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Series: Gifts From Jesus
Spring Year 1, Lesson 52

Thousands are Baptized

Take Home Point: *THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE....*I believe in Jesus.*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (CAPS). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: Acts 2: 36-41

We will help children know:

- The event of 3,000 people coming to faith in Jesus and being baptized on Pentecost.
- Through baptism, Jesus says, "You belong to me."
- God's Holy Spirit helps us to believe in Jesus.

We will help the children feel:




- Faith in Jesus as their Savior.
- Empowered by the gift of God's Holy Spirit.
- Happy that Jesus brings us into his family.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event and
- Craft: Coffee Filter Art.
- Snack: Cracker Cross.
- Game: Water Relay.
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE.../*believe in Jesus.*
- Sing and Pray.

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THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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Small Group Application 	7 8 9 10	Activity 1: Craft Activity 2: Snack Activity 3: Game Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A, 1 per child markers coffee filters water-filled spray bottles glue disposable table covering <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> napkins, cups, water or juice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rectangle crackers (club or graham) squat cups spoon dip of choice (ranch dressing, frosting, etc.) <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> three buckets or large bowls water cloth to protect floor timer one paper cup per child
Large Group Wrap-up 	11 11	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Judy puppet holding a candle (unlit), Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Judy. (Children call "Judy".)

Judy: (Judy comes out holding a candle) Hi everyone.

Presenter: Hello, Judy. Why do you have a candle?

Judy: I'm so excited!

Presenter: Why?

Judy: Today is my baptism birthday! Yay!

Presenter: Really?

Judy: Yes. On my baptism birthday we light the candle to remember and celebrate my baptism.

Presenter: Oh, I see. I do that too.

Judy: You do?

Presenter: Yes. Do you know why baptism is so special?

Judy: Because I get to light my candle?

Presenter: No. Baptism is so special because it means that Jesus says, "You belong to me."

Judy: That sounds special.

Presenter: It is special. Baptism also means that we are a part of God's family.

Judy: I'm really glad I was baptized!

Presenter: This reminds me of today's Bible event.

Judy: Someone was baptized?

Presenter: Not just one person, but 3,000 people were baptized!

Judy: 3,000? That's a lot of people!

Presenter: It certainly is. Last week we talked about Jesus sending his Holy Spirit to help us believe in God. The disciples talked to everyone in their own language.

Judy: Bubba told me all about it.

Presenter: Good. After the disciples told all the people about Jesus, they all wanted to be baptized.

Judy: So that's where the 3,000 people came from.

Presenter: That's right. They were so excited to hear about Jesus, they wanted to be baptized. Would you like to learn more about this Bible event?

Judy: Yes.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Judy: OK

Presenter: *The Holy Spirit helps us believe... now you say, "I believe in Jesus."

Judy: I believe in Jesus.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Judy: Sure.

Presenter: Okay everybody, *The Holy Spirit helps us believe....

Judy: (and everyone): I believe in Jesus.

Presenter: One more time. *The Holy Spirit helps us believe....

Judy: (and everyone): I believe in Jesus.

Presenter: Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Judy.

Judy: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Visit From a Dramatized Character

Supplies: Bible; woman dressed in Biblical attire; chair or stool; microphone (if needed)

Presenter holds the Bible

Last week our visitor, Mary, pretended to be one of the women who followed Jesus when he was on earth. After he returned to heaven, she continued to believe that Jesus was her Savior. In last week's Bible event she told us what happened when Jesus' followers were together in a room. A wind filled the room and tongues of fire rested on the believers' heads. The believers were filled with Jesus' Holy Spirit. His disciples were given the power to speak in different languages and share the Good News that Jesus is alive. In today's Bible event, Mary returns to tell what happened after the disciples shared the Good News. Let's put on our imagination hats and pretend the woman speaking to us is really from the Bible times.

Pick up the Bible, open it to Acts and say:

It tells about this Bible event right here in the book named Acts. Presenter leaves stage.

Mary comes out with a microphone (if needed) and sits on the chair. She begins telling the story:

Good morning, boys and girls. My name is Mary. I was a very good friend of Jesus. You may remember that I visited with you last week. I told you about the time I was with Jesus' followers in a room when a sound like the wind rushed through the room.

Then tongues of fire appeared above the believers' heads. Jesus' disciples were able to speak in different languages and tell the Good News that Jesus is alive.

Today I want to tell you what happened after that.

Peter stood up with the other disciples. In a loud voice he told the crowds that Jesus is alive. What wonderful words! Help me say those words. Say, "Jesus is alive!" twice with the children.

Peter reminded the people that Jesus had done many wonderful miracles like making the blind see, healing the sick, and helping the lame walk.

Peter told the crowd that Jesus had been nailed to the cross and died. Then he came alive again. Help me say those wonderful words, "Jesus is alive!" Again, say, "Jesus is alive!" with the children twice.

