

LEGACY

WEEK 4

BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit is for everyone.

BIBLE

The Holy Spirit Appears at Pentecost:
Acts 2:1-21; (Psalm 139:7-10)

LARGE GROUP TIME

WHAT?

MUSIC | Worship ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this [video](#), "Run To Love." Allow the kids periods of time to run around the room.
- Today we are going to talk about how everyone can come to know God. God's waiting for us with open arms so let's run!

ACTIVITY | Holy Spirit Wind ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give the kids their own pile of craft sticks and modeling clay and ask them to attempt to build a church building. Challenge them to try and build their church without it falling down.
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** Allow students to use mini marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti noodles to build their structures.
- Today, we are going to talk about how the Holy Spirit came like a blowing wind on Pentecost and gave people the power to start the church!

OBJECT LESSON | Who is the Holy Spirit? - Part Four ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Wrap a model kit (like this [wood model kit](#) to stay on theme) and attach a gift tag with your name on it. Make sure you open it beforehand so you can unbox it easily.*
- The Holy Spirit is a special gift from God. God gives us this gift to show us love and kindness . . . and because we really need it! Why do we need the Holy Spirit?
- First of all, how do you feel when you get a gift? What if you got a gift on a day that you were feeling down? It would have helped you feel better to know that someone cares about you, right?
 - The Holy Spirit is always with us and comforts us when we need it.
- It's important to know where a gift comes from and who it's for. We usually find this information on a card or a gift tag (*Show everyone the gift tag that has your name on it*).
 - Much like a gift tag tells us who the gift belongs to, the Holy Spirit lets us know that we belong to God.
- And when we get a nicely-wrapped gift, what do some of us like to do before opening it? We like to shake it and try to guess what's inside. We might make our best guess, but we won't know until we actually unwrap the box (*Remove the wrapping paper*).
 - Whenever we don't know what God wants us to do, the Holy Spirit tells us!
- What do we have here? It's a model kit. I don't know how to make this model! What do I do? Ah, yes, I need to find the instruction manual (*Pull out the instruction manual for the kit*).
 - The Holy Spirit helps us understand God's instructions to us and guides us through each step.
- In order to put this kit together, I need all the pieces. And here they are, inside this box (*Dump out contents onto table*)!
 - The Holy Spirit provides us with all the tools we need to draw closer to God – our own "gifts" and abilities to do God's work.
- Let's see what kinds of things people were able to do because of the Holy Spirit!

SO WHAT?

SCRIPTURE | Acts 2:1-21



- **Can you imagine being suddenly able to speak other languages?**
- Imagine meeting a friend from another country who doesn't speak the language you speak. **How could you communicate with them if you don't speak their language?**
- Let's travel back in time to see what happened on a special day called Pentecost.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Point your arrow to the plate with the corresponding Scripture on your time travel device and play this [sound effect](#). Tell the Bible story from Acts 2:1-21.*
- When the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples, it was a time when their city was filled with people visiting from other countries who spoke other languages.
- While a bunch of Jesus' followers were gathered together, the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak the people's language! It gave the disciples the opportunity to share the good news about Jesus with everyone without language differences stopping them.
- Even though all of Jesus' followers at first came from a single culture, God wanted them to know that it shouldn't stop there. God was giving the disciples power through the Holy Spirit to start doing amazing things for God beyond their own borders.
- When anyone believes in Jesus, they can receive the Holy Spirit. When we have the Holy Spirit in us, it's like having God's help wherever we go.

THE BIG IDEA | The Holy Spirit is for everyone.



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Open the legacy pod with this week's Big Idea words inside and call up one kid at a time to pull out one sheet of paper at a time. Help the kids arrange the words in the correct order. Read the Big Idea out loud together.*
- **The Holy Spirit is for everyone.**

VIDEO | Legacy, Episode 4





- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's [teaching video](#).*

POLL | World Traveler ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Show [this video](#) of the most iconic landmarks around the world. Write down all the places from the video on a board. Ask the kids which of these places they would most want to go and tally the responses.*
- Aren't each of these places around the world so cool? What makes the world even more special than all of these landmarks is the people!
- Each one of us is different. We look different, we speak different languages, and we have a variety of cultures. But even though we are so different, there is one thing we have in common: God loves us. And God has provided a way for all of us to love God back. **The Holy Spirit is for everyone!**

ACTIVITY | Legacy Language ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Use a translator app to find translations for today's Big Idea in various languages. Honor each language you choose by learning them as accurately as possible. You could also bring in the device and search languages that kids suggest apart from the ones you have practiced.*
- **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *Some kids with special needs have their own ways of communicating. Encourage kids and their families to share with the group if they feel comfortable.*

- In today's Bible story, we heard about how the people were all speaking different languages, but they were able to understand each other.
- So, we are going to practice saying today's Big Idea, **the Holy Spirit is for everyone**, in a few other languages!

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 139:7-10 ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read Psalm 139:7-10 together.*
- **Who is the spirit that is being talked about here?**
- This psalm reminds us that the Holy Spirit is everywhere – we can't hide from the Holy Spirit. **How does that make you feel?**
- Maybe it makes you feel a little afraid because you think God is just waiting around for you to make a mistake. But that's not the case. The Holy Spirit is everywhere because God loves you and wants to be with you. And there's no place that is out of reach for the Holy Spirit.
- This is how we know that **the Holy Spirit is for everyone!**

NOW WHAT?

REFLECTION | Super Spirit ▲

- **Can you name your favorite superhero? What power do they have?**
- Imagine all the superpowers in the world coming together in one person – the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit is for everyone, can help everyone all over the world at the same time, and is available 24/7!
- The Holy Spirit is better than any superhero we could ever think of. The Holy Spirit reminds us when we are alone, upset, or scared, that God is with us. The Holy Spirit guides us and helps us know how to love God and love others.

PRAYER ▲

- Dear God, we are so grateful your love includes all of us. Thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit, so we're never truly alone. Help us to be the ones

who remind the world that the Holy Spirit is for everyone. Amen.

SMALL GROUP TIME

DISCUSSION ▲

- **Where were the disciples when the Holy Spirit appeared?**
- **What happened when the people were filled with the Holy Spirit?**
- **What did people think about the disciples when they heard them speaking their own languages?**
- **Re-read Psalm 139:7-10. Where is the Holy Spirit?**
- **If you could learn to speak another language, what would it be?**
- **How does knowing that the Holy Spirit is for everyone affect how you treat others?**
- **What is one way the Holy Spirit can change you?**

ACTIVITY | Decoder Gadget ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give each kid a Decoder printable, scissors, and a brad. Have them cut out the two circles, overlap them at the middle, and bind them together by poking the brad through the middle. Have kids rotate the circles and line up the letters in any position they want. The bigger circle is for the letters in the original text, and the smaller circle will be the code letters.*
- Write today's Big Idea: **The Holy Spirit is for everyone.** Then under it, write the message in code, using your new decoder. Once you line up the letters, keep it in that position for the whole code!