



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

9 GIFTS TO SHARE

PROPS NEEDED: 9 fruit Jelly Belly jelly beans - different flavors (in a small baggie)

LESSON:

- Have you ever had Jelly Belly jelly beans?
- Did you know there are over 50 flavors of Jelly Belly's?
- Pass out one piece per child. Can you guess what it is? (Allow time to respond)

POINT TO MAKE:

- I have 9 different flavors. We've been talking about the Holy Spirit, and did you know after you are filled He has 9 gifts He wants to share?
- How many flavors of Jelly Belly's did I say I have? (Allow them to respond) That's right, 9! How many gifts of the Spirit are there? (Allow them to respond) That's right, 9!
- Does your mom and dad let you have candy whenever you want? No.
- Would they let you have fruit

for breakfast? Yes, because fruit is always good for you.

- One great thing about the Holy Spirit is He always says yes!
- He will share His gifts with anyone that asks - adults, pastors and even kids!
- Some people think only adults can have the gifts of the spirit, but that's not what the Bible says. Acts 2:17 says, "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my spirit upon ALL people."

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. How many gifts of the Spirit are there? (9)
2. Are they only for adults? (no)

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

HOLY SPIRIT: GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:17, "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people..." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE:

The gifts of the Spirit are for everyone.



1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

ICE BREAKER Questions:

Question #216:

- What is your favorite dessert?
- Why?

Question #526

- Have you ever been to a "camp?"
- What kind? (church, basketball, art?)

ICE BREAKER Game:

What's My Name?

Directions:

- Everyone stands in a circle.
- Pick someone to start and they clap their hands and say their first name and then an adjective that begins with the first letter of their last name. (For instance: Sue Hampton: My name is Happy Susie.)
- The next person claps their hands and say, "Hello, Happy Susie, my name is ____."

Girls: Clap their hands.
Boys: Do jumping jacks.



2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: Into the Clouds (pages 351 & 352)

3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Mark 16

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus Leaves A Gift

BIBLE CONNECTION:

After Jesus died on the cross, His disciples did not know what to think. Jesus told them what would happen, but they didn't understand. They were upset, frightened, scared and in disbelief. Jesus appeared to His disciples before He ascended to heaven and reminded them that they would not be alone. He would send the Holy Spirit as their comforter and told them to wait for Him.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Why were the disciples in disbelief? (they heard what Jesus said, but thought He meant something else, they didn't understand the "kingdom" was not Israel, but the kingdom of God)
2. What did Jesus leave the disciples with? (the promise of the Holy Spirit)

POINT TO MAKE: *Jesus left His disciples with the directive to look for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would come and be with them, like Jesus had been with them.*