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# Pentecost—The Holy Spirit Poured Out

**Take Home Point:** \*We can ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit.      \*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

**Bible Event:** Acts 2:1-41

**Key Verse:** Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you. Then you will be my witnesses to testify about me in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**We will help kids know:**

- The Pentecost Bible event in Acts 2.
- God pours his Holy Spirit upon us to fill our lives with his presence and give us power to tell others about Jesus.
- We can ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit.




**We will help kids feel:**

- Excited that God would pour his Holy Spirit into their lives.
- Encouraged so they would be more open to the Holy Spirit working through them to share Jesus with others.

**We will help kids do:**

- Ask that the Holy Spirit would fill them so that they would have God's power to share Jesus with others.

# THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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<b>Small Group Application</b> 	4-7	Kids taste test different sodas to illustrate how they can be filled with different spiritual influences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• small cups for each child</li> <li>• one paper plate per group</li> <li>• club soda and enough 7 UP or lemon-lime soda to serve the group</li> </ul>

# Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



**Purpose:** *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

*Supplies needed: a bowl, napkin (to cover bowl), plastic creepy crawlers such as bugs or snakes, small (3 oz.) cups, 7 UP (for each child) and ice (optional)*

In advance, hide the creepy crawlers in the bowl and cover with the napkin. Say:

**Kids, imagine you are at home for dinner. Your dad prepared a wonderful surprise meal for the entire family. You are curious and you can't wait, so you ask him to pass the surprise dish to taste it.**

Hold the covered dish of creepy crawlers.

**What good food might you hope for...steaks, hamburgers, macaroni and cheese? Let's just imagine that this is what he made for you.**

Uncover the bowl and show the creepy crawlers, bugs, and snakes.

**Do you think this would ever really happen? No, of course not. Then why did we make such a ridiculous story? Actually, Jesus is the one who tells us a ridiculous story.**

**Luke 11:11-12 says, "If your child asks you, his father, for a fish, would you give him a snake instead? Or if your child asks you for an egg, would you give him a scorpion?"**

**What is the answer? No, of course not, that would be ridiculous. But why does Jesus tell this story? He says that if your fathers, who are less than perfect, know how to give good gifts to their kids, how much more will your Father in heaven, who is perfect, give you the very best gift. What do you think would be the very best gift that God would give you?**

Let the kids guess. Give them hints if necessary.

**The very best gift God gives you is something like this...**

Take the 7 UP and pour it into a glass (perhaps with ice in it) so that it bubbles up and overflows at the top.

**The gift is not this soda pop, but this is a picture that God's best gift is something he will pour into our lives. It will fill us up to overflowing. But you cannot actually see this gift. As a matter of fact, it is not a thing. It is a person.**

**The person is God himself! This is what it says in Luke 11:13. “So how much more will your Father in heaven give the HOLY SPIRIT to those who ask him?” (Our emphasis.)**

**Today we are going to ask that the Father would fill us with the Holy Spirit. While we get ready for large group, let’s all have a small glass of this pop to remind us of our point today: *\*We can ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit.***

If time permits, continue discussion with the following.

**When the Holy Spirit fills our lives, he gives us joy because the Holy Spirit is God. When God lives in our lives, he brings us joy. Share a time when you really felt close to God. Did you feel joyful?**

This might be a hard question for children to relate to. It will help if the shepherd shares a personal experience of feeling the Lord’s presence and joy. Examples of this might include times of worship, service, or reading God’s word.

## **Large Group: 20-30 minutes**



**Purpose:** *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

### **Overview**

**Puppet Presentation:** “Gordy Gets Filled Up”—Gordy tapes a cup to his head hoping Mr. King will pour soda into it to show how he can be filled up.

**Object Lesson Presentation:** “Peter’s Story at Pentecost”—An actor tells the story of Pentecost from Acts 2. *Option:* Show “*The Visual Bible: Acts*,” Acts:2.

**Puppet Presentation Conclusion:** Gordy learns he can have the power of the Holy Spirit to continue Jesus’ ministry when he asks God to fill him.

