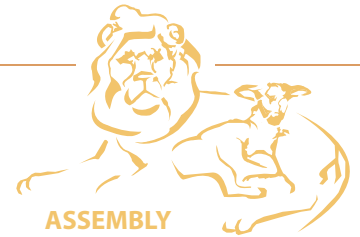


PENTECOST

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

LESSON IDEAS

WHAT DID HE SAY?

Bring in a guest teacher who can speak another language.

Tell the children you brought this person in to tell a story. Have the person read Acts 2:1-13 from the Bible in their native language.

Do not warn the children. Ask them what it felt like to not understand what the guest teacher was saying. Then re-read the account of Pentecost where the people were amazed they could understand, each in their own language.

Just as they were confused and bewildered by the strange sounds, so the people were amazed to be able to understand. Have the guest teacher teach the children how to say "Praise the Lord" in their language.

PANTOMIME

Come up with a pantomime for the following parts of the story: mighty rushing wind, tongues of fire, filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues, bewildered and astonished, amazed and perplexed. Teach the pantomimes to the children and then read the story a few times having them act out the pantomimes as you speak them out from the text. This is just a simple exercise to help them remember this story.

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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.

The feast of Pentecost was called the Feast of the Harvest or First Fruits in the Old Testament (Exodus 23:16). In Numbers 28:26-30 the offerings for this day are described. Bulls, lambs, and a goat were offered, in addition to the regular offering, to make atonement.

Now that Jesus has been sacrificed, no goat for atonement needs to be killed. The promised blessing to Abraham was about to be fulfilled. The Gospel can be spread from the very first believers to people of every tribe, language, and nation!

