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LESSON 4 The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

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Lesson Objective:

In this lesson, kids will learn the truth of the baptism with the Holy Spirit and ask Jesus to baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

Bottom Line:

Jesus is the One who baptizes people with the Holy Spirit.

Bible Foundation: Luke 3:16: Acts 1:8: Acts 2:1-7

Teacher Insights:

"The baptism with the Holy Spirit is the secret of the Church's power. It is the great need in every sphere of Christian activity, that the message of salvation might be proclaimed with the divine unction which alone can insure its success. The baptism with the Spirit is not something to have, but something to use. It is not the height of Christian experience, but only one of the tremendously essential foundations for further development and service. (Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, Guy P. Duffield, and Luther U. Meier, from *Declaration of Faith, Unit Three*, pgs. 9, 10, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Foursquare Publications, 1983.)

Discussion Questions:

For individual study of the teacher or for application as you teach:

- 1. Who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit? Jesus (Luke 3:16)
- 2. What happened to the disciples when the Holy Spirit came upon them? A mighty rushing wind, fire on their heads, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke with tongues.
- **3.** What did the people hear when the disciples spoke? They heard the Gospel in their own language.
- **4.** What will a person receive who is baptized with the Holy Spirit? Prayer language and power to be witnesses for Jesus.
- 5. Would you like to prayer for Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit? Allow for time either in small groups or in the large group for a time of prayer 1

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Take Home:

Reinforce learning from this lesson using the Take Home summary (see page 11)





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Memory Verse Activity:

Display on paper and have students look up in there Bibles Luke 3:16.

Hand out index cards on which you have printed the words of Luke 3:16. As student hears the word on his or her card, student tapes his or her card onto a large sheet of paper in the correct order. Read the verse as slowly or as many times as needed for the students to correctly order and tape cards.



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Object Talk

3 Types of Baptism

Theme: Understanding the Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Teaching Point: The Bible tells us about 3 different baptisms for Christians. This lesson focuses primarily on the Baptism with the Holy Spirit although the other 2 types of baptism are explained to help the kids understand the difference and purpose of each baptism.

Supplies:

- Clear container with water
- Toy action figure
- A balloon

Scripture:

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Teaching:

It can sometimes be confusing to hear about different kinds of baptism. The Bible describes 3 distinct types of baptism for Christians and each one has a specific purpose and a different 'baptizer.' Here are the 3 types of baptism:

• Salvation in 1 Corinthians 12:13 is called the baptism by the Holy Spirit *into* the Body of Christ. This is what happens when a person receives Jesus Christ as Savior, also called the New Birth.

• Water Baptism in Acts 22:16 is by a pastor (or other church leader) and is a public testimony of how much the Christian wants to obey and follow Jesus Christ. This baptism is by immersion in water and signifies that the person being baptized understands the need for repentance from sin.

• Holy Spirit Baptism in Acts 1:8 describes when the Christian allows Jesus to immerse him or her in the Holy Spirit's fullness. This type of baptism is also referred to in the Bible as the Spirit "falling upon," "coming upon," or being "poured out upon" the Christian.

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Illustrate the Teaching: As you teach, help the kids understand the Truth of the 3 types of baptism with these illustrations:

• Salvation – use a mini drama to portray how Jesus welcomes (baptizes) a new Christian into His family. Have one kid take on the role of Jesus and a few other kids can stand with 'Jesus' as part of His family. Then, have 'Jesus' invite another kids from the class to become part of His family. If the kids says 'yes,' than 'Jesus' can welcome him/her into His family by inviting the kid to stand with the others in His family. It's a simple illustration that can help the group see how simple it is to pray and accept Jesus as Savior. (Keep in mind that some in the group may be ready to make this decision. So, be prepared to offer the invitation for anyone to receive Jesus and become part of His family.)

• Water Baptism – use a clear container with water in it to illustrate the simple process of immersion using a toy action figure. This may seem an unusual way to portray the spiritual importance of water baptism, but keep in mind that we're talking to kids and many of them have concerns about what might happen to them during water baptism. In fact, some people avoid baptism altogether because of a fear of putting their heads under the water! This simple illustration can demystify the process of water baptism for kids.

• Holy Spirit Baptism – use a balloon to illustrate the way in which the Holy Spirit fills us with His presence and His power for Christian service. As you talk about the Holy Spirit Baptism, blow air into the balloon. Build a little interest by holding the balloon between bursts of air. Say something else about being filled with the Holy Spirit and then blow some more air into the balloon. The kids will be interested in what you're doing and listen to what you have to say.

As you wrap up the teaching time, ask the kids who have received Jesus as Savior. Tell them they have been 'baptized' into the family of God (His Body, the Church). Ask for a show of hands of those who have been baptized in water. Tell them that when the pastor (or leader) baptized them in water, they made a public declaration that they turned their back on a sinful life and wanted to live for Jesus.

Finally, ask how many kids have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. For those who have had this experience, ask them to share briefly how this occurred and what it means to them to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Note: As you conclude your teaching, there may be some kids who want to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Prior to your teaching, be sure to talk with your pastor about how s/he would like you to approach this subject and this time of personal ministry

If some kids want to be baptized in water, encourage them to talk with their parents and with the pastor about upcoming opportunities where a public baptismal service may be planned.



Game

Decoder

Teaching point:

When a person is baptized with the Holy Spirit and when they speak in tongues, they speak messages to God that can only be understood by God.

Supplies:

- Flip boards with paper/White Boards
- Markers
- 2 set of matching 3x5 cards with scrambled words

Instructions:

Scramble Words from previous lessons.

Form two or more relay race lines. Give each child a 3x5 card with a scrambled word, when done have them run back and the next person goes. Cards do not have to be in the same order.

Have kids run to flip boards/white boards to decode 3 and 4 letter scrambled words. The team to finish first wins.

Suggested Words

Holy Spirit Counselor Helper Butterfly Teacher Father





Craft

Tongues Of Fire

Teaching Point:

Jesus baptizes us in with the Holy Spirit and fire. His fire purifies us and helps us give our all to Him.

Supplies

- White construction Paper
- Pens
- Flame paint in spray bottle
- Plastic Wrap
- Paint smocks
- Paper towels

How to make flame paint: Mixing 3 packages of red unsweetened powdered soft drink mix and 3 ounces of hairstyling gel in a small spray bottle and shake until mixed.

Directions

- 1. Put on a paint smock, and write your name on the back of a piece of white construction paper.
- 2. Spray a few drops of each gel color on your paper. Cover your paper with large sheets of plastic wrap. Press down on the paints to blend and smear the colors to make different flame designs.
- **3.** When you are finished with your creation, remove the plastic wrap and throw it in the garbage can. The set aside you're Tongues of fire to dry.

Option 2

Find a coloring page with pictures of the fire on the head and have the children attach red tissue to each flame. Cut out the following pieces and on a separate piece of paper make a picture of Acts 2.



Worksheet

Cut out the following pieces and on a separate piece of paper make a picture of Acts 2.



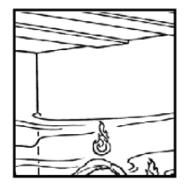




















Worksheet







Take Home

Bottom Line

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Today's Bible Story is: The Baptizing of the Disciples with the Holy Spirit.



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