## **Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes**



**Purpose:** *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion but don’t feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children’s lives.*

*Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.*

## **Observation Questions: What happened?**

Have kids refer to Acts 2 in their Bibles. Ask:

**On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' followers were all together. What suddenly happened that was out of the ordinary?** *(Acts 2:1-3. There was a sound like a blowing wind and there were tongues that looked like fire that came to rest on each believer. )*

This will seem strange to the kids because... well, it is strange. But to help better explain it, ask if the kids remember how God had appeared in the Old Testament in the form of fire. Remember Moses and the burning bush, the pillar of fire by the Red Sea exodus, the fire guiding the Israelites through the wilderness? God was showing that his presence, as evidenced by the fire, would now be dwelling in the lives of his followers.

**What impossible thing happened when the tongues of fire came to rest on each believer?** *(Acts 2:4. They began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak. You might give examples of different words in different languages like Spanish or French.)*

## **Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?**

**Why do you think it was important for the disciples to be able to speak in different languages?** *(It showed God's power, but it also showed that God wanted the message to go to all different kinds of people. "You will be my witnesses to testify about me in Jerusalem... and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8)*

**Why do you think the people who saw the believers were so surprised? Why would they have said, "Who would have guessed it?"** *(Because the disciples were ordinary men and didn't know these languages. It was too early in the day to be drunk.)*

**Were the disciples bold and brave before this happened? (No.) What changed?** *(The Holy Spirit filled them up and they became bold witnesses for Jesus.)*

## **Application Questions: What does this mean to me?**

Application Activity:

*For this next section, you will need two small cups for each child, one paper plate per group, club soda and enough 7 UP or clear lemon-lime soda to serve the group. Keep supplies out of sight until needed.*

Have kids close their eyes and explain that you want them to taste test some soda pop. Explain that after they have a sip, they should try and describe the taste. When you have finished pouring a small amount of club soda for each kid, have them open their eyes and everyone drink a sip at the same time. Then, let them describe what they tasted. Their drink will look like 7 UP but will not taste like it. The children will probably struggle in their descriptions. When they have shared what the soda tasted like, you may then show them the container of club soda.

Ask them to close their eyes again and pour a small portion of lemon-lime soda (or 7 UP) in their cups. Let them drink and describe what that is like. It will be easy to conclude that, although the sodas look alike, they taste different.

**We poured two different sodas into our bodies that looked similar but tasted differently. Today we are talking about being filled with something that we cannot see—God’s Holy Spirit. He wants to pour his Spirit into our souls.**

**Are there ways we can pour bad spiritual influences into our souls? What do you think?** *(Let the kids discuss. Lead them to discuss what would happen if they were only around friends that encouraged them to do wrong. How would they be influenced if they watched TV for 12 hours every day and watched programs that showed people trying to solve their problems by making bad choices... like killing people or taking drugs?)*

**Can these kind of bad influences be poured into our souls? In other words, can we be filled with bad influences? Would it change the way you think or feel?** *Let the kids discuss.*

**Shepherds:** Discuss this from your personal perspective. Show how negative spiritual influences have affected your life. Certainly, Satan and his spiritual powers seek to pour their spiritual influences into our souls through life’s many temptations.

**Caution:** This is not the major point of this lesson. Emphasis in this area may unduly frighten the children if they do not have proper explanation. For this lesson, rather than talk about Satan and his forces, we will talk only about spiritual influences that can be poured into one’s soul and attitudes. *The main point of the lesson is that God wants to fill us with his Holy Spirit.*

Pour lemon-lime soda (or 7 UP) into each of the children’s cups again.

