

5th Grade | W4

Today's Suggested Schedule April 2026, Week 4

Bible Story: Pentecost / Fruit of the Spirit • Acts 2:1-41 (supporting: Galatians 5:22-23)

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!* • Philippians 4:4 NIV

Leader Summary-

We wrap up the month as God's promised Holy Spirit shows up in tongues of fire, imparting to the believers an ability to speak so that people of all nations could understand them. Peter stood up amid the crowds gathered for the Feast of Weeks and preached such a powerful sermon that 3,000 people were filled with joy and became followers of Jesus, too! [BOTTOM LINE] God's Spirit gives you joy

Small Group (20minutes)

Connect Time

Large Group (30minutes)

Countdown and Welcome

Large Group Game

Worship

Story

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Basic Truth and Story Review

Activity 1

Activity 2

Prayer

Home:

Devotionals for Kids



Bible Story

Pentecost / Fruit of the Spirit • Acts 2:1-41 (supporting: Galatians 5:22-23)

Conversation Starter

When have you experienced joy in your life?

Bottom Line

The Holy Spirit gives you joy.

Monthly Memory Verse

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20 min

Connect Time

20 min

Welcome Time

What You Need

-  Set out a few different stations of toys, puzzles, games, or blocks 1
-  Fun, upbeat music 1

What You Do:

- From doors opening to start of large group - Greet and intentionally engage with students, following the KidCity check-in procedures.

Connect time is spent building relationships with some intentional connecting with kids before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or playing or just sit and listen to each other). You can ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group..

10 min

Large Group

5 min

Countdown & Welcome

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Game

What You Need

	Timer (or smartphone or watch or countdown)	1
	leaders (to pop the confetti cannons)	2
	confetti cannons or bowl of confetti	2
	large bowls or buckets	2

Cue countdown video and invite kids to sit down with their group leaders.

(SLIDE: Theme)

"Hey, everybody! Welcome back to our Block Party! This month's theme is, 'Block Party: Celebrating Jesus and Joy That Never Ends!' Take a look around the room. Give someone near you a high five! We are going to have a lot of fun today, so first let's go over our KidCity Expectations.

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS) - Supplies

"Now, let's quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: (Don't dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

What You Do:

- All Play
- Place the two bowls at two opposite ends of the room in the game area.
- Before group time, pick two leaders to come up and pop the confetti cannons during the game.

Slide Theme

"I'm so glad you're here today because this whole month, we've been celebrating the kind of joy that comes from Jesus, joy that never runs out. And today, we're going to talk about Someone amazing, the Holy Spirit. But before we jump into the story, we're going to kick this party off with one of the wildest games ever.

SLIDE: Confetti Craze Title

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"Today's game is called 'Confetti Craze!' Here's how it works: I'm going to choose two teams, Team One and Team Two. Each team will have a bowl on their side of the room. When I say, 'Go,' we're going to blast confetti into the air—these two leaders are going to shoot confetti cannons—and for the next two minutes, your team will gather as much confetti from the floor as you can and bring it back to your bowl.

"You can ONLY pick up confetti from the floor, not from the other team's bowl. When the timer ends, everyone freezes right where they are, so we can see which bowl has more confetti.

"Teams, find your bowl so you know exactly where to put your confetti when you collect it. When the countdown starts, leaders—pop those confetti cannons. That will be the signal for the race to begin!

"Here we go! Confetti cannons ready? Teams ready? Audience ready? Three ... two ... one ... POP IT!

(Two leaders pop the confetti cannons into the game area.)

Optional Video: Two-Minute Countdown

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Start the timer—or smartphone or watch or countdown and the music after the leaders pop the confetti cannons.)

(Play the game. Cheer on both teams and involve the audience. Make sure the kids are only picking up confetti from the floor and only putting the confetti in their team's bowl.)

"Go, go, go! Pick up that confetti! Move those feet! Look at all the color flying everywhere—this room is starting to look like a real party! Keep going!

"Great job, everyone! Stay frozen while we take a look at the bowls to see which team picked up the most confetti!

(Pause while you look at each bowl to see which team picked up the most confetti.)

"Let me get a drumroll! *(Encourage the kids to pat their legs to make a drumroll.)*

"And the winner is ... [Team Name]! Let's give both teams a huge round of applause! That was amazing!

"Wow, that was so much fun! You all turned this room into a celebration AND helped clean it up! What a joyful party!