When people heard that Jesus had died on the cross because of them, they felt awful. "What must we do to be saved?" they asked. Peter told them: Turn to God. Be sorry for your sins. Trust and believe in Jesus and what he did for you. God will forgive you and you will receive the Holy Spirit as a gift. You must change your ways. You must say "Thank you,"... AND be baptized in the name of Jesus.

On that day about 3,000 people believed in Jesus and were baptized with water. What a wonderful thing to celebrate! More than 3,000 people were added to Jesus' family on that day!

And that isn't the end of the Good News! Jesus wants us to be in his family, too. Baptism wasn't only for those people. Baptism is also for us! He wants us to be forgiven and to receive his Spirit. He wants us to believe that he is God, that he died to take away our sins, and that he rose from the grave. Once again, let's say those wonderful words, "Jesus is alive!" Repeat twice.

Next week you will learn the wonderful things that happened after the new believers joined Jesus' family. But now, I must go. Shalom! Peace, my friends!

Mary walks off stage and large group presenter re-enters.

Boys and girls, let's practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. ***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...** *I believe in Jesus.*

Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
The Holy Spirit helps us
Believe in you.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*)
Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

I be-LIEVE in JE-e-SUS
JE-e-SUS, JE-e-SUS,
I be-LIEVE in JE-e-SUS.
Thank YOU ho-LY spir-IT.

Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft: Coffee Filter Art

Supplies: Disposable table covering (newspaper or paper tablecloth); coffee filters; markers; water-filled spray bottles; copies of Appendix A; glue

Boys and girls, today our craft will show you how water can spread, just like water in baptism spreads God's word.

First, color the coffee filter with markers. Next, glue the coffee filter to the bottom of the paper (Appendix A). Next, we will LIGHTLY spray water on the coffee filter and watch the color spread.

On Pentecost the Holy Spirit spread to many people as they came to faith in Jesus and were baptized.

Review the Bible Event.

What wonderful thing happened in the Bible event today? (3,000 people believed and were baptized.)

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Let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Activity 2: Snack: Cracker Cross

Supplies: napkins, cups, water or juice; club crackers (or rectangle shaped crackers); dip of your choice (ranch dressing, frosting, etc.) squat cups for dip; spoon

****CAUTION:** *Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.*

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
The Holy Spirit helps us
Believe in you.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to make a cross with our crackers. Take your two crackers and lay one across the other to make a cross. To remind us of baptism, we will dip our crackers. Go ahead and eat your snack.

Review the Bible event.

What was the message the disciples gave the people? *(Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead; when we believe we receive forgiveness of our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.)*

Let's practice the take home point. *THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...I believe in Jesus.

Song:

Let's sing our song of the week. *(To the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb)*

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Activity 3: Game: Water Relay

Supplies: three buckets or large bowls; water; one paper cup per child; covering to protect floor; timer

Divide children into two teams, about three feet apart and parallel to each other. Lay floor protection down with a bucket of water at one end of the cloth. At the end of each

line, place the empty buckets. Line up children and give each one a cup. Make sure they are lined up so they stay on the cloth or move out of the way after their turn. When ready to play, set the timer for two minutes.

Today we are going to play a water relay game. The water reminds us of baptism. It reminds us that through baptism, we belong to God's family.

When it is time to start, the first child in line will dip your cup in the bucket to fill up your cup. Quickly pour it into the second child's cup, who will then pour it into the next child's cup. Keep going until the last child in line will pour the water into the empty bucket. As soon as the first child pours the water into the second child's cup, he fills up his cup again and starts another line of water passing. Try not to spill because the team with the most water in their bucket at the end is the winner. (Set timer for two minutes.) Go!

You can play two to three times to decide the winner.

Review the Bible event.

How does the Holy Spirit help us? (*Helps us believe that Jesus is alive and that we need Jesus in our lives.*)

Let's practice the take home point. *THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...I believe in Jesus.

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Prayer Time:

What does God tell us in baptism? (*Our sins are forgiven; we are part of God's family.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: *The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.*

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It shows how water spreads. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...**

Kids say:

...I believe in Jesus.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...**

Albie says:

Have you ever known anyone named Steve?



Presenter: Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like a cross. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...**

Kids say:

...I believe in Jesus.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...**

Albie says:

I believe everyone should eat jelly doughnuts!

Presenter: Albie, today we played a game called Water Relay. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...**

Kids say:

...I believe in Jesus.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...**

Albie says:

I believe rain should be purple!

Presenter says:

"Albie, listen one last time.

***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...**

Kids response: ...I believe in Jesus.

Presenter: (says to Albie): ***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...**

Albie's response: (Warms up his singing voice with "Mee, mee, mee, mee..." and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)

***THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US BELIEVE...I believe in Jesus.**

Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and the Holy Spirit helps us believe in Jesus.

**The Holy Spirit spreads
faith....
Believers are baptized.**