



LESSON 72 SKIT

Principle: The Holy Spirit will take Christ's place, marking believers and bringing power.

Bible Character(s): Jesus Christ and the disciples

Scripture Reference: Acts 1:6-11; Acts 2:1-13



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Acts 1-2. Before

Jesus ascends to Heaven, He leaves the disciples with a promise. He told them He would leave the Holy Spirit to live inside all believers, and bring power to be witnesses of the Gospel to the whole world. The promise of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled at the feast of Pentecost, where the disciples experienced the power of the Spirit through their temporary ability to speak in other languages in order to preach the Gospel.

As you think about the Holy Spirit being inside you, do you fully believe that you have access to the power of the Holy Spirit? It is easy to start depending on ourselves, believing that we can control our lives. As we rely less on the grace that Christ has given us and depend more on our own strength, we miss out on the power, comfort and wisdom that can be ours through the Holy Spirit. How do you struggle with fully believing and trusting that you have access to His power and life? Do you try to live out of your own strength rather than resting in Christ and His grace? God provides us with His Spirit living inside of us so that we can spread His kingdom. He wants to use us, but we need to rely on the power of the Spirit working in us. Spend a few minutes in prayer, asking God to reveal to you how you are not depending on the power given to you through the Holy Spirit. Pray for dependence on God, and for His power to be worked out through you so others can know the Good News of Jesus.



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

1) Run-through/Prayer

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check

2) Welcome Cabins

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Clothespin Train

Have one camp counselor from each cabin to sit in the middle of his/her cabin's carpet. Give each cabin a pile of clothespins, and explain that the campers must work together to clip as many 5-clothespin trains onto their camp counselor (5 clothespins stuck together, attached somewhere on the camp counselor) as possible in two minutes. The cabin with the most 5-clothespin trains on their camp counselor is the winner of the camp banner for the week. If there is a tie, give an extra 30 seconds to see who can add the most extra clothespin trains. Feel free to shorten the time if the game is moving quickly and cabins are running out of clothespins.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you want to have complete control of your life, making all of your own decisions without the help of anyone else? This is not how God intended for us to live; He wants us to let Him direct our lives because He knows exactly what is best for us. If you choose to put your faith in Jesus as Savior, God gives you His Spirit to live in you and help you in your life. You do not need to try to control your own life and rely on your own wisdom and strength. Instead, you can allow the power of the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom, direction and comfort every day. Because the Spirit lives in you, God is with you all of the time! As we sing this next song, think about how you trust and obey God with your life.

6) Skit

Filled With the Spirit

ProPresenter:

None

Characters:

Storyteller

Staff Member #1

Props:

"Yard Sale" sign

Flashlight with no batteries

Batteries for the flashlight

1 deflated balloon

1 puppet

Script:

Storyteller: It's great to see you guys. I'm so glad you're here. You make Camp Grace fun. I'm here to

tell the Bible story. But, before I do, we need to review last week's story. Last week we talked about when Jesus left the earth to return to heaven with His Father. He left the disciples with instructions just before He ascended to heaven. Do you remember what those instructions were? (Pause for response.) Right. Jesus told His disciples to make disciples of others (by going, baptizing, and teaching). That was a very special job. Does that job belong only to the disciples of that time? (Pause for response.) Exactly. It's our job, too. If we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who gave His life to save us from sin and then rose from death, we are disciples, too. The job Jesus gave belongs to all disciples.

Let's get right to this week's story from the book of Acts. Now, stop for a minute and just imagine what life must have been like for Jesus' disciples before He ascended to heaven. Can you imagine? They were with Him all the time. They talked with Him about everything. They learned from Him. They laughed with Him. They prayed with Him. It must have been awesome to be with Jesus every day. They must have been so sad when He ascended to heaven. They must have missed Him so much. They may have felt empty when He left them to continue His work.

Staff Member: (Enters carrying the items for the yard sale along with the yard sale sign.) Hi! I'm sorry to interrupt. My bad, dude. I forgot you'd be here telling the Bible story. I was just going to cut through here to get back to my cabin.

