Teaching guide - Preschool & VSN

Monthly Theme: Galactic Glow - Shining the Light of Jesus

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LESSON - THE HOLY SPITIT

Item needed: A Gift Box

Alright, Glowers! I hope you are ready for this week's Bible story. We are on a galactic adventure to shine the light of Jesus!

Display Slide 3-1: Now Jesus' disciples were meeting in Jerusalem because Jesus told them that they were going to get a gift when they got there

Has anyone ever received a gift like this? (Hold up gift box)

Display Slide 3-2: But this gift wasn't going to come in a nice box all wrapped up with a pretty bow. Are you ready to learn about this gift? Awesome!

While Jesus' disciples were in Jerusalem, they gathered to pray and worship. Then, all of a sudden, there was a sound from Heaven, like a huge windstorm. Whoa!

DO IT: Can you make wind sounds with me? Woooooosh!! Good job!

Display Slide 3-3: While they were praying, drops that looked like fire flames sat on top of each of their heads. This was the special gift—the Holy Spirit!

SAY IT: Can you say that with me? Holy Spirit! Awesome!

The Holy Spirit is a special gift from Jesus. When the disciples got the gift, they all could speak different languages! Whoa! They began to tell people in different languages about Jesus. Isn't that amazing?

The Holy Spirit lives in us too! What an out-of-this-world gift!

Key Idea: We may not be able to see this special gift every day, but we can trust and know that the Holy Spirit is here because we can feel Him in our hearts.

DO IT: Can you make a heart with me? Use your hands to make a heart! Great job! With the Holy Spirit in our hearts, we can Shine the Light of Jesus.

SAY IT: Say it with me. Shine...The... Light... of ...Jesus! Great job!

PRAYER: Dear God, thank You for the special gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us remember that the Holy Spirit can help us make good choices, love others, and follow you with all our hearts. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

LESSOD QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

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Question 1: Did Jesus tell the disciples they would get a gift? (Yes)

Question 2: Did the disciples pray and worship when they got the gift? **(Yes) Question 3:** Were the disciples able to speak in different languages? **(Yes)**

Question 4: Did the disciples tell people about Jesus? (Yes)

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Question 1: What is the name of the city where Jesus asked the disciples to go? (Jerusalem)

Question 2: What is the special gift? (The Holy Spirit)

Question 3: How did the disciples know they had the special gift? (They could speak in other languages.)

Question 4: Can we know and trust that the Holy Spirit is in our hearts even though we cannot see him? (Yes,

the Holy Spirit helps us shine the light of Jesus.)

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ACTIVITY 1: THE HOLY SPIPIT WIDDSTOPM

Items Needed: Pinwheel

Connection: One day, Jesus' disciples were together, praying and worshiping. Then, all of a sudden, there was a sound from Heaven, like a huge windstorm. Let's talk about the wind! We can't see the wind, but we can feel what the wind does—just like the Holy Spirit. You can't see the Holy Spirit, but you can see the effect in your heart or in the hearts of the people around you.

Step 1: Show the classroom the pinwheel. Even though we cannot see the wind, we can see how the wind spins our pinwheel.

Step 2: Blow on the pinwheel, showing everyone how it spins around with the wind. Ask a few kids to blow on the pinwheel.

Step 3: Thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit to comfort us and help us when we ask.

ACTIVITY 2: SPLEAD THE GOOD DEWS

Items Needed: Jesus Plush

Connection: Jesus told His disciples that He wanted them to tell everyone, everywhere, all about Him! He wanted the disciples to make more disciples! It was time to share the good news with others!

Step 1: Have the classroom sit in a circle.

Step 2: Give the Jesus plush to one child in the circle. Music will play. When the kids hear the music, they will pass Jesus around in the circle. When the music stops, everyone must freeze.

Step 3: When the music stops, the child holding Jesus will shout, "Jesus is out of this world amazing!" Then, have all the kids shout as well!

ACTIVITY 3: BURBLE PARTY

Items Needed: Bubbles and music!

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles!

CRAFT OF COLORIDG SHEET (486 1 OR 2 OPTIODS DEPENDING OF CLASS AGE & TIME)

HOLY SPITIT HEADBADD

Items Needed: Pre-cut flames using a template from Red, orange, and yellow construction paper (or cardstock), Glue sticks or glue dots, Scissors (teachers pre-cut or help as needed), Tape or stapler, flame template

Step 1: Help children assemble their headbands and glue on the pre-cut flame.

Step 2: If there's extra time, they can color the flame worsheet or their headband.

COLORIDG SHEET: FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIDIT

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Today we learned the Holy Spirit appeared like flames of fire above the disciples' head.

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

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