**How many of you like the taste of the lemon-lime (or 7 UP) soda better than the club soda? Let’s think of it like God’s Holy Spirit being poured on us. The Bible says that we can “taste and see that the Lord is good.”**

**Before, we tried to describe what this lemon-lime soda tasted like. How would you describe the Holy Spirit poured into our lives? You**

**see, when the Holy Spirit comes in our life, he brings us the power to trust Jesus as our Savior and he fills us up with Jesus' character. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to be like Jesus.**

**Describe what Jesus was like.** *(He was kind. He loved others. He helped others. He did what God wanted. He gave his life for us.)*

**Which of those things can we be like?**

**How do we receive the Holy Spirit?** *(We can pray and ask God to pour his Holy Spirit on us. He will fill us with his Holy Spirit every day.)*

**What happens when we are filled with his Holy Spirit?** *(We can tell others about Jesus and serve God the way Jesus did.)*

**Acts 1:8 says, "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you. Then you will be my witnesses to testify about me (Jesus) in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

Final Example:

Take one cup and set it upside down on a paper plate. Begin very slowly to pour the lemon-lime soda (or 7 UP) until it begins to flow over the sides. The kids will note how absurd this is. Say:

**When we don't allow the Holy Spirit to fill us up or pour himself into us, we don't have his power. But when we ask him to give us his power, he fills us up. Turn the cup right side up, filling the cup and letting it run over. God said he would let his Spirit overflow out of our lives so that other people would be able to experience him also.**

Conclude your conversation with specific ways the Holy Spirit can help the children share God's love with their friends. You could also mention the fruit of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Closing Prayer:

**Today we learned that *\*we can ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit.*  
Let's do that now.**

Have the kids individually pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Conclude by thanking God for giving the gift of the Holy Spirit who gives power to continue the ministry of Jesus.

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# **Large Group Presentation:**    20-30 minutes

## **Gordy Gets Filled Up**

### **Puppet Presentation**

*Prop needed: a small cup from small group warm-up and masking tape*

**Mr. King:**    **Hi, kids. Welcome to Kingdom Quest. Shall we call Gordy?**

*(Kids chant "Gordy, Gordy, Gordy" until he appears.)*

**Gordy:**        Wow! Hi, kids! It's great to see you. Hi, Mr. King. What's happening today?

**Mr. King:**    **Today is going to be special, Gordy, because we are going to learn how we can get filled up.**

**Gordy:**        Fantastic. I'm starving.

**Mr. King:**    **No, it's not that way. Today we will read in the Bible how God, many years before Jesus was even born, made this promise. He said, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people."**

**Gordy:**        What does that mean?

**Mr. King:**    **Well, let's listen to a story of the disciples. This story takes place after Jesus had already gone to heaven and they were told to wait in Jerusalem. They were to wait there until God poured out his Spirit on them.**

**Gordy:**        Did it happen?

**Mr. King:**    **It sure did.**

**Gordy:**        How could they tell?

**Mr. King:**    **Tongues of fire appeared right above their heads. It showed them that God had sent the Holy Spirit.**

**Gordy:**        Wait a minute, Mr. King. I'll be right back.

*(Gordy goes out behind stage. During this time a cup is taped to the top of his head while Mr. King continues to talk.)*

**Mr. King:**    **Wait, Gordy, where are you going? Oh well, never mind. He will be back in a minute. Kids, today's lesson is very important. It is important because God wants to fill you on the inside with the best gift ever. But, it's not a thing. It is actually a person. It is God himself coming to you in the Holy Spirit.**

(Gordy reappears.)

Gordy: I'm ready.

**Mr. King: Ready for what?**

Gordy: Ready to get filled up.

**Mr. King: What do you mean?**

Gordy: Well, I'm thirsty and I figured you would fill me up with that Holy Spirit juice.

**Mr. King: Gordy, what are you talking about?**

Gordy: Well, we had that lemon-lime soda in warm-up and I kind of wanted some more. And now, since it is being poured out on all people, I thought I would just get ready for it.

**Mr. King: No. It is not lemon-lime soda being poured out on all people. It is God's Holy Spirit. The soda just reminds us that God wants to pour the Holy Spirit into our lives.**

Gordy: Well, could you pour some of that in my cup? I'm thirsty.

**Mr. King: I don't think you could balance it up there anyway, Gordy, but let me do this. Let me take this cup off your head. Afterwards, I will give you some more lemon-lime soda if you pay attention and listen to how we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Remember, it's not just another drink.**

Gordy: Well, then what is it?

