

## LESSON PLAN

### HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

Acts 1:13 –2:47

**Lesson Memory Verse:** 2 Timothy 1:7 - “**For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power,** and of love, and of a sound mind.” (Grades 1 & 2 memorize **bold** portion.)

**Lesson Aim:** Teach children how to be filled with the Spirit and experience the power of the Spirit.

**Lesson Plan:** Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

**KEY (for Attention):** Jesus told His disciples to return to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of God the Father (Acts 1:4). What had His Father promised them? Yes, they were promised that they would be baptized by the Spirit, which means they would be joined together into one body, the church (Acts 1:5; 1 Cor 12:13). Also, the Spirit would come to live permanently in all believers (1 Cor 6:19). Believers had never before experienced such a close relationship with God. Jesus said on the night before He died on the cross that this would happen (John 14:17). Besides these two things, the Spirit would fill the believers that waited for the Spirit to come. This filling was not permanent; it would be repeated again and again when believers were fully yielded to the control of the Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost the Spirit filled them with power to witness to people from different countries in their own languages (Acts 2:4). So on the Day of Pentecost the disciples were baptized into one body by the Spirit; they had the Spirit come to live permanently in them; and they were filled by the power of the Spirit to witness to the unsaved. This lesson will focus on the filling of the Spirit.

Have you ever seen some men push a car? Why are they pushing the car when it has an engine? Yes, the engine will not start, so the car has no power. The owner will have to find out where the problem is so he can fix it. When the problem is fixed, the engine will start and the car will have power for the owner to drive it. The power for a Christian is the Holy Spirit. He lives in the Christian, but sin will stop the power of the Spirit to give power to the Christian to live a godly life. The sin must be discovered and removed so the Spirit can give power to the Christian again.

**HE (for Authority):** The Holy Spirit will live in all those who have received Jesus as their Savior, but in no one else. And the Holy Spirit will fill all believers that put themselves under His control. The believers that are filled with the Spirit will receive special help from Him. Our memory verse is 2 Timothy 1:7 and it tells us when the Holy Spirit controls a believer, He takes something away from him and gives him three things. First, let's read the verse and then I want you to tell me what the Spirit takes away from the believer when He is in control of him. Yes, He takes away the believer's fear. Now let's read the verse again and I want you to tell me what the Holy Spirit gives to believer when He is in control. Yes, He gives the believer power, love and a sound mind (self-control). So it is very important for the believer to let the Holy Spirit take control of his life every day.

**SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application: PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word.** Jesus knew that His disciples must not begin to witness before they were filled with the Holy Spirit or else they would be defeated by Satan. Therefore, Jesus told His disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait until they were filled by the Holy Spirit. In today's lesson we will see what happened to the believers when they were filled with the Spirit.

#### I. Their Wait for the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:13-26

- A. **The upper room** - Believers waited in an upper room for the Spirit to be sent by the Father.
- B. **Gathering of believers** - There were 120 believers that waited for the Spirit to come.
- C. **Prayer and supplication** - They met together for prayer and supplication (to supply their needs).
- D. **Matthias appointed** – They chose Matthias to replace Judas while they waited.

**WE:** We must wait for the Spirit to show us our sins; then we must confess them before He will fill us.

#### II. The Coming of the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:1-3

- A. **Day of Pentecost** - The Spirit came on Pentecost, ten days after Jesus returned to Heaven.
- B. **Mighty wind** - The sound of the Spirit's coming was as the rushing of a mighty wind.
- C. **Tongues of fire** - The sight of the Spirit's coming were as tongues of fire on each person's head.

**WE:** We ought not expect these things to happen again; this only occurred at the first coming of the Spirit.

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### III. The Power of the Holy Spirit – 2:4-47

#### A. In Witnessing – 2:4-13

1, **Foreign languages** - The filling of the Spirit gave the believers the power to witness of Christ in foreign languages to people that had come from different nations to worship God in Jerusalem.

2. **Amazed people** - Some people were sincerely amazed, but others mocked, saying that they were filled with new wine. Although they were not acting normal, they were not filled with wine, but with the Holy Spirit. Their conduct was expressing a love for God and sinners, not a love for wine.

#### B. In Preaching – 2:14-40

##### 1. Peter's Explanation – 2:14-21

##### 2. Peter's Exposition – 2:22-36 (Jesus is Lord and Christ)

- a. Jesus' works – 2:22
- b. Jesus' resurrection – 2:23-32
- c. Jesus' exaltation – 2:33-36

##### 3. Peter's Exhortation – 2:37-40

#### C. In Building a Church – 2:42-47 – Notice the results of the believers when filled with the Spirit.

##### 1. Church members – 2:41 – 3000 were saved and added to the church by Peter's message.

##### 2. Church practices – 2:42

- a. Apostles' doctrine—Apostles taught the doctrines that Jesus had taught them (Mt 28:20).
- b. Believers' Fellowship – Fellowship of believers strengthens and encourages them.
- c. Lord's Supper—Eating this Supper reminds believers of the price Jesus paid for their sins.
- d. Saints' Prayers – Prayer is for worship, confession, giving thanks and request for needs.

##### 3. Church reputation - 2:43— Sinners were overwhelmed by the power of the church members.

##### 4, Church care – 2:44-45 – Members took care of the needs of each other so no one lacked.

##### 5. Church activity – 2:46

- a. Daily worship at temple – Christians worshipped and taught at the temple.
- b. Shared meals with gladness – Christians ate and had joyful fellowship at various homes.

##### 6. Church reception – 2:47

- a. Had favor with the people – Christians were respected by the unsaved Jews at first.
- b. Members added daily – Christians continued to witness and members were added daily.

**WE:** We should desire to be filled with the Spirit every day. He will fill us when we confess our sins and will yield ourselves to His control. Then the things that happened to the believers at Pentecost can happen to us.

**BE (for Action):** The Holy Spirit has come. He wants to fill your life today every day. He wants to give you power, love and a sound mind (self-control). If you are a child of God, I want to encourage you to confess your sin to God as soon as you have realized you sinned. Do not wait until later to confess your sin. Then tell God that you love Him and want to obey Him. When the Spirit sees that you are sincere and have confessed all known sin, He will fill you and you will have power to witness; you will have love for Him and for others (even for your enemies); and you will have strength to control your mind and your sinful desires so that you do not sin.. If you are a Christian, you can be filled with the Spirit as soon as you satisfy the Holy Spirit that you really want to live a holy life and be filled with the Spirit. If you have questions about this, see me after class and we will try to answer them. Now bow your heads and we will ask the Lord to give us a strong desire to be filled with Holy Spirit.