




Jesus Sends Power From God

Acts 2:1-21

Infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds can understand the comforting power of your arms when you pick them up or your reassurance after they've fallen down and hurt themselves. You can help your little ones understand the Holy Spirit as a person that "helps us feel better."

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Where Is the Holy Spirit? See a picture of the disciples praying, and experience the wind that brought the Holy Spirit.	Teacher Pack: "God Sends the Holy Spirit" teaching picture 	
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	A Holy Spirit Prayer Hear about the Holy Spirit.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
	The Blowing Wind Wave a paper fan to make a breeze.	simple, accordion-folded paper fan	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Bold text within the lesson is spoken text.



Bible Point
God gives us the Holy Spirit.


Key Verse
"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will discover that God sent the Holy Spirit to be their friend and helper.





TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Like a Mighty Wind Create a wind to blow a tissue fringe.	Bible, tape Teacher Pack: "God Sends the Holy Spirit" teaching picture, tissue fringe 	Tape the tissue fringe to the teaching picture to represent the flames of fire in the wind.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Windy Movements Move like animals to the rhythm of the wind.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
	A Windy Heaven Tape streamers to their pictures.	orange and red crepe paper, scissors, tape, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of "The Holy Spirit" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut orange and red crepe paper into thin strips.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	


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2-YEAR-OLD



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	CD player, blocks Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	The Holy Spirit Is Here Pray like the people in the Bible passage, and pretend to be the wind that brought the Holy Spirit.	Bible, tape Teacher Pack: “God Sends the Holy Spirit” teaching picture, tissue fringe 	Tape the tissue fringe to the teaching picture to represent the flames of fire in the wind.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	A Windy Instrument Make blowers to hum with the wind music.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of “The Holy Spirit” page (at the end of the lesson), CD player, construction paper, scissors, tape Teacher Pack: CD	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut thin strips (about ½ inch wide by 6 inches long) from various colors of construction paper.
	Fly With the Wind Use “wind praisers” as they listen to the sound of the wind.	CD player, masking tape, three 18-inch ribbons per child Teacher Pack: CD	Make “wind praisers” for your children. Tape each set of 3 ribbons together at one end with masking tape.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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INFANT

1 GETTING
STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “Blow, Blow, Blow the Wind” (track 10 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” anytime during the lesson. Hold a baby on your lap and bounce gently to the rhythm of the song. At the end of the song, blow lightly on baby’s face or hands. Most babies will enjoy this “breezy” sensation and may begin to giggle.

♪ **Blow, blow, blow the wind,
Blow strong if you can.
God sent us the Holy Spirit
Like a mighty wind.**
(Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Sing “God Gave the Holy Spirit” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb” anytime during the lesson. Follow the motions as you sing.

♪ **God gave us the Holy Spirit,** *(move the baby’s hands back and forth in wavelike motions)*
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit. *(continue to move the baby’s hands in wavelike motions)*
God gave us the Holy Spirit *(point up; then move the baby’s hands back and forth in wavelike motions)*
To always be with us. *(put the baby’s arms around himself or herself)*

Afterward, say: ► **GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

2 BIBLE
EXPLORATION

Where Is the Holy Spirit?

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

As you hold each baby on your lap, point to the disciples in the teaching picture.

Say: **Here are Jesus’ friends. They’re praying and waiting for God to send the**



**Sing and Celebrate
Supplies**

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: “Blow, Blow, Blow the Wind” (track 10)

**Sing and Celebrate
Easy Prep**

Remove the Lesson
13 pages from each
My Bible Snuggles
student book

**Where Is the Holy
Spirit?
Supplies**

Teacher Pack
“God Sends the Holy
Spirit” teaching picture





A Holy Spirit Prayer Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
 CD: "Wind Sounds"
 (track 11)

The Blowing Wind Supplies

simple, accordion-
 folded paper fan

Holy Spirit. I wonder when the Holy Spirit will come. ► GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT. Here he comes.

Curl your middle fingers into the palm of one hand, with your thumb and little finger pointing out. Starting from up in the air, pretend your hand is a bird flying down. At the same time, blow a gentle breeze toward the baby's face, and then tickle him or her gently. Pray out loud for babies as you hold them.

Say: **Thank you, God, for little [child's name]. Thank you for your Holy Spirit who is here with us now. In Jesus' name, amen.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

A Holy Spirit Prayer

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Play "Wind Sounds" (track 11 on the CD).

Lay a baby on his or her back in front of you. As you listen to the sounds of the wind, gently move the baby's hands as you do the motions indicated and say the words of this prayer.

Pray: **Holy Spirit blow around me** (*blow gently toward the baby's face*)

And teach me to obey. (*walk two fingers up baby's legs to reach his or her chest or neck*)

Let me know that you are here (*slowly move your fingers while holding your hands above baby's head; then move your fingers toward his or her tummy*)

To be with me always. (*tickle baby's tummy*)

Say: ► **GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

The Blowing Wind

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Show the baby how to move the fan to make a breeze. Then put the fan in his or her hand, and let baby wave the fan at you.

