

CITY SG – April 25th- 26th, 2026

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

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

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

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: party size can pf play doh (10-12 per bin)

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name with a high five or fist bump.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a can of play doh.
- Ask them to create something that gives them JOY out of play doh.
- Tell them we are talking about JOY in Large group today!
- After they are done, see if they can make the word JOY out of their play doh!

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Sculpted Creations

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, Play-Doh cans (as above)

What You Do:

- Read Acts 2:1-4. Explain that this is part of the story of Pentecost!
- Give each kid a paper plate and a lump of dough/clay.
- Talk about the story of Pentecost: The sound of wind, the tongues of fire, people speaking different languages, and the church growing.
- Ask the kids to choose one part of the story to sculpt. They could make a flame, a person, a mouth (for speaking), or a heart (for the fruit of the spirit).
- Give them time to create.
- Go around and let each kid show what they made and explain which part of the story it is.
- **Say:** “These sculptures are awesome! The wind and fire were signs that each believer had been filled with the Holy Spirit. God gave another sign too: these men and women began speaking in languages that they hadn’t known before! A crowd gathered because they heard their own languages being spoken. They were hearing about God’s Big Story in a way they could understand! The most important part is that God sent His Holy Spirit, His very Spirit, to be with us. God is closer than close! The Holy Spirit helps us hear from God, know Him more, and gives us joy. **The Holy Spirit gives you joy.**”

2. Jesus in Many Languages

Application Activity

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Say the word “Jesus” in English and ask the group to repeat it.
- Teach the three languages one at a time:
 - Spanish: Jesús (hay-SOOS). Say it slowly and let kids repeat.
 - French: Jésus (ZHAY-zoo). Say it together as a group.
 - ASL: Sign “Jesus” by touching the middle of each palm with the opposite middle finger.
- Invite kids to practice each version with a partner.
- Play a quick round of “Leader Says”—you say a language, and they respond in that language.
- **Say:** “Awesome job, everyone! Did you notice something? No matter what language we used—Spanish, French, or Sign Language—we were still talking about Jesus. That’s exactly what happened in today’s Bible Story. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit helped Jesus’ followers speak in all kinds of languages so everyone could understand the good news that God loves them and Jesus came to rescue them.”

3. To the Beat

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
 - *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • Philippians 4:4.
- Teach kids a simple rhythm: *Pat (knees), Pat (knees), Clap (hands), Clap (hands)*.
- Practice the rhythm until they have it down.
- Now, say the Memory Verse to the beat of the rhythm.
 - *Always (pat, pat)*
 - *be joyful (clap, clap)*
 - *because you (pat, pat)*
 - *belong to (clap, clap)*
 - *the Lord. (pat, pat)*
 - *I (clap, clap)*
 - *will say it again. (pat, pat)*
 - *Be joyful! (clap, clap)*
 - *Philippians 4:4! (pat, pat)*
- Try doing it faster! Or try a different rhythm (stomp, stomp, clap).

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 the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thank You that He lives in us and helps us. Teach us how to be His close friend. Please grow good fruit in our lives—like love, peace, and patience. And especially this week, we ask that the Holy Spirit gives us 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 a PRIZE!

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