

CITY LG – May 13-15, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Level Up (The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost) • Acts 2:1-41

Today's Bottom Line: God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.

Monthly Memory Verse: *So we can say boldly, 'The Lord helps me. I will not be afraid.'*
(Hebrews 13:6a, NIV)

WORSHIP

Turn it Up
Look to You

Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Groups

SLIDE: Theme

"Hello, friends! I'm so excited to see you today. This month, we're finding out how we can 'raise our game' and play with confidence!

SLIDE: Virtue

"Confidence is living like you believe God is with you.

SLIDE: Theme

"When you have that kind of confidence, it's about more than just believing you can do something. It's knowing, deep down, that God LOVES you and that you can trust God no matter what!

"We talked about how Jesus died on the cross, then He came back to life! Jesus appeared to many of His friends and followers, then He returned to heaven to be with God. But before Jesus left, He told His friends to spread the word about Him throughout the whole world! He told them to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit, a Helper Who would always be with them.

I can't wait to hear more about that in the Story Lab, but before we watch that, circle up in your small groups and answer this question for today....**When have you needed help?**

I'll give you a few minutes for everyone to tell your group a time when you really needed help.
(Walk around and listen to kids talk in their groups. Ask them to wrap up after a few minutes when it seems most kids have had a chance to share.)

MUSIC: Play Spotify playlist quietly in the background

(Optional: let a few kids share their answers with the whole group...)

"Let's look at what happened next as we go through the story of Jesus as we watch the Story Lab...

VIDEO: Bible Story

“Did you know that we can have the help of the Holy Spirit today? When we put our faith in Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to always be with us. That’s how we can find true confidence and live the way Jesus taught us to live.

Let’s watch our bottom line for today...

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Let’s stand up and say that together... **“God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.”**

“God’s Spirit helps us live the way Jesus taught us to live—by loving God and loving others. The Holy Spirit helps us show things like love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness to others. We can live with confidence each day because we know that God’s Spirit is with us!

I love the reminder from our Bible verse this month.”

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“So we can say boldly, ‘The Lord helps me. I will not be afraid.’ (Hebrews 13:6a, NIV)

“It’s true! Let’s pray and thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to us.”

“Dear God, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Your Spirit helped the believers in Jerusalem as they shared the good news about Jesus. Your Spirit is with us, too, when we believe and put our trust in You. Thank You for reminding us that we don’t ever have to be alone, because Your Holy Spirit is with us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

OFFERING:

We are giving our offering to our friends in Mexico through an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries. Unfortunately, many families in Mexico don’t have enough money for food or education. Vida Nueva Ministries is dedicated to overcoming poverty through education. Here is a picture of one of their amazing teachers.

SLIDE: Teacher in Classroom

Vida Nueva has built an entire set of schools in the city of Piedras Negras, where kids of all backgrounds can come and learn. They also receive meals and hear about Jesus. Isn’t that great? So, if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now!

“Great job! I sure have enjoyed hanging out with all of you today. Have fun in Small Group!”