Say: **You're blowing me! That wind reminds us of when the Holy Spirit came to the first church! Wave it more. ► GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Sing “Blow, Blow, Blow the Wind” (track 10 on the CD) to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” anytime during the lesson. Hold a toddler on your lap and bounce gently to the rhythm of the song. At the end of the song, encourage the toddler to blow with you.



Blow, blow, blow the wind,

Blow strong if you can.

God sent us the Holy Spirit

Like a mighty wind. (*everyone blows as hard as he or she can*)

(Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Sing “God Gave the Holy Spirit” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb” anytime during the lesson. Toddlers love one-on-one cuddling. Hold a child in your lap with his or her back to you so that your arms reach around to guide his or her hands. This will create a stronger connection to the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit at the end of the song.



God gave us the Holy Spirit, (*move the child’s hands back and forth in wavelike motions*)

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit. (*continue to move the child’s hands in wavelike motions*)

God gave us the Holy Spirit (*point up; then move the child’s hands back and forth in wavelike motions*)

To always be with us. (*put the child’s arms around himself or herself*)

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Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack:

CD: “Blow, Blow, Blow the Wind” (track 10)





Like a Mighty Wind Supplies

Bible
tape
Teacher Pack
“God Sends the Holy Spirit” teaching picture
tissue fringe

Like a Mighty Wind Easy Prep

Tape the tissue fringe to the teaching picture to represent the flames of fire in the wind.

Windy Movements Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: “Wind Sounds”
(track 11)

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Like a Mighty Wind

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Share the Bible passage with groups of two or three toddlers at a time. Open your Bible to Acts 2. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Hold up the teaching picture with the tissue fringe taped to it. If you have one child at a time on your lap, allow him or her to hold the picture.

Point to the disciples as you talk.

Say: **Jesus told his friends that he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them. So his friends waited and prayed for the Holy Spirit to come. Let's pray like his friends are doing.** Have the children put their hands together and pray. **Jesus, please send your Holy Spirit. Amen.** Encourage the children to say “amen” with you.

Say: **Then the sound of wind began.** Begin to blow softly toward the tissue fringe on the picture. Blow stronger for emphasis as you continue. **The sound of wind grew, and it grew. Then the Holy Spirit came like a big wind and gave all of Jesus' friends power.** ► **GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT to help us.** Invite the children to help you blow the tissue fringe. **Let's thank Jesus for his power. Thank you, Jesus, for the power of your Holy Spirit. In your name, amen.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Windy Movements

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Listen to “Wind Sounds” (track 11 on the CD). Clear a large area in your room for a safe place to be active without running into tables or chairs. Show the children how to hop like a bunny, walk like a dog, crawl like a lizard, and strut like a horse to the varied rhythms of the wind sounds.

Say: **Listen to that mighty wind blow! Every time we hear the wind we can remember that** ► **GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



A Windy Heaven

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a "The Holy Spirit" page. Let children tape strips of crepe paper onto their own pictures.

Say: **We can't see the wind blowing, but it moves big clouds in the sky. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but he came to the church like a mighty wind. ► GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.** Let each child show you how he or she can blow the crepe paper streamer and make a wind like the wind that brought the Holy Spirit.

Weaving Faith at Home

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2-YEAR-OLD

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

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**Blow, blow, blow the wind,
Blow strong if you can.
God sent us the Holy Spirit
Like a mighty wind.** (*everyone blows as hard as he or she can*)
(Repeat.)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Sing "God Gave the Holy Spirit" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" anytime during the lesson. Have children sit in a circle. Give each child a block to give to a friend sitting nearby as you sing the word *gave*. This will reinforce children's



A Windy Heaven Supplies

- orange and red crepe paper
- scissors
- tape
- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of "The Holy Spirit" page (at the end of the lesson)

A Windy Heaven Easy Prep

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Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

- CD player
- blocks
- Teacher Pack**
- CD: "Blow, Blow, Blow the Wind" (track 10)






The Holy Spirit Is Here Supplies

Bible
tape
Teacher Pack
“God Sends the Holy
Spirit” teaching picture
tissue fringe

The Holy Spirit Is Here Easy Prep

Tape the tissue fringe to
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fire in the wind.

understanding of giving and connect it with God giving us the Holy Spirit. Likewise, as you sing the words *with us*, have the children scoot closer to each other or toward you.

 **God gave us the Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.
God gave us the Holy Spirit
To always be with us.**

Afterward, say: ► **GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

The Holy Spirit Is Here

What You'll Do

Have children sit down around you. Open your Bible to Acts 2. Show children the words, and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Hold up the teaching picture “God Sends the Holy Spirit” with the tissue fringe taped to it. Point to the disciples as you talk.

