

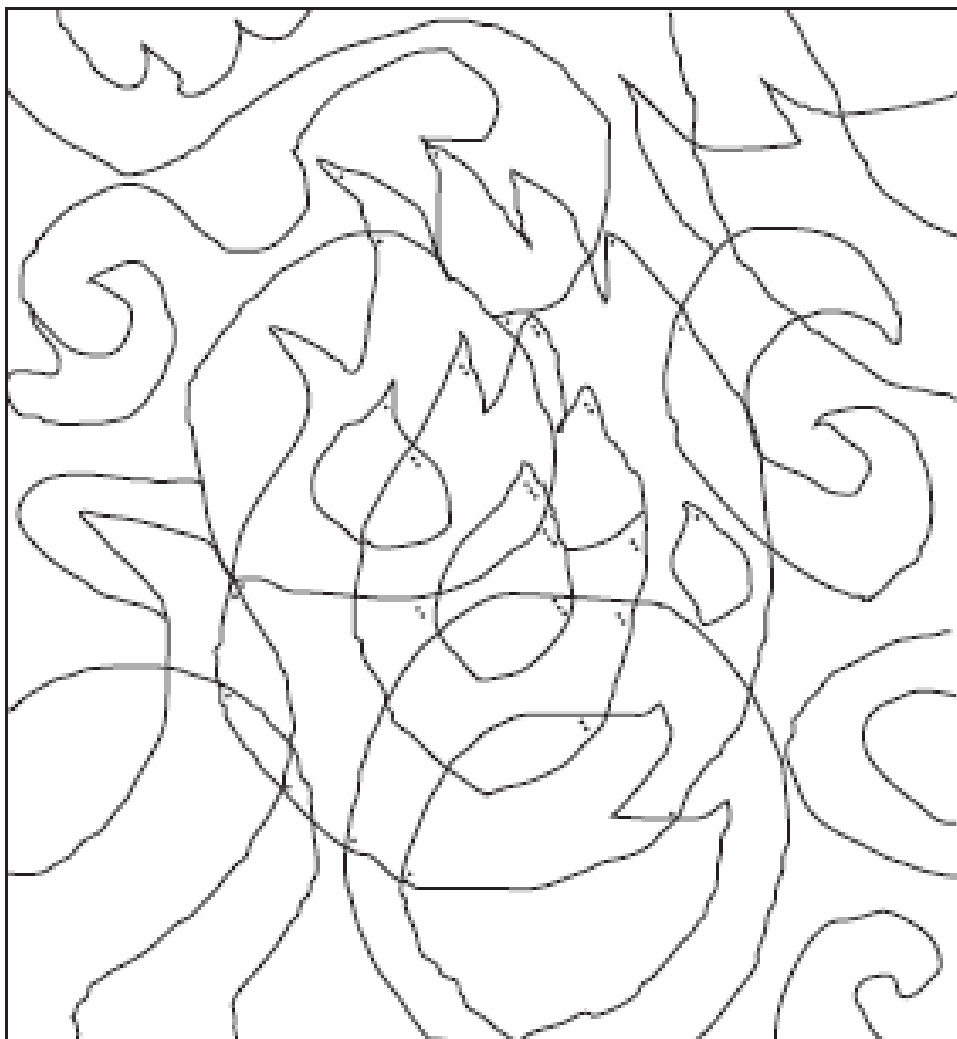
The Holy Spirit Comes

Before going to heaven, Jesus promised his disciples that he would send someone else to take his place, someone who would be with them always. This person is the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples in Jerusalem



“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”
John 14:26

Color this picture according to the directions below and you'll find a surprise!



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Lesson 30

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Bible Text: Acts 2:1-13

Key Verse: John 14:26

Purpose: The children will understand what happened on the day of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit's importance for Christians.

Please note!

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

I. Lesson

Before working on the coloring page, tell the children about the day of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit from Acts 2:1-13.

1. The Holy Spirit is promised

Several times Jesus promised that after his ascension to heaven, the Father will send another Counselor.

- Luke 11:13 "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"
- Luke 24:49 "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."
- John 14:16-17 a "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth."
- John 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me."

2. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is God. (1 Thessalonians 4:8)
- The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, participated together with the Father and the Son in creation. (Genesis 1:2)

3. What is the Holy Spirit's role?

- a. The Holy Spirit is the Counselor promised by Jesus.
- b. The Holy Spirit is in each and every child of God. His role is to comfort those who pass through trials and sufferings (John 14:16-17),
- c. He gives happiness to those who are sad. (Galatians 5:22),
- d. He teaches us (John 14:26),
- e. He teaches you what to say when you tell others about Jesus (Matthew 10:19-20).
- f. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness when we don't know what to pray (Romans 8:26).

4. When did the Holy Spirit come to earth?

He came to earth on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).

5. How did the Holy Spirit come to earth?

All apostles and the disciples were together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty wind. It filled the house where they were meeting. Then what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. Everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages as the Holy Spirit gave them ability. Godly Jews from many nations were in Jerusalem at that time and each heard the good news in his own language. This was a true miracle for everyone present. (Acts 2:1-13).

Suggestion: For younger children, use puppets or pictures. It is important that the children understand who the Holy Spirit is and why God gave his Holy Spirit to us.

II. Activities

1. Key Verse

a. Read the verse

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:26

b. Explain the verse:

This verse talks about the Holy Spirit’s role as Counselor. Here Jesus promises us that the Holy Spirit will teach us and will remind us of everything Jesus said.

c. Help the children memorize the verse.

2. Review questions for the children

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- Who talked about the Holy Spirit’s coming to earth?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit?
- When did the Holy Spirit come?
- How did the Holy Spirit come?

III. Conclusion

The Holy Spirit is present in our lives. He gives us joy; power and courage to do good things. Sometimes he scolds us. He teaches us how to tell the others about Jesus and God. So, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. He is in us. He hears when we talk; he sees what we do, and he knows what we think. Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, intercedes between us and the Father. Let’s not resist the Holy Spirit!