



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

SPECIAL DELIVERY

PROPS NEEDED: Pizza box (empty, from Dominoes or other delivery pizza shop)

LESSON:

- Do you ever order pizza and the delivery man comes to your door?
- What is your favorite kind of pizza? (Allow time to respond)
- The pizza delivery man gets paid to deliver pizza to your house.

POINT TO MAKE:

- The Holy Spirit has a “delivery job” too. He delivers special messages from God to you called prophecy.
- Prophecy is a special message inspired by God that the Holy Spirit “delivers” to you.
- These messages have 3 main jobs: to strengthen others with kind words, encourage others to obey the Lord, and comfort others.
- When you receive a prophecy or a special message from the Holy Spirit, you are supposed to share it.

- The Holy Spirit might lead you to share a word with one of your friends or your church or there could be times the word of prophecy is just for you.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- We are going to spend 1-2 minutes praying in tongues together.
- After we pray together we are going to be quiet for 1 minute and listen to see what the Holy Spirit wants to tell us.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Why does the Holy Spirit give us prophecies? (to strengthen others with kind words, encourage others to obey the Lord, and comfort others.)



Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

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

HOLY SPIRIT: PROPHECY

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:17, “...your sons and daughters will prophesy...” (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE:

The gift of prophecy is when the Holy Spirit gives you words to strengthen, encourage and comfort others.



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 #217:

- Have you ever had to give a speech or talk in front of a group of people?
- If so, what was it on or what was it for?

Question #527

- What is your favorite pizza?
- Your favorite topping on pizza?

ICE BREAKER Game:

I Never Have

Directions:

- Group sits in a circle and holds up all 10 fingers.
- The first one starts by saying their name and something that they have never done or seen. For instance, "My name is Sally, and I have never been to Alaska."
- If someone in the group has been to Alaska then they have to put one finger down. If they have not, then they don't have to.
- Then it moves to the next person.
- The person with the most fingers up wins.



2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: Wind, Fire, and Different Languages (page 353)
3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Acts 2:1-40

- 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:

Peter Has A Special Word

BIBLE CONNECTION:

After Jesus rose from the dead, He told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. Peter was with the other disciples when the Holy Spirit came and filled everyone. Peter walked outside and he began to preach and prophesy. Remember that a few days earlier Peter had denied knowing Jesus. Now he was bold and prophesied to a crowd. That day, 3000 people were saved.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What were the disciples waiting for? (the Holy Spirit)
2. When Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, what did he do? (he prophesied and 3000 people were saved)
3. Did Peter do this on his own? (no, the Holy Spirit gave Peter the words)

POINT TO MAKE: *Peter prophesied and was bold. The Holy Spirit changed Peter and gave Him the words to say.*