LESSON 2

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Aim: **To teach the children that Jesus sent his Holy Spirit upon his followers so that they might be witnesses for the Lord.**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 2:1–12**

Memory Verse: **John 14:26**
[T]he Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things …

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Bring along a torch from which you have removed the batteries. Do not let the class know this. What do we use this for? Give the children time to respond. We use it to give light, of course, so that we may see in the dark. Switch on the torch. It will not work. It has no power! It has no power because there are no batteries inside, see?

Main Points of the Lesson

1. **Show Picture 1. Briefly review what is happening here.** Who is leaving his friends behind? Where is Jesus going? Who did he promise to send to them? Jesus promised he would send the Holy Spirit. **Read Acts 1:8 out loud.**
2. Ten days after Jesus had left his friends to return to the Father, all the apostles were gathered in one place. **Tell the story of 2:1–3 in your own words:** There was a noise like a strong wind, and what looked like tongues of fire came to rest on each of them. **Show Picture 2.** They were filled with God's power, the power of the Holy Spirit.
3. **Put the batteries in the torch in front of the class. Switch it on.** Now that it has power, it works! In the same way, Jesus' friends had his power inside them from that day onward. **Describe what this power enabled them to do (2:5–12).** There were people from many different countries gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles the ability to speak to all those people in their own language about Jesus.

Our Response to the Story

Jesus gives his Holy Spirit to all who believe in him and love him. In this way, Jesus helps us to be his witnesses; that is, to tell others about him.

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There are many ways to do this, even if you are a child. You can tell your neighbours and friends the stories you hear in Sunday school. You can sing the songs you learn here wherever you find yourself. You can invite someone along to Sunday school or to church.

Instil the Memory Verse

Conclude the session with a song about witnessing.



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