

Children's Worship Lesson – All Ages for May 31, 2020

Focus Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Purpose: To celebrate the empowering Spirit of God through the ages.

Preparation

Worship Table – red cloth	balloons
Toilet paper tube	red, yellow and orange tissue paper
Glue	battery operated tea light

Lighting the Christ Candle: *“We light this candle to remind us that God is always with us.”*

Song: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah- Watch YouTube video for notes and rhythm

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for Pentecost

Thank you for sending us your Spirit

Thank you for the wonder and beauty of life.

Amen.

Introducing the Theme- Blowing Up a Balloon

Pentecost is a wonderful day in the Christian year. This is a day where people used images of fire and wind to describe what happened to show the power and presence of God around them. Pentecost was the day the church was born because after Jesus' friends were filled with the Spirit on that day, they became brave and bold messengers about God's love. When people heard about Jesus' death and resurrection, they wanted to be baptized. This is why we call Pentecost the church's birthday. This is our birthday too. We are reminded that God's Spirit is just as powerful today as it was back in biblical times.

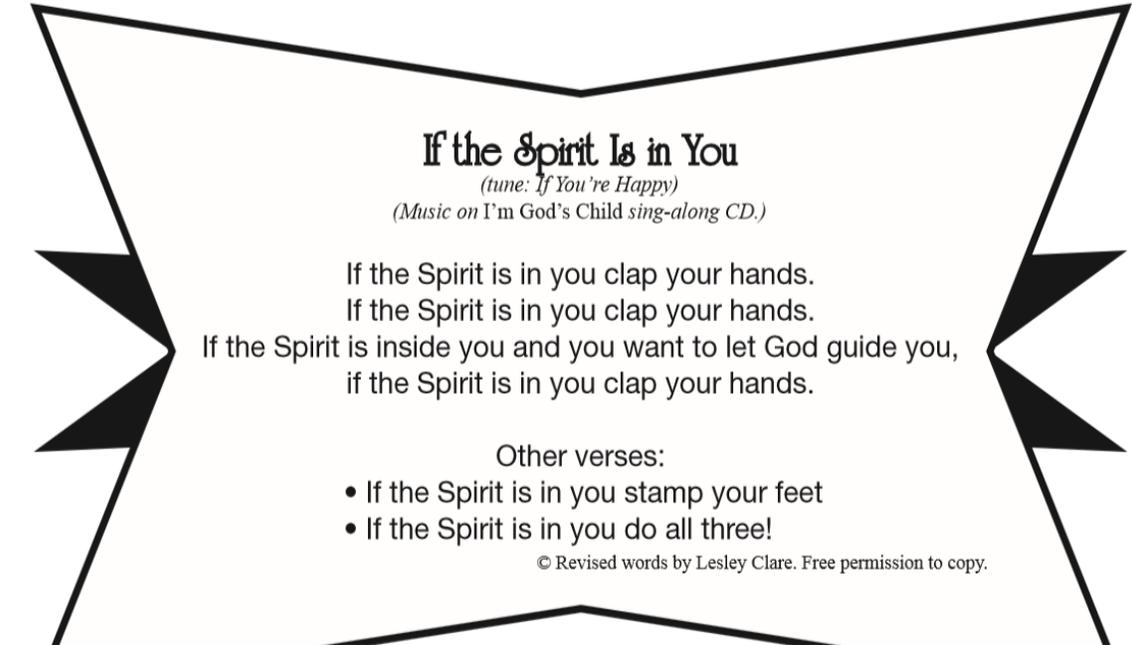
So I want you now to take your balloon and blow it up, symbolizing breathing life into the church.

Exploring the Theme – “The Birthday of the Church”

The disciples were in a house together and all of a sudden they heard a powerful wind, but they opened up the window and there was no wind. They felt and saw little flickers of fire on top of their heads, but they didn't burn. They started to speak in languages they had never

spoken before. The Holy Spirit was inside them. And now that the Holy Spirit was in them and making them apostles, they could now speak the word of God. So they went outside to preach because a lot of people had gathered by the temple from all over the world! As they started to preach they were all preaching in different languages, so people stopped to listen. Peter told them that they were all sinners and that is why Jesus died. So if they repent they will be saved. So they were all baptized and forgiven for all the wrong they had done. All the people who had gathered then went back home to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone, and then they too were baptized.

Song



If the Spirit Is in You
(tune: If You're Happy)
(Music on I'm God's Child sing-along CD.)

If the Spirit is in you clap your hands.
If the Spirit is in you clap your hands.
If the Spirit is inside you and you want to let God guide you,
if the Spirit is in you clap your hands.

Other verses:

- If the Spirit is in you stamp your feet
- If the Spirit is in you do all three!

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Activity or Craft –Paper Art Collage

Materials: Lots of colored paper, bits of colored tissue paper and glue

Have children create their own collage of God's spirit at work in the world, like the wind/and or flames. But it can look any way you want. Then take a picture and send it to me. iharvey@stouffvilleuc.ca or communications@stouffvilleuc.ca .

Craft for Youth – Tissue paper votive flame

1. Cut 1 ½ " off a toilet paper roll
2. Use yellow, red and orange tissue paper and trim a folded section. Then cut the pieces same circumference as the cardboard tube. To do this mark tube with a pencil and wrap the tissue around the tube and have some overlap.
3. Trim the other two pieces the same length and then fold the strip in half and then half again.
4. Make a swooping sharp angle on the paper and cut it out to look like flames.
5. Fold the red paper piece back up and stack the yellow paper at the bottom and orange at the top. Make the yellow piece the tallest and the red the shortest flames.

6. Glue the pieces to the bottom of the tube starting with the yellow and then add a tealight inside and watch it glow.

Closing Song

**May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rains fall soft upon your fields
Till we meet again, we meet again
May God hold you in His hands.**

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