



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US

PROPS: 1 new taper candle and a package of matches

LESSON:

- Jesus told us to let our light shine before men. When we get born again, the Holy Spirit comes inside of us and the “light” begins to shine in us.
- (Light the candle.)
- Jesus said that we are the “light of the world.”
- There are times that God wants us to talk to someone about Jesus.
- In ourselves, we can become afraid and our light goes out.
- (Blow candle out.)

POINT TO MAKE:

- One way to overcome this fear of telling others about Jesus is to ask the Holy Spirit to help you.
- When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, He will take the fear out of us.
- (Light the candle again.)
- So the next time that God speaks to you about asking your friend to come to church, ask the Holy Spirit to give you boldness.

DISCUSS:

- Share an experience when you may have not wanted to share Jesus and how the Holy Spirit helped you.
- Allow the kids to talk about challenges they may have had.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Why are people in darkness? (they don't have Jesus in them)
2. What do we do if we are afraid to be a witness for Jesus? (ask the Holy Spirit to help us)
3. What will the Holy Spirit help us do? (He will lead and guide us in what to say)



Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

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

THE CORE THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you: and you will be my witnesses.....”
(NIV)

BOTTOM LINE:

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us



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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 #755:

- What is your favorite meal?

QUESTION #295

- If you could be a plant what kind of plant would you be?

ICE BREAKER Game:

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Directions:

- Have children line up into 2 lines facing each other.
- Everyone has a partner they are looking at.
- Give them 1 minute to look at each other.
- Then have everyone turn around, not facing each other.
- Each person changes something about themselves. (Take off an earring, tuck in their shirt, etc.)
- After 30 seconds, have everyone turn back around and face each other.
- Ask each child to guess what "thing" their partner changed.

2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE: Matthew 26:57-75; Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-47

- **1st-2nd Grade:** Use picture Bible.
- **3rd Grade and up:** 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. We recommend the NIV Bible for 3rd to 5th Grade and a picture Bible for 1st to 2nd Grade.

BIBLE STORY:

Peter Loses His Chicken

BIBLE CONNECTION:

Peter loved Jesus and was one of His disciples. But one day, he denied Jesus three times. After Jesus died and rose again, Peter was empowered with the Holy Spirit. Peter then stood up and preached Jesus boldly and 3,000 people were saved.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What was Peter afraid of? (telling others about Jesus)
2. What changed Peter? (He was filled with the Holy Spirit)
3. After Peter lost his chicken, what was the first thing he did? (he preached the Gospel boldly)
4. How many people were saved that day? (3,000)

Point To Make: *The Holy Spirit will give us power and boldness to be a witness for Jesus. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide us.*