

The Tower of Babel and the Day of Pentecost: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I will pursue the Holy Spirit.

SuperVerse: *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.* Acts 2:1 (NKJV)

Bible Story: Genesis 11:1–9; Acts 1:1–16; Acts 2:1–47

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

This is the second lesson of our Superbook story, “Tower of Babel and the Day of Pentecost.” Jesus’ followers gathered in unity to pray for God’s promised gift. His gift is also promised to all of us today!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to Babel, where God stops people from building a great tower for their own glory. Then they visit Jerusalem, where God sends the Holy Spirit to unite and empower believers for His glory. The children learn that language and customs may divide us, but God’s power and love can overcome all obstacles.
- It was exciting to visit both the Tower of Babel and the upstairs room on the day of Pentecost. Now let’s watch our Bible Background Video and learn more about these two exciting events!

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Wind Relay (15 minutes)

Objective: *Play a game about air in motion.*

- The Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, and sounded like a mighty windstorm to all who were in the upstairs room. The Holy Spirit is represented as the wind many times in the Bible.

Game Instructions:

- The object of the game is to move the balloon along the floor to the opposite side only by quickly fanning the plate to create wind. The plate cannot touch the balloon at any time!

Teaching: Continual Pursuit (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss what it means to pursue the Holy Spirit.*

- To pursue the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event. He wants us to pursue Him in all areas of our life—every day. Jesus’ followers did not stop pursuing the Holy Spirit after they received God’s gift on the day of Pentecost. It was only the beginning! A short time after the Holy Spirit filled the believers on the day of Pentecost, He filled them again as they prayed together!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The challenge for Lesson 2 is to look up and read the Link 4 verse of your Unity Chain. The second part is on Link 5: Unite with a friend or family member to pray about something together.

SuperVerse: Superbook Blanks (5 minutes)

Objective: *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- Jesus’ followers were united together with one purpose, with one mind; to pray and wait for God’s promised gift!
- Have children look down at the floor and/or close their eyes as you erase one word or phrase at a time, such as: Pentecost, fully, come, one, all, accord, place, Acts 2:1. Next, ask them to raise their hands and say what you erased. You may write it back on the board for younger children, or leave it blank for older children.

Prayer: Pursuing Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- Sometimes in prayer, we may tell God what we want or need and then say, “Amen”—without ever giving God the opportunity to speak to us! Prayer is not only talking, it is also listening and patiently waiting in His presence.
- Today in our prayer time, we are going to pursue the Holy Spirit together in unity. I am going to pray a short prayer and then we will wait and enjoy His presence as we focus on Him.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Activity: Children learn to praise God in different languages. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Chase Game: Play a fun game of chase. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Craft: Create a bookmark about the Day of Pentecost. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Study: Children look up verses about the Holy Spirit. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials

Needed:

- Two paper plates plus extras, or you may substitute sheets of cardstock
- Two round balloons plus extras
- Optional: painters or

Teaching Materials

Needed:

- Four Pentecost Sign Patterns
- Unity Chain sample craft from Lesson 1
- Cardstock: four sheets
- Marker
- Bible or the *Superbook* Bible App

SuperVerse Materials

Needed:

- Whiteboard or chalkboard
- Marker or chalk
- Bible or the *Superbook* Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard, chalkboard
- Markers or chalk
- Bibles or the *Superbook* Bible App