



It's fun to receive gifts! Today we will explore a special gift God has given us—the Holy Spirit! As we follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps us make right choices. Join your kids as they explore how the Holy Spirit speaks to and leads them.

Choose your Exploration Stations, practice the story, and gather supplies. It's time to go exploring!

## Before You Explore

### The Basic Supplies

- Discovery Guide* for each kiddo
- Story Cards*
- Eureka! Jr. Stamps*
- Eureka! DVD* or *CD*
- DVD or CD player
- Balloon

### Exploration Station Supplies

- Wind and Fire Streamers**
  - Red, orange, and yellow tissue paper, straws, and tape
- Let's See! Story**
  - *Story Cards*, 1-6
- Picture the Story**
  - *Discovery Guides* and crayons
- Sculpt the Story**
  - Play-Doh
- Build the Story**
  - Blocks or building bricks



## 1 Here We Go!

- ❑ Blow up a balloon. Place the Kai or Scout cards (#51-52) from the **Story Card** deck on the other side of the room. Have kids crawl across the floor using their heads to push the balloon to the other side where the Kai or Scout card goal zone is.
- ❑ Option: Hide the Kai and Scout cards from the **Story Card** deck. Have kids try to find the cards when they arrive.
- ❑ Play *The Come Along Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD**. Invite kids to come to your gathering spot (at a table, on the floor, etc.).

## 2 What's That Word?

- ❑ Show the Bible picture from page 1 of this lesson. Invite kids to find the phrase in the picture. Say **Holy Spirit** out loud as a class. (Option: Pass out the **Discovery Guides (DG)** now and let kids find the hidden phrase in the picture on their own **DG**.)
- ❑ Chat about the phrase. **Does anyone know what Holy Spirit means?**
  - **The Holy Spirit is God. The Holy Spirit is a gift given to people who choose to follow Jesus.**
  - **The Holy Spirit guides and leads us so that we can live like Jesus.**
  - **When we receive the Holy Spirit, we are able to have power and courage to follow Jesus even when times get hard or difficult.**
- ❑ When we explore our story later today, listen for the phrase **Holy Spirit**.

## 3 Remember Verse

- ❑ Invite everyone to stand up. Play the **Remember Verse Video** for **Romans 15:13a** on the **Eureka! Jr. DVD**. (Find descriptions of the motions on [FoundryLeader.com](http://FoundryLeader.com).)
- ❑ Ask for volunteers to say the verse from memory.
- ❑ **"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him." Romans 15:13a (NLT)**



## 4 Happy & Sad

- ❑ Invite kids to share something happy and not-so-happy that happened this past week. Pray together.

## 5 Explore the Story

- ❑ Invite kids to prepare themselves to listen to this week's passage. Gather them to a place where they can all see the spot where you will be laying out the cards.
- ❑ Play the **Let's See! Bible Story** audio from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD** while you set out the cards, as directed in the pictures on page 3.
- ❑ Option: Read (or have another adult read) the **Let's See! Bible Story** script on page 3 and place the cards out as directed in the pictures.



# Explore the Story

## Let's See! Bible Story

-  = Place a card
-  = Remove a card
-  = Move a card

After Jesus's death and resurrection, Jesus spent some time with His disciples.  He wanted to give His disciples a gift. **I wonder what it was?** Jesus told them about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would lead and guide them. They would not be alone. With the Holy Spirit, the disciples would have the power to do great things for Him and others. After speaking of this promise it was time for Jesus to say goodbye. He hugged His disciples and went back to heaven. 



The disciples were waiting together in a big room when they heard a sound. It sounded like a big windstorm blowing inside the house! **I wonder if everyone could hear the wind?** All of a sudden, what looked like flames of fire appeared above each disciple.  This showed that they had received the Holy Spirit. Then the disciples began to speak in different languages!



 The disciples rushed into the streets and spoke to a crowd of people.  Each disciple talked to other people in their own language! **I wonder what languages were spoken?** The crowd was confused. They couldn't understand what was happening. The people began to talk about the disciples.



Peter stepped forward and quieted the crowd.  He told them that this was the work of the Holy Spirit! He began to teach them about the promises of God. Peter celebrated how God's words had come true. He explained how anyone who chose to follow Jesus would be saved.



The crowd wanted to know more about Jesus. **I wonder what you would share about Jesus?**  Peter shared how Jesus was God's Son. He came to earth and performed many miracles and did wonderful things. Jesus taught people about God's love. Some people did not believe in Him. Those people nailed Him to a cross. He died. But God raised Him from the dead. Jesus is alive! 



The crowd was amazed at Peter's words. Many wanted to believe and follow Jesus. Peter told them they could ask and be forgiven. Jesus would save them! They must choose to love Jesus and act in ways of love and kindness. Then, they could be baptized. Baptism is a sign that shows others that you love Jesus.



Many people believed Peter's words. They were saved. They chose to be baptized in the water.  **I wonder what you would have done if you had been there?** It was an exciting day! On this day, over 3,000 people believed and chose to follow Jesus. The good news of Jesus was beginning to spread quickly around the country!



## 6 What's This Say about God & Us?

- ❑ I wonder why this story is important?
- ❑ I wonder what we can learn from this story?
- ❑ I wonder how the disciples felt when they received the Holy Spirit?
- ❑ I wonder who we can share the good news of Jesus with?

## 7 Exploration Stations

- ❑ Introduce the Exploration Stations you'll be doing. Review your rules for the Exploration Stations (quiet voices, share items, etc.).
  - **Wind and Fire Streamers Station:** Rip strips of red, orange, and yellow paper. Tape them onto the edge of a straw. Shake streamers and imagine what it would be like to be in the room when the Holy Spirit came over the disciples. How would you tell someone about this experience?
  - **Let's See! Story Station:** Re-create the story with the **Story Cards**.
  - **Picture the Story Station:** Color the picture on your **Discovery Guide**.
  - **Sculpt the Story Station:** Use Play-Doh to make something from the story.
  - **Build the Story Station:** Use the blocks to build something from the story.
- ❑ Invite kids to choose which station they go to. Kids can stay at one or visit multiple stations.
- ❑ As kids play, visit each station and ask questions about their play and how it relates to the story.
- ❑ Allow 15-20 minutes to explore. Announce when it's almost time to stop. Bring kids back to the gathering area before cleaning up.

## 8 Share Your Discovery

- ❑ Invite kids to share what they discovered about the Bible story. Share what you discovered as you interacted with the kids.
- ❑ Remind kids to use their **Discovery Guide** to keep exploring at home. Pray as a group, thanking God for leading their discoveries.
- ❑ Use a **Eureka! Jr. Stamp** to stamp each kid's **Discovery Guide** to show that they completed today's expedition.
- ❑ Play *Tidy-Up Song* from the **Eureka! Jr. DVD** or **CD** as the kids clean up the room.

## 9 Goodbye Blessing

- ❑ Using the other **Eureka! Jr. Stamp**, stamp each child's hand as you share the following blessing with each one.
  - **May you know God's Holy Spirit is with you wherever you go.**

