

Small Group Experience

LESSON 2 - "Super Power"



Whatchagaddaknow?:

"The Holy Spirit Gives Me Super Power!"



Power Verse:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...."

- Acts 1:8

Retelling The Bible Story

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Bible Story Pictures Print Piece (provided; print one set)
- * Flashlight

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the Bible Story Pictures and familiarize yourself with the story so you can facilitate and guide discussion. Also, gather all classroom materials. Once small group begins, choose four volunteers and give each of them one of the Bible Story Pictures. To review the story, turn out the lights and give the first volunteer the flashlight. They will use the flashlight to illuminate their picture for the group. Allow the group to share about the events of the picture and the overall story. The first volunteer will pass the flashlight to the next volunteer, who will repeat the process. Continue on this way until the story review is complete, filling in any gaps in the storyline as needed.

Say- Today is going to be awesome! We are talking about one of the most powerful moments in history and how it affects your life today. I need four volunteers.

-Choose four volunteers and give each of them one of the Bible Story pictures-

Say- I need to do one thing before we review the story - turn off the lights!

-Turn off the lights-

Say- I know you might be wondering how you will see the pictures for the review. No worries! I brought something powerful that will help illuminate the situation - a flashlight! Each volunteer will shine the flashlight on their picture while the group shares about the events of that picture and the overall story. The first volunteer will then pass the flashlight to the next volunteer, who will repeat the process. Let's go!

-Allow time for the volunteers to shine the flashlight on the pictures and for the group to review the events of the Bible Story, filling in any gaps in the storyline as needed-

-Turn the lights back on once the story review is complete-

Say- Thank you for shining some light on this powerful story!

Ask- What was your favorite part of the story?

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-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask- What did this story teach you about the Holy Spirit?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Game/Activity

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Power Verse Print Pieces (provided; print one set per team)
- * Large envelopes (one per team)
- * Flashlights (one per team)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print and cut the Power Verse Print Pieces and gather the necessary supplies. Each set of Power Verse Print Pieces should be placed in an envelope. Make sure to mix up the pieces before you place them in the envelope. Once activity time begins, divide the group into teams. Give each team an envelope containing a set of Power Verse pieces and a flashlight. When you say “go,” turn off the lights. Teams will empty the verse pieces from their envelopes and begin to place them in correct order, using the flashlight to see in the dark. The first team to correctly complete the Power Verse wins! This game can be played multiple rounds as time allows.

Say- I enjoyed our flashlight Bible review so much, I thought it would be fun to use flashlights for a game! I am dividing you into teams and giving each team an envelope and a flashlight. The envelope contains the PowerVerse words. When I turn the lights off and say “go,” empty the verse pieces and begin to place them in correct order, using the flashlight to see in the dark. The first team to correctly complete the PowerVerse wins!

-Play the “Flashlight Power Verse Scramble”; this game can be played multiple rounds as time allows-

Group Sharing

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Holy Spirit Give Me Power Print Piece (provided; print one per kid)
- * Pencils, crayons, or markers
- * Flashlight (from the previous activity)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print and cut the Holy Spirit Gives Me Power Print Pieces. Once group sharing begins, give each kid a print piece and something to write with. Group sharing is focused on encouraging the kids to open up, discuss the lesson concepts, and relate those concepts to their lives. Help facilitate and guide the discussion time.

-Use the flashlight as an illustration as you teach-

Ask- Why was the flashlight helpful during the story review and game?

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-Allow time for the kids to respond-

Say- I know this might come as a surprise, but you don't have the power to create light. Mind blown, right? The room was dark during the Bible Story review and the game. You needed light to see, but you didn't have the power to create light, so I gave you a helpful tool - something that had the power to make you successful. Why am I talking about flashlights and power sources? Because it's a great picture of who the Holy Spirit is in our lives. The Holy Spirit is a powerful gift from Heaven to ALL believers. Once again, this might come as a surprise, but there are limits to your human abilities. I know, mind blown. God wants you to be a powerful Christian. That's why God promised to give you the power of the Holy Spirit. This is not just any kind of power; it's super power from God. How does Holy Spirit power make a difference in your life? Let's talk about that! First things first, the Holy Spirit gives you POWER TO PRAY. Why is this important? Write your thoughts on the blank space on your page.

-Allow time for the kids to write responses-

Ask- Would anyone like to share what they wrote?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Say- I need a volunteer to read Romans 8:26 aloud.

-Choose a volunteer and allow time for them to read the verse aloud-

Ask- What does this verse teach you?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Say- When you don't know what to say, when you run out of things to talk to God about, or when you're just too overwhelmed to find the right words, the Holy Spirit helps you pray. The Holy Spirit is your prayer power source! The Holy Spirit also gives you POWER TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD. Why is this important? Write your thoughts on the blank space on your page.

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Say- You don't have to be intimidated or afraid to read your Bible. God's Word is a message to you, and He wants to speak to you through the Bible. The Holy Spirit is your Bible study helper, showing you what God wants you to know and do! Last but not least, the Holy Spirit gives you **POWER TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS**. Why is this important? Write your thoughts on the blank space on your page.

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Say- I need a volunteer to read Acts 1:8 aloud.

-Choose a volunteer and allow time for them to read the verse aloud-

Ask- What does this verse teach you?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Say- Have you ever felt nervous to share your faith with others? I have! You were created to show the goodness of God to the world. The Holy Spirit steps in with power straight from Heaven so that you can have courage to tell others about God! Power to pray, understand God's Word, and tell others about Jesus sounds amazing. You might be thinking, “Sign me up!”

Ask- How do you get the Holy Spirit to be part of your life so you can have power from Heaven?

-Allow time for the kids to respond; discuss their answers with the group-

Say- The Holy Spirit is a helper God promised every believer. If you want the Holy Spirit to be part of your life, all you have to do is ask! The Holy Spirit is ready and willing to be active in your life. Ask and you will receive! This all sounds so great, but there is one last question I want you to think about.

Ask- What if I handed you the flashlight for the story review and game but you never turned it on? What would happen in that situation?

-Allow time for the kids to respond-

Say- You would have failed at accomplishing what I asked you to do! You would have been frustrated, confused, and disappointed. The power source was available, but you chose not to use it. The same is true for every believer. The Holy Spirit, your heavenly power source, is available. You can choose to go through life and never access your power source. You can live frustrated, confused, and disappointed. Or you can ask the Holy Spirit to be part of your life and access the power of Heaven. The choice is yours!

Prayer Time

Say- Would you like the Holy Spirit to be your helper? As we pray, ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Thank God for this awesome gift, and then receive Him into your life!

Pray

Closing

Say- Peter’s life was very different before and after the Holy Spirit. Before the Holy Spirit, Peter was filled with fear, denying he knew Jesus at all. After the Holy Spirit, Peter was filled with courage and shared the gospel with thousands of people. The only thing that changed was Peter’s access to a heavenly power source! You have access to that same heavenly power source. Don’t try to do life in your own strength. Get connected to the Holy Spirit! Thank you for coming today. I will see you again soon.









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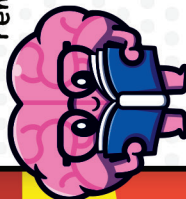
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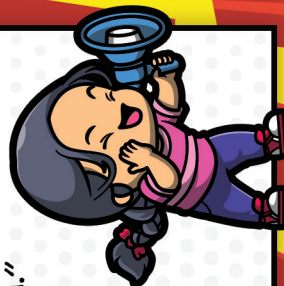
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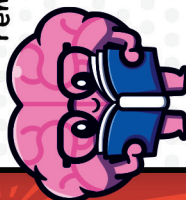
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