Storyteller: Oh, it's okay. You can stay and hear the Bible story, if you'd like. What's all the stuff?

Staff Member: Well, Camp Grace had a yard sale this morning. At first, I thought they were selling the yard, but someone explained that a yard sale was for selling things. I don't know where the yard comes in. Anyway, these are all the things that I brought to the yard sale. Dude, not one of my things sold. I don't know what I'm going to do with them.

Storyteller: We didn't get to go to the yard sale. We were in our cabins this morning. Show us what you have there. We might like to buy something.

Staff Member: Okay. Well, there's this. (Hold up the puppet.) It doesn't really do anything. It just sits there. ("Flop" it back and forth.) Flop. Flop. I can see why no one wanted it.

Storyteller: Can I see that? It doesn't do anything just like this. But, when I put my hand into it, I can make it do all sorts of things. See? (Demonstrate.)

Staff Member: Wow! That's amazing! Stellar! I think I'll keep this thing.

Storyteller: Yeah, it's called a puppet. What else do you have there?

Staff Member: There's this. I'm not sure what it does. (Hold up the flashlight. Hit with your hand a few times.)

Storyteller: (Take the flashlight. Try to turn it on.) Oh, here's the problem. (Pull the battery from your pocket. Insert the battery. Turn it on.)

Staff Member: Light! You made light! How did you do that?

Storyteller: It's a flashlight. It just needed a battery inside. Without the battery, it was useless.

Staff Member: Can I have that back? I think I want to keep that, too. I just have one other thing left in my box. (Hold up the balloon.) I couldn't sell this, either.

Storyteller: I think I can help. (Blow up the balloon and tie it.)

Staff Member: A balloon! Can I have it?

Storyteller: Sure. You know all of these things have given me an idea. We can illustrate today's Bible story with these things.

Staff Member: For real? These things are more valuable than I thought.

Storyteller: I was just telling the campers that I thought the disciples must have been really lonely and empty inside when Jesus ascended to heaven.

Staff Member: Totally. I can't even imagine how awesome it would have been to be with Jesus every day. It would've been so sad when He left to go to heaven.

Storyteller: Jesus gave them a job to do, as we discussed last week. But He also gave them a promise. He promised that they would not be alone. He promised that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Staff Member: The Holy Spirit?

Storyteller: Yes. God is three persons in one. He is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Even though Jesus wouldn't be there to walk, talk, and laugh with the disciples, He was going to be with them as a spirit, the Holy Spirit. When the day came for the Holy Spirit to come, all the disciples were together in one house. A violent wind began to blow. It filled the house where they were. Then tongues of fire rested on their heads and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were suddenly able to speak to people who spoke different languages – languages they had never learned. They were able to use the new languages to tell others about Jesus. The disciples were able to do things they had never done before. God filled them up with His power. The Holy Spirit came to live within them. It was amazing.

Staff Member: Wow! Can we have the Holy Spirit living in us?

Storyteller: The Holy Spirit comes to live inside of those who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, and He changes us.

Staff Member: How does the Holy Spirit change us?

Storyteller: I think we can illustrate that with the items from the yard sale. All of your things were just ordinary until we added something. The puppet needed a hand. The flashlight needed batteries. The balloon needed air. Adding the hand, the battery, and the air gave these items power and value. The Holy Spirit fills our ordinary lives and makes us so much more than we could ever be without Him. With the Holy Spirit living within us, we have the power of God living right inside of us.

Staff Member: That's incredible.

Storyteller: It is an amazing thing. God loves us so much He gives us His power and life. With the Holy Spirit inside us, we can be more than we could even imagine. We'll learn more about the Holy Spirit in our cabins. First, let's pray.

Father, You loved us enough to send Your Only Son to pay for our sins. You never leave us all alone. When we believe, You come and live right inside of us. You make us more than we could ever imagine being with your Spirit living in us. Thank You for this wonderful gift. Amen.



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