

## PARENT TAKE-HOME SHEET

Reach Community Church | Children's Ministry | Week 21 | May 24, 2026

### SECTION 1

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON AT A GLANCE

<b>Lesson Title</b>	The Holy Spirit Arrives: God Reverses Babel
<b>Bible Passage</b>	Acts 2:1-41
<b>Big Idea</b>	God sent His Holy Spirit to bring all people back to Himself through Jesus.
<b>What Your Child Should Remember</b>	After Jesus rose from the dead and returned to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to live inside every person who believes in Him. What God divided at the Tower of Babel, He began gathering back together at Pentecost through Jesus Christ.

### SECTION 2

#### MEMORY VERSE

***"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people."***

**Acts 2:17**

**What This Means for Your Child:** This is a promise God made through a prophet named Joel hundreds of years before Jesus was born. God was saying that one day He would send His Spirit not just to a few special people but to everyone who believes in Jesus. Pentecost is the day He kept that promise.

**How to Practice It at Home:** Break it into two phrases. Say: "In the last days, God says" and pause. Then: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people." Try it at breakfast or bedtime for five days.

**Ask your child:** "What does God promise in our memory verse, and who does He promise it for?"

**Suggested Answer:** God promises to pour out His Spirit on all people, meaning everyone who trusts in Jesus, not just people from one country or background.

**Parent Tip:** This verse helps children understand that the Holy Spirit is not a scary or mysterious force. He is God's personal presence with every believer. If your child has trusted Jesus, this promise is already true for them.

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## TODAY YOUR CHILD LEARNED...

Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, His disciples were gathered in Jerusalem waiting, just as He had told them to. Then it happened. A sound like a great rushing wind filled the room. Flames of fire appeared and rested on each person. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in languages they had never learned. Jewish visitors from fifteen different countries heard them declaring the wonders of God in their own native languages.

The disciple Peter stood up and preached. He explained that this was the fulfillment of a promise God made through the prophet Joel. He preached Jesus: crucified, raised from the dead, and now exalted at God's right hand. The crowd was deeply moved. About three thousand people believed in Jesus that day, were baptized, and the Church was born.

Your child also learned something important about the connection between Pentecost and the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11). At Babel, God confused the languages of humanity as a response to pride and rebellion, scattering people across the earth. At Pentecost, the divided languages were used to bring all nations back toward God through Jesus. It was a reversal. What sin broke apart, Jesus came to put back together.

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## WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

Pentecost answers one of the most important questions in all of Scripture: how does God live with His people? In the Old Testament, God's presence rested in the Tabernacle and later the Temple, sacred spaces that only certain people could enter in certain ways. At Pentecost, everything changed. The fire of God's presence did not fall on a building. It fell on people. Every believer became a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit.

This is not just a historical event. It is the reason believers today are never truly alone. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in every person who trusts in Him. That is a truth worth building your child's faith on.

**A Simple Way to Explain It to Your Child:** "When you trust Jesus, God's Spirit comes to live inside you. He helps you understand the Bible, gives you courage, and changes you to be more and more like Jesus. You are never alone."

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## HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is one of the concepts children hear about but often do not have clear language to describe. Here is what is true and what is helpful to say.

**What is true:** The Holy Spirit is fully God, the third Person of the Trinity (which means God is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). He is not a feeling. He is not a force. He is a Person. He speaks, guides, comforts, and transforms. He inspired the writers of the Bible. He lives inside every person who trusts in Jesus.

**What to emphasize:** The Holy Spirit is given as a gift, not earned. He arrives when a person repents and trusts in Jesus. He is not just for special Christians or Bible characters. He is for your child, now.

**What to avoid saying:** Do not say the Holy Spirit is only present when a person has a dramatic emotional experience. Scripture is clear that every believer receives the Spirit (Romans 8:9). Your child does not need a spectacular moment to be filled with the Spirit. They need faith in Jesus.

