

ALLEY SG – April 25th- 26th, 2026

Bible Story: Pentecost/Fruit of the Spirit • Acts 2:1-41; Galatians 5:22-23

Conversation Starter: When have you experienced joy in your life?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, “Pentecost Comic Strip” Activity Page (one per kid), markers

What You Do:

- Read Acts 2:1-4 out loud to the group. Explain that this is part of the story of what happened at Pentecost when God sent His Holy Spirit.
- Give each kid a comic strip page from the “Pentecost Comic Strip” Activity Page.
- Instruct the kids to draw the pictures for each panel.
- The captions should outline the story:
 1. The disciples were waiting and praying together.
 2. Suddenly, a sound like a mighty wind filled the house!
 3. Something that looked like fire in the shape of tongues separated and came to rest on each of them.
 4. They started speaking in different languages!
 5. Peter told the crowd about Jesus.
 6. 3,000 people decided to follow Jesus that day!
- Encourage the kids to be creative with how they show the wind and fire.
- Let them share their comics.
- **Say:** “Your comics really bring the story to life! Can you imagine being there? It must have been so amazing. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to do things they couldn’t do before—things like speaking new languages and being bold enough to preach to thousands. There are a lot of different ways that the God who goes with you everywhere will speak to you! He will send truths from heaven right to your heart!”

2. Make It Personal with Prayer

Prayer Activity

What You Need: Butcher paper, Sticky notes (2 per kid), Pens

What You Do:

- Draw a large cross on the butcher paper.
- Give each kid a sticky note and a writing supply.
- Say, “The Holy Spirit is our Helper. He wants to help us with the things we struggle with.”
- Ask the kids to write down or draw one thing they need the Holy Spirit’s help with this week. It could be “Patience with my sister,” “Courage at school,” or “Joy when I’m sad.”

- Invite them to stick their note on the cross.
- Explain that sticking what they need to the cross is a way of giving it to Jesus and asking His Spirit to handle it.
- Have kids who are willing share what they wrote.
- **Say:** “Look at all these requests. God hears every one of them. You don't have to carry these things alone. The Holy Spirit is right there with you, ready to help. The Holy Spirit is God in you, always. He is your constant friend.
- Give the group a couple of minutes to pray for what they wrote silently.

3. Discussion Questions

- What's the difference between being happy and having joy?
- What's one thing you want to ask the Holy Spirit to help you with today?
- Before that Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit, the believers were waiting without knowing what would happen. How would YOU feel waiting for something God promised but didn't explain?
- Why does God choose to work through us instead of doing everything Himself?
- Since the Holy Spirit lives in you as a follower of Jesus, what are some ways you hear His voice?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, Sticky notes (2 per kid), Blindfold

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Philippians 4:4.
- Read the Memory Verse together out loud several times.
- Write phrases of the Memory Verse on separate sticky notes.
 - *“Always be joyful”*
 - *“because you belong”*
 - *“to the Lord.”*
 - *“I will say it again.”*
 - *“Be joyful!”*
 - *“Philippians 4:4”*
- Stick them on the wall in a mixed-up order.
- Blindfold one kid and give them a blank sticky note.
- Spin them around gently.
- The goal is for them to stick a “pointer” sticky note onto the sticky notes on the wall that have phrases of the Memory Verse on them.
- Whatever note they touch, the group is to read that phrase loud and joyfully!
- Then, take the blindfold off, and continue the same process with another kid.
- After each kid who wants to has had a chance to go, encourage the group to work together to put the notes in the correct order on the wall.
- Read the whole verse together.

- **AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:**

PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)
- “God, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be our Helper. We can’t be patient or kind or joyful at all by ourselves. We need You. Please help us with the things we wrote on the cross. Help us know You are with us all of the time, and help us to show Your fruit to the world. We know that **the Holy Spirit gives you joy**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for 3 Alley Cash!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, ask the kids to tell them how the Holy Spirit can give you joy!