Lesson 20 Coming of the Holy Spirit

Pictures 20, 24, 25



Aim To teach that the Holy Spirit of God gives Jesus' followers power to witness for Him.

Teacher Preparation: As you prepare this lesson remember that time when you accepted Jesus into your life and you received the Holy Spirit. Ask God's Spirit to continue to help and teach you in your Christian life. Then read and study Acts 2:1-15, 38-42 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power and you will be witnesses for me.

Lesson Plan

Introduction Show the class a torch. Ask what we use it for? Answer: to give light so that we can see in the dark. Switch the torch on (take the batteries out before the lesson and don't let the children see you do it). The torch does not work. Take the top off and show them why. No batteries means no power.

Main Points of Lesson



Note: Answers are suggested. These exact words need not be used.

1. *Show picture 20.* - The disciples look very sad. Jesus was going away from them. Ask the class:

Question: Where was Jesus going? Answer: He was returning to his Father in heaven.
Question: What did the angels tell Jesus' followers? Answer: Jesus would return again one day.
Question: Who did Jesus say would come and give them power to witness for him? Answer: The Holy Spirit.

Show picture 24. This man came to ask how he could follow Jesus.

Question: Who was he? Answer: Nicodemus.
Question: How did Jesus tell him to follow God? (This is a difficult question. Children may need help and encouragement to understand.) Answer: He needed to be born again by God's Holy Spirit.

Say memory verse. Show picture 25.

2. Jesus' followers are together. Tell what happened in Acts 2:2-4.

3. The followers of Jesus went out and in the power of the Holy Spirit talked to many people from different countries and in different languages, Acts 2:5-6.

4. Peter, who ran away when Jesus was crucified, began to talk to this big crowd. The followers of Jesus were not drunk, Acts 2:14-15.

5. This is a summary of Peter's sermon, Acts 2:38-39.

Turn away from sin.
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
Receive the Holy Spirit.



Review Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that when we accept God's gift of salvation and receive Jesus into our lives God gives us the Holy Spirit who comes and stays with us and helps us to live lives that are obedient to His Word and pleasing to our Father God.

Teach Memory Verse

Our Response to the Lesson *Show picture 21.* Show the torch without batteries again. When Jesus first went away the disciples were like the torch, they had no power. Put batteries into the torch and switch on and show its power and light. When the Holy Spirit came they had power. Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit when we follow him. Jesus' followers did have the power of the Holy Spirit because three thousand people believed in one day and became Christians when they preached in his power. If you have given yourself to God, then God has given you the Holy Spirit to help you.