**Mr. King: The Holy Spirit is God himself. God wants to pour himself into our hearts. We cannot see him, but we know he is there. When the Holy Spirit comes into our heart, he fills us with God's presence. The Holy Spirit helps us trust in Jesus as our Savior and he helps us continue to do the work he's given us.**

Gordy: Okay. But how do you get the Holy Spirit poured into your life?

**Mr. King: We will learn about that today when we discover the Bible event of Pentecost. Use your imagination as we meet the person acting as Peter. He will describe to you what happened to him when he was filled with the Holy Spirit.**

# **Peter's Story at Pentecost**

## **Object Lesson Presentation**

Props: *hand held lighter*

Costumed character representing Peter enters the stage with a hand held lighter concealed in his hand.

### Introduction (Need for God's Power).

**Hello, I'm Peter, formerly Simon. You have probably heard of me. I was one of the closest friends that Jesus had. As a matter of fact, he even gave me my name—almost like a nickname. Peter, you see, means “rock.” So, I was called the “rock man.” You would think that means that I am strong. Well, once upon a time, I thought that of myself. I thought that I was so strong that I would never deny Jesus.**

**Guess what? When Jesus needed me most, when HE was arrested by soldiers and taken away to be crucified, I was the coward who ran away. I denied that I even knew him. I learned something very important. I needed God's power if I was ever to live for Jesus. I couldn't do it on my own. But Jesus promised me his power and he promises you his power, as well.**

### Promise of The Holy Spirit

**Throughout the Bible, God promised that he would send his Holy Spirit. Even 900 years before I was born, God used the prophet Joel to say this, “*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*” I always wondered what that meant. As I listened to Jesus, he often talked about the Holy Spirit. He said that after he left us, the Father would send the Holy Spirit to be poured upon us. I remember one time when he was teaching us to pray, he told us that we should pray and expect God to send us what we need most in life. The most important thing we need is God himself. That is the Holy Spirit.**

### Disciples Gathered Praying

**Right before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he gathered us together and told us we must continue to do his work. We must witness to Jesus as the Savior of the world. We should tell others about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. But, we could not do this in our own power. He told us to wait in Jerusalem until we received power from God on high. He told us the Holy Spirit would come on us and we would receive power to talk very boldly about Jesus.**

**A large group of disciples, men and women alike, were gathered, praying in a large room together, waiting for God to pour out his powerful Holy Spirit. So, that's where we were when it happened.**

### Wind and Tongues of Fire

**The room was filled with a loud rushing sound. The sound was of a strong wind that filled the whole room. Then, what seemed to be fire, began to separate above us and little tongues of flame came and rested right above our heads.**

Hold the lighter behind your head and flick on a flame for a brief moment.

**I felt God's power come upon me. It was like my heart was opened up and God himself was poured inside of me. I felt so much of his love. We all began to praise God and describe to one another how wonderful he was and what he had done to save us when he gave his Son Jesus. We knew for sure Jesus was alive and now it was Jesus' Spirit living inside of us. This was God's Holy Spirit.**

### Speaking In Different Languages

**We noticed outside of the house where we were staying people began to gather. They heard the sound of the rushing wind and heard all of us speaking. We went out to speak with them and were amazed. We were able to speak the languages of other people. We didn't even know these languages. You see, people from all over the world had gathered in Jerusalem for a special festival called Pentecost, or the feast of the first fruits. It was a harvest festival. Visitors from many nations were there. They all spoke different languages but now the people were hearing us speak in languages they could understand! We declared how wonderful God was and what Jesus did. Everyone was amazed, including us.**

**"What does it mean," they asked? Some said we must be drunk. We seemed too happy. But we said that we weren't drunk at all. This was the fulfillment of what God promised a long time ago. In the last days, God said he would pour out his Spirit on all believers and that is what happened to us. God's Spirit was poured out on us. Because of this, our hearts were overflowing and we wanted to tell the wonderful things God has done.**

### We can ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit

**Jesus came as the promised one, the Christ. He was put to death for the sin of all the world. But he did not remain dead. He rose from the dead and now is sitting on God's right side. He promised the Holy**