"Our Bottom Line for today is about joy—let's check it out.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "The Holy Spirit gives you joy. Can you say that with me?"

[Bottom Line] "The Holy Spirit gives you joy."

"We will be unpacking this more today! I'm so glad you're here. Let's to learn more about what that means!"

11 min

Worship

3 min

Alive

What You Need

No supplies needed

3 min

The Joy

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everyone! It's time to worship! Worship is our chance to tell Jesus how much we love Him. We sing because He's good, because He's with us, and because He fills our hearts with joy. And today, we get to celebrate the amazing gift He gave, the Holy Spirit—God's very Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God in us! The Holy Spirit helps us, guides us, and fills us with real joy that lasts.

SONG: "Alive" Dance Motion, Lyric or Instrumental Lyric Videos are available with Amazing Music on APlay

SONG: "The Joy"

"All month long, we've been talking about joy—real joy that doesn't disappear when things get hard because real joy comes from knowing Jesus. And today, we're to look at our Memory Verse one more time. It's Philippians 4:4! This verse reminds us why we can have joy every single day. Not because life is perfect, but because we belong to Someone who loves us so much. God!

"Let's take a look at our Memory Verse together!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

LEADER: "Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! —Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)

"Now, let's say it together, nice and loud!"

LEADER: "Always be joyful."

KIDS AND LEADER: "Always be joyful."

LEADER: "Because you belong to the Lord."

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LEADER: "I will say it again."

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LEADER: "Be joyful!"

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LEADER: "Philippians 4:4!"

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WORSHIP LEADER: "You did amazing! And here's why this verse matters so much: joy doesn't come from everything going right. Joy comes from

12 min

Bible Story (Video)

12 min

So and So Show Bible Story

What You Need

No supplies needed

8 min

Closing

5 min

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

What You Need

No supplies needed

knowing that Jesus is with you, loves you, and will never leave you. When you remember that you belong to Him, joy can fill your heart no matter what kind of day you're having."

"Now let's listen to our story."

Basic Truth Slide: Leave on the screen when kids go back to their small groups.

"What's our part in the story? Well, if you've chosen to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit, God's very Spirit, lives in you!

"So, go through life with Him. Talk to Him about everything. Ask Him to help you know what His voice sounds like, what His nudges in your heart feel like. He goes through everything with you, so ask Him to help you hear Him and understand Him when He is speaking!

"The Holy Spirit can speak to you in lots of ways throughout your day. He has so much to say to you! Sometimes He'll speak to you in nudges throughout your day, sometimes He brings words to your mind, sometimes He will make words in the Bible jump right off the page, sometimes He speaks through worship song lyrics that shoot straight to your heart. He will send truths from heaven right to your heart all throughout your day!

"And since He's God, keep in mind that everything He will say to you will line up with the truth of who you know Him to be in the Bible. The Holy Spirit will never contradict the Bible. But ask Him for help and guidance and strength, and He will give it to you.

"You will find that the Holy Spirit's presence with you will give you courage when you feel nervous, help you choose kindness when you feel frustrated, and remind you of what is true when you don't know what

3 min

PRAYER

What You Need

No supplies needed

to do. As you stay close to Him, He will grow His fruit in your life—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—so that wherever you go, people can see what Jesus is like. And when the Holy Spirit fills us with His joy, we get to share that joy with others through how we speak, how we act, and how we love.

"As a follower of Jesus, you never go through life alone. The Holy Spirit is with you and in you. Ask Him to teach you what it looks like for you to go through life with Him as your closest friend.

"Let's ask Him to help us do that right now!

"We're going to pray but here is the basic truth slide, look over them, which truth goes with our story? Take a look, we will keep this slide on the screen, when you go to small group, the first thing you talk about is what basic truth do you see in the story."

"Holy Spirit, we want to learn how to walk through life with You as our closest friend. Teach us how to hear Your voice. Help us feel Your joy lifting our hearts when things are hard. We open our hearts to You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' Name. Amen."

(Dismiss kids to their small groups.)

