bag of Wonder: tealight candle

SAY:

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get one guess!

DO:

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.

SAY:

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **God is With Us**. This true story comes from the Bible in **Acts 2:1-4!** (*Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below*).

CONNECTION: (candle off) When Jesus came to this world, He came to be "God with us" **(turn candle on)**. When Jesus returned to Heaven, He promised He was not leaving us alone, that He would send a helper to live within anyone who believes in Him! That helper is the Holy Spirit. This candle reminds us God lives within us now, and God wants us to share His light with others too!



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

The Holy Spirit & Jesus' disciples

2. What is the problem?

Jesus' disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit Jesus had promised before He left

3. What will God do?

God gave everyone who believes in Jesus the Holy Spirit as a guide and helper



MAKE: Tealight Candle Cup Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: plastic cup, tealight candle, glue, tissuepaper squares



DO:

Pass out one cup per child and have them decorate the outside of the cup with tissue paper squares. Then put the God Statement sticker on the cup and add a tea light candle inside.



SAY:

Today we get to learn about the Holy Spirit! God is always with us and he gives us the Holy Spirit to help guide us. Just like this candle helps us find our way in the dark, the Holy Spirit helps guide us in our lives.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: The Way

SONG 2: He is the Light



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God is With Us!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: none



SAY:

God sent the Holy Spirit as a helper for anyone who believes in Jesus! The Holy Spirit helps us to love one another and know what is right and wrong. Not only that, but when we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit is God's way to always be with us! God is with us.



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - **God is with us! This means no matter where we go or what we do, God is right there with us.**
 - **Where are some places you go?** Let kids share.
 - **God is with you in all those places! Now, let's all lay down, close our eyes, and be very still.**
 - As the kids lay down, ask them to imagine God with them right now in this room. Give them a few moments to just be still (turn off the lights and play quiet music to help create a calm environment) Then, invite kids to sit up and share what they imagined/felt.
 - **God is with us! We can do this simple practice of closing our eyes and imagining God with us anywhere and anytime to help us remember that truth.**



PRAY

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING



SAY:

God gives to us...so we give back to God! Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say "Thank you, God!" for all He has done for us.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY: *May you feel God with you this week as you remember the gift of the Holy Spirit!*

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

- 1. Who was our story about today?**
The Holy Spirit & Jesus' disciples
- 2. What was the problem?**
Jesus' disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit Jesus had promised before He left
- 3. What did God do?**
God gave everyone who believes in Jesus the Holy Spirit as a guide and helper
- 4. Why does this matter to me?**
If I believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in me to help and guide me.
- 5. How can I apply this to my own life?**
Example: I can follow the Holy Spirit's guidance when I feel that nudge to do the right thing; I can be still and listen for the Holy Spirit; I can pray and ask for help for specific situations



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents arrive after service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any upcoming events or announcements while handing their parent the announcement card or flyer.