



Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Scissors
- Container

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Cut strips of paper. Write one of the prompts below on each strip:
 - The best day I ever had was...
 - My favourite thing to do with friends is...
 - I was most surprised when...
 - My favourite movie is...
 - The best place in the world to be is...
 - My perfect vacation would be...
 - There is nothing sadder than...
 - If I could do anything, I would...
 - One thing I'm really good at is...
 - One of my heroes is... because...
 - If I could eat one food every day, it would be...
 - The best season is... because...
 - If I could have any pet, it would be...
 - If I could visit an imaginary place, it would be...
 - If I had to describe myself in one word, it would be...
- Fold the slips of paper and place them in a container.

LEADER TIP

- Get the ball rolling by choosing the first prompt and responding with a personal story.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Gather everyone to sit in a circle.
- Place the container of prompts in the middle of the group.
- Invite the kids to take turns pulling a prompt from the container and filling in the blank(s).
- Continue playing until the container is empty.
- Introduce the Big Idea: **Jesus invites us into the story.**
- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.



2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

- Bible

INSTRUCTIONS

- Explain that in today's God Story, Jesus tells his followers that God is going to give them a gift: the Holy Spirit.
- Ask the kids who they think the Holy Spirit is. Explain that the Holy Spirit is one of the three parts of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son (that's Jesus), and the Holy Spirit.
- Look up Acts 1:1-11 and read about Jesus promising the Holy Spirit.
- Review:
 - How many days did Jesus appear to the disciples before he ascended to heaven? (40 days)
 - What did Jesus talk to the disciples about during that time? (The kingdom of God)
 - What gift did Jesus promise God would send his followers? (The Holy Spirit)
 - What job did Jesus give to his disciples before he went to heaven? (Telling everyone about him)
 - How could the disciples do this big job? (They'd receive power from the Holy Spirit)
 - How will Jesus return to the earth someday? (The same way his disciples saw him go—he will descend from heaven)
- Emphasize that the promise of the Holy Spirit is for us, too. Everyone who says, "Yes!" to Jesus receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, including you and me. **Jesus invites us into the story!**
- Discuss: What are some ways we could be part of Jesus' story?

3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

- Drawing paper
- Drawing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review the Key Verse for this series: Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of him, all our sins have been forgiven. | Colossians 1:14, NIRV.
- Challenge the kids to come up with a simple drawing or symbol to represent these four important words in the verse: Son; free; sins; forgiven. For example, "Son" could be a picture of Jesus or a stick figure; "free" could be a bird or broken chains; "sins" could be a black or broken heart; and "forgiven" could be a smiley face or a cross.
- When everyone is done drawing, use their pictures as visual cues and say the verse aloud together a few times.
- Ask if anyone wants to say the verse from memory.
- Pray, "Thank you, Jesus, for setting us free and for inviting us into your story. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and for the power to share your love with others. Please help us follow you, Lord! Amen."

God's Story Bookmark

Colour and cut out this bookmark to use in your Bible as a reminder that God's word tells the story of Jesus but you are part of it too! Jesus is inviting **you** into the story!