Say: **Jesus is alive and we can believe in him. But Jesus stayed with his friends for only a little while. Then he went to make a special home for his friends. Jesus' friends were very sad to see him go, but Jesus said he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them. He told them the Holy Spirit would teach them how to tell others about him. Jesus' friends believed him, so they waited.** Stop talking and wait.

Jesus' friends prayed for the Holy Spirit to come while they were waiting. Let's pray like they're doing in this picture. Ask the children to share things they would like to pray about. Pray a short prayer about each thing they mention. Encourage the children to say “In Jesus' name, amen” with you at the end of each short prayer.

We prayed together just like Jesus' friends prayed together. As they prayed they waited for God to answer. The sound of wind began. Begin to blow softly toward the tissue fringe on the picture; then blow stronger for emphasis as you continue. **The sound of wind grew and grew.** Blow toward the children, too. **The Holy Spirit came like a big, big wind. It was the answer to their prayers! The Holy Spirit came to be with Jesus' friends forever.** Invite children to help you blow the tissue fringe as hard as they can.

Imagine what it felt like to be blown by the Holy Spirit. Have the children stand and pretend to be blown by the wind. **The wind has lots of power. It can blow our bodies around. The Holy Spirit has lots of power, too. He's always with us.**

► **GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT today, too. Let's thank Jesus for his power.**





Have children bow their heads and fold their hands. **Thank you, Jesus, for the power of your Holy Spirit. In your name, amen.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

A Windy Instrument

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Play "Wind Sounds" (track 11 on the CD), and listen to the wind. Give each child a "The Holy Spirit" page. Help children tape thin strips of colored construction paper to the bottom of their papers. Show children how to roll the handout from left to right into a tube and tape it. Blow through one to show children how the air moves the paper streamers at the end. Let them blow and hum to the sounds on the CD.

Say: **The Holy Spirit came to Jesus' friends like the rush of the wind. ► GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT to be with us and to be our friend.**

Fly With the Wind

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Play "Wind Sounds" (track 11 on the CD). Give each child one of the wind praisers you made beforehand.

Say: **You can praise God while you twirl your wind praisers around to sounds. While you are enjoying the wind, thank God because ► GOD GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

As a variation, play Hot and Cold. From time to time, stop the CD and say "cold." Have the children freeze like snowmen in a cold wind. Then start the CD again, and say "hot," and have them melt and swirl around like a hot breeze.



A Windy Instrument Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of "The Holy Spirit" page (at the end of the lesson)
CD player
construction paper
scissors
tape

Teacher Pack

CD: "Wind Sounds" (track 11)

A Windy Instrument Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut thin strips (about 1/2 inch wide by 6 inches long) from various colors of construction paper.

Fly With the Wind Supplies

CD player
masking tape
three 18-inch ribbons per child

Teacher Pack

CD: "Wind Sounds" (track 11)

Fly With the Wind Easy Prep

Make "wind praisers" for your children. Tape each set of ribbons together at one end with masking tape.





Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

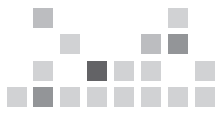
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Growing With Jesus

Your child learned that God gives us the Holy Spirit (from Acts 2:1-21). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

The Blowing Wind

Make a simple, accordion-folded paper fan, and show your baby how to move it to make a breeze. Then put the fan in his or her hand, and let your baby wave the fan at you.

Say: **You're blowing me! That wind is like when the Holy Spirit came to the first church! Wave it some more. God gives us the Holy Spirit.**

TODDLER

A Windy Heaven

Give your child a piece of paper, a blue crayon, and a piece of streamer or tissue. Help your child "color" clouds on the paper and then glue one edge of the streamer to the paper.

Say: **We can't see the wind blowing, but it moves big clouds in the sky. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but he came to the church like a mighty wind. God gives us the Holy Spirit.** Let your child show you how he or she can blow the streamer and make a wind like the wind that brought the Holy Spirit.

2-YEAR-OLD

Fly With the Wind

Make a wind praiser for your child by taping three long ribbons together at one end. Play some praise music in the background.

Say: **You can praise God while you twirl your wind praisers around to the music. While you are enjoying the wind, thank God for giving us the Holy Spirit.**



Comforting Arms

Children turn to us for comfort when they are hurt or afraid. Our arms and voices bring a sense of security and love to our children. While children are young, we can teach them to pray when comfort is needed. This will make it natural for children to turn to God when the hurts and fears of life seem overwhelming. As you provide comfort, remember that the Holy Spirit comforts both you and your child.



Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Teach your child about praying together as Jesus' friends did by encouraging your child to say "amen" with you when you pray.
- Grab a blanket and snuggle together. Tell your child that the Holy Spirit is also known as the Comforter. He makes us feel snuggled and cared for.
- Put milk or juice in a cup that has a lid with a hole for a straw. Get a straw and cup for yourself as well. Encourage your child to blow. Have fun blowing the air into your cups together. Watch the bubbles that form. Talk about how we can't see the air we blow, but we can see what it does. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we see what he does in the world.

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The Holy Spirit



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