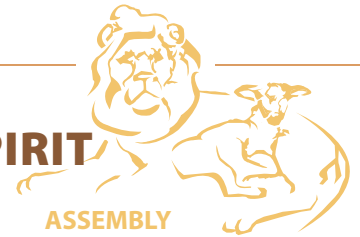


JESUS PROMISED TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: JOHN 14:15-21



The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

ANTICIPATION

Supplies

- felt board
- candy (You can use candy but be aware of any children with allergies or diabetes in your class.)

Tell the children you would like to tell today's story using the flannel board. Explain to them that when you get to the resurrection from the tomb, you will give everyone a gift.

Teach about Jesus' promise then quickly take the story through the crucifixion and the resurrection. When you are done with the story, telling about how Jesus rose from the dead, ask them, "Now what?" The children should answer, "We get a gift!" Ask them how they knew. They should remind you that you told them. Ask them how it felt to wait for the gift. Pass out a snack to each of the children.

Explain to them that telling them ahead of time created a desire in them. Jesus told His disciples about the Holy Spirit both to build their faith and later to create the same kind of desire to receive the gift promised.

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HELPER

Supplies:

six index cards with the words Holy Spirit printed on them

One of the ways the Holy Spirit helps us is to bring back to our memory all that Jesus taught. Divide the room into two teams.

Assign one teacher to play the role of the Holy Spirit. Use the following list of Bible trivia to test the teams. Take turns asking the questions of the teams. Give the teams three index cards each which say Holy Spirit on them.

If a team gets stumped on a question, they can ask the teacher playing the role of the Holy Spirit and he will give them the answer. When the game is finished talk to the children about how the Holy Spirit is helpful in reminding us of Jesus' teaching. Make sure to connect the receiving of the Holy Spirit to becoming a christian. Jesus places His Spirit in our hearts to live with us when we are born again.

Trivia Questions:

- What was the name of the disciple that betrayed Jesus? (Judas)
- Which of the disciples denied Jesus before the cock crowed? (Peter)
- Who wrote the four Gospels? (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
- Who baptized Jesus? (John the Baptist)
- What town was Jesus born in? (Bethlehem)
- On what day of the week did Jesus rise from the dead? (Sunday)



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WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Jesus told His disciples that He was going to go to the Father in heaven and ask Him to send the Holy Spirit. The disciples didn't realize that in a few hours Jesus would be arrested, tried, and sentenced to death.

On the cross, Jesus would take the penalty for the sins of mankind. The Holy Spirit did not dwell in men apart from Jesus' sacrifice. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin, making us holy and acceptable in God's sight. It is only when we have been forgiven by the blood of Christ that we are declared righteous and then the Holy Spirit makes His home in our hearts. The Gospel makes Jesus' promise possible.