**Spirit and pours it out to all believers. So, be sure of this: Jesus is your Lord and Savior.**

### Result

**When everyone heard this, they realized this must be true. They asked, “What should we do?” I told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and they too, would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for everyone that God calls to himself. That day, 3,000 people accepted this message and were baptized.**

### Conclusion

**So, now I want to ask you, would you like to have God’s Holy Spirit poured out on you? Every believer in Jesus has the Holy Spirit because only by the Holy Spirit can we believe and trust in Jesus. But even after we trust Jesus, we need the Holy Spirit to *fill* our lives every day with his power. He gives us his power to love God more and more, and to serve him. Because of his power, we have joy. We receive that joy when we know we are doing what God wants. God then gives us great satisfaction. I hope today and every day you ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and his power. The Holy Spirit is Jesus living in your life so that you can do just what he wants you to do.**

*Option:* If you cannot get an actor, perhaps show a video and afterwards debrief some of the points mentioned in today’s script. A suggestion is to show, “*The Visual Bible: Acts.*” Acts 2. This is a long chapter and is recommended that you abbreviate it by fast forwarding it through verses 17-28.

## **Gordy Gets Filled Up**

**Puppet Conclusion:**

**Mr. King: So, Gordy, now that you have had a chance to listen to Peter, do you understand the Holy Spirit?**

**Gordy: Yeah, I understand him just fine.**

**Mr. King: Well, that’s great.**

**Gordy: Yeah, Peter made good sense. But, there is just one thing I don’t understand.**

**Mr. King: What’s that?**

Gordy: How do you get all that Holy Spirit into one of these little cups?

**Mr. King: Gordy, maybe you are still a little bit confused.**

Gordy: Well, I thought we were supposed to have him poured into one of these little cups and we have to drink him.

**Mr. King: No, Gordy. Now, I think you are just being silly.**

Gordy: I wouldn't call it silly. Witty and funny maybe, but not silly.

**Mr. King: But the point is, Gordy, do you know how to receive the Holy Spirit?**

Gordy: That's what I'm trying to find out.

**Mr. King: How do you have the Holy Spirit poured into your life?**

Gordy: Okay, I'm ready to hear the answer.

**Mr. King: The answer is....wait a minute maybe there is a kid here who knows the answer.** (Take some suggestions from the audience. Look for the answer: *We, as believers, ask God to pour his Spirit upon us and fill us up.* When it is answered correctly, Gordy continues.)

Gordy: What?! That sounds too easy! All I need to do or say is, "Dear God, fill me with your Holy Spirit?"

**Mr. King: That's true. He will pour his Spirit on you and fill you up.**

Gordy: And then I'll be able to run around like crazy? Speaking in different languages?

**Mr. King: No, I don't think that will happen.**

Gordy: Well, it happened to the disciples.

**Mr. King: What God will do is help you continue to do the ministry of Jesus. You will be able to share his love with others and have power to talk about him. For the disciples, they were speaking to people from different countries. God gave them a miraculous gift of being able to speak in the languages that those people could understand.**

Gordy: I can speak Pig Latin.

**Mr. King: Gordy you are getting off the subject.**

Gordy: I eekspay igpay atinlay.

**Mr. King:** Enough with the Pig Latin. You don't need to speak in other languages. You need to speak in your own language to other kids in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. When they have questions about God or wonder who Jesus is, who better to tell them than you?

Gordy: Well, I think I can do that.

**Mr. King:** You can if you have power from God on high.

Gordy: Yes.

**Mr. King:** That comes from the Holy Spirit, doesn't it?

Gordy: Oh yeah, now I get it.

**Mr. King:** So, Gordy, why don't you pray right now. Pray for all of us who know Jesus as Savior that we would be able to ask the Holy Spirit to fill us so that we would have God's power to share Jesus with others.

Gordy: Okay. Dear God, you sent your Holy Spirit to give us power to believe and share the good news. Your power is not just for my benefit—just to do the stuff I want, but the power to do the stuff you want. I know you want me to talk about you to my friends. Help me do that. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. In Jesus name. Amen.