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## DEFENDING THE TRUTH AT HOME

**A Question Children Often Ask:** "Did the disciples really speak in other languages? That sounds impossible."

**A Simple Biblical Answer:** Yes. Luke, who wrote the book of Acts, was a careful historian. He listed fifteen specific regions whose people were standing in Jerusalem that day. Each of them heard the disciples speaking in their own native language. Multiple people from multiple countries confirmed the same thing. Careful writers do not invent details like that.

**Scripture to Read Together:** Acts 2:5-11

**Parent-Friendly Explanation:** The miracle at Pentecost was not a private experience. It happened in public, in the middle of one of the largest gatherings in Jerusalem's year, witnessed by thousands. Luke wrote it down with the specificity of someone who understood the importance of what he was recording.

**How to Say It Kindly:** "Asking whether this really happened is a good and honest question. God does not ask us to stop thinking. He asks us to look at what the evidence shows. And what Luke wrote down has the marks of careful, honest reporting."

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## TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

*Use one or two of these questions during dinner, bedtime, or in the car. You do not have to ask all of them at once.*

***What two things happened in the room that showed the Holy Spirit had arrived?***

A sound like a rushing wind filled the house, and tongues of fire appeared and rested on each person.

***Why were the people in the crowd so amazed when the disciples started speaking?***

Because each person heard the disciples speaking in their own native language, even though the disciples had never learned those languages.

***Can you say our memory verse? What does it mean that God pours out His Spirit on "all people"?***

It means God's promise of the Holy Spirit is not just for one nation or one type of person. It is for everyone who repents and believes in Jesus.

***What does Pentecost have to do with the Tower of Babel?***

At Babel, God confused the languages and scattered the nations because of rebellion. At Pentecost, He used those same languages to begin bringing all nations back to Himself through Jesus.

***If you have trusted Jesus, what does that mean about the Holy Spirit and you?***

The Holy Spirit lives inside you. He is present with you always, helping you understand the Bible, giving you courage, and changing you from the inside to look more like Jesus.

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## TRY THIS AS A FAMILY

**The Pentecost Map**

At dinner this week, open a map on your phone or a globe if you have one. Together, find three or four of the places listed in Acts 2:9-11: Egypt, Rome, Arabia, Greece. Point to each one and say: "People from here were in Jerusalem the day the Holy Spirit came. They heard about Jesus in their own language and many of them believed."

Then ask: "What country would you want to hear about Jesus in, if you had come from there?" It is a simple question that helps children feel the scope of what God did and is still doing.

**Sentence to repeat this week:** "God sent His Holy Spirit so that no one in any nation would be too far from Him."

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## WHEN YOUR CHILD IS AFRAID OR FEELS ALONE THIS WEEK

Children carry fears they often do not name out loud. Fear of a hard situation at school, a friendship that is breaking, something at home that feels uncertain. When your child has that look, here is where today's lesson gives you something to say.

**You can say:** "Remember what we learned about the Holy Spirit today? If you have trusted Jesus, God's Spirit lives inside you. That means you are never truly alone. Not at school. Not in the dark. Not in the hardest moments. The same God who filled that room in Jerusalem is with you right now."

If your child has not yet trusted Jesus, you can say: "The Holy Spirit is God's gift to every person who believes in Jesus. Whenever you are ready to talk about that, I am here."

The goal is not to rush past the fear. It is to point your child to a truth that is bigger than the fear. The Holy Spirit is not a concept for Sundays. He is a present Person for every ordinary moment your child lives through.

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## PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

*Father, thank You for keeping Your promise. You said You would pour out Your Spirit on all people, and You did. Thank You for sending Jesus to die for us and rise again so that could happen. Thank You that the Holy Spirit is not far away but lives inside everyone who trusts in You. Help us trust You this week. Help us remember we are never alone. In Jesus's name, amen.*

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You do not need to have all the answers to disciple your child well. You just need to keep pointing them toward the One who does. What happened at Pentecost did not require Bible scholars or trained theologians. It required ordinary people who were willing to be filled by God and go where He sent them.

The conversations you have this week, in the car, at the dinner table, at bedtime, are not small. They are part of how God builds faith in a child. You do not have to make it perfect. You just have to show up faithful. The Holy Spirit will do the rest.

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