SLIDE: Basic Truth Slide

5 min

Small Group Time

5 min

Basic Truth & Bible Story Review

What You Need

 Basic Truth Slide print out 1

5 min

Activity 1

5 min

Grouped Together

What You Need

 Stickers of different shapes (circle, square, triangle, heart) Several

Spend 5 minutes at the start of small group time looking at the Basic Truth statements and discuss which basic truth fits into the story and why

What You Do:

- Place a different shape sticker on each kid's shirt. Make sure there are groups of at least 2-3 for each shape.
- Tell the kids they are to find their "shape family," but they can't look at their own sticker!
- They are to ask friends questions like, "Am I round?" or "Do I have four sides?" to figure out what they are.
- Once they guess their shape, they are to find the other kids with the same shape sticker and stand together.
- Explain that in the story, people from all over the world spoke different languages, but the Holy Spirit helped them all understand the good news about Jesus.

What You Say:

"You found your groups! In our story, a crowd, made up of visitors who had traveled to Jerusalem for Passover, was confused. They came from all over: Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Asia, Egypt, Rome, and many more areas. They spoke many different languages. And yet the believers, filled with the Holy Spirit, were speaking in a way that each of those visitors could understand!

"God wanted everyone, every person in every single group, to hear about His love! So the Holy Spirit gave Jesus' friends exactly what they needed so that the people there could hear about God's love. The Holy Spirit still helps us today! He goes through every single bit of life with you and will give you exactly what you need in that moment. He is God in you—He is God closer than close!

"So ask Him for anything you need. You can say, 'Holy Spirit, I am scared of the dark right now. Can You help me?' and He will. You can say, 'Holy Spirit, my friend is sad and needs to feel Your love. Can You give me the right words to say?' And He will! God goes through everything with you through His Spirit. You are never, ever alone, and that can give you joy!

[Bottom Line] The Holy Spirit gives you joy."

3rd-5th Graders ask 2 or 3 of the following discussion questions

5 min

Activity 2

5 min

Memory Verse Unscramble

What You Need

 Bibles marked at Philippians 4:4	1
 Floor tape or velcro	1
 memory verse poster	1
 piles of 17 prepared crepe paper streamers (with part of the Memory Verse on each streamer from the labels used in the "Unscramble Relay" Activity Page)	2
 every labels 5160	2

- What's the difference between being happy and having joy?
- What's one thing you want to ask the Holy Spirit to help you with today?
- Before that Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit, the believers were waiting without knowing what would happen. How would YOU feel waiting for something God promised but didn't explain?
- Why does God choose to work through us instead of doing everything Himself?
- Since the Holy Spirit lives in you as a follower of Jesus, what are some ways you hear His voice?

What You Do:

- Create two starting lines with floor tape or velcro.
- Place a complete pile of streamers on the opposite side of the space from the starting lines.
- Group kids together with a Bible and direct them to look up Philippians 4:4.
- Demonstrate how to look up the verse
- Repeat the verse aloud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Guide the kids to put their Bibles aside.
- Divide the kids into two teams and line both teams up at the opposite end of the room, behind the floor tape starting lines, and across from a pile of streamers
- Explain that they will take turns running to the pile, choosing one streamer, and running it back to their team.
- Once both teams have collected all their streamers, help them read the words on the streamers and put the verse in order using the memory verse poster to compare to.
- When both teams finish, say the verse together.

What You Say:

"You all did an awesome job running, collecting, and solving your verse puzzle! This Memory Verse tells us, *'Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord' (Philippians 4:4 NIV)*. That means we can have joy every day, not just because we feel happy, but because we belong to God! He loves us so much! We belong to God, and that news is too good to keep to ourselves. One of the reasons to have joy is knowing that we get to share the good news about Jesus with everyone we meet. We can remember this verse on good days and bad days, because sharing Jesus' love brings light to the world no matter what. So say it again, be joyful! **[Bottom Line] You can share the good news about Jesus.**"

5 min

Prayer

5 min

Pray

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

"God, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thank You that He lives in us and helps us. Teach us how to be His close friend. Please grow good fruit in our lives—like love, peace, and patience. And especially this week, we ask that the Holy Spirit gives us joy. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Supplies

Welcome Time

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| 1. Set out a few different stations of toys, puzzles, games, or blocks | 1 |
| 2. Fun, upbeat music | 1 |

Game

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| 2. leaders (to pop the confetti cannons) | 2 |
| 3. confetti cannons or bowl of confetti | 2 |
| 4. large bowls or buckets | 2 |

Basic Truth & Bible Story Review

- | | Quantity |
|--------------------------------|----------|
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Grouped Together

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|---|----------|
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