

5th Grade Religious Ed Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Theme: Holy Spirit (reference Ch. 8, 9 & 13)

Sarah Reinhard, Jessi Hannig, Ali Arend

- I. 6:15-6:30 Welcome Sarah, Jessi, Ali
- Attendance
 - Cell Phones
 - Bible, Journal, Rosary, Youcat, Come Holy Spirit prayer cards
 - Work on Journal Entry (on the board):
 - What is the Holy Spirit's role in our lives and the life of the Church?
 - Scripture verse (on the board): John 16:13. When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.
- II. 6:30 – 6:35 Opening Prayer Sarah
- Moment of silence to prepare our thoughts and minds for God.
 - Come Holy Spirit (using prayer cards)
- III. 6:35 – 6:45 Trivia Answers/Questions Sarah
- Did anyone complete last week's sheet with the correct answers?
 - Trivia from last week: Who else was raised from the dead in the Bible? (candy prizes for correct answers)
 - Answers to their questions from last week:
 - What does INRI stand for and why is it on the top of the crucifix?
 - Abbreviation for Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum = Latin for Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews
 - Pilate put it there as an announcement, written in the three major languages of the time, Hebrew, Greek, and Latin
 - Pilate was an unintentional evangelist
 - How were girls' last names done? (discussed boys' last week)
 - (email to Father Pat)
- IV. 6:45 – 7:00 Who's the Holy Spirit? Sarah
- Introduction from the Youcat:
 - What does it mean to say: I believe in the Holy Spirit? Youcat 113
 - What role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of Jesus? Youcat 114
 - Under what names and signs does the Holy Spirit appear? Youcat 115
 - What does it mean that the Holy Spirit has "spoken through the prophets"? Youcat 116
 - Pentecost from the Bible:

- Right after Jesus' resurrection and ascension
- How do you think the disciples felt? How were they being treated?
- They were gathered together praying in a closed room.
- Acts 2:1-12 - read together
- The Holy Spirit NOW
 - What does the Holy Spirit do in the Church? Youcat 119
 - What does the Holy Spirit do in my life? Youcat 120

V. 7:00 – 7:20 Play - Coming of Holy Spirit Sarah

- Pass out scripts, assign parts
- Act out the play

VI. 7:20 – 7:25 Closing Prayer Parent or Sarah

- Moment of silence to gather thoughts
- Any special intentions?
- Decade of scriptural rosary (Pentecost)

VII. 7:25 – 7:30 Clean-up & Dismissal Sarah, Jessi, Ali

- Return Phones!!

The coming of the Holy Spirit

A play by Rosalie Hudson

(from http://thebillabong.info/otm_pcost/otm43_p22.html, based on Acts 2:1-13)

CHARACTERS:

Reporter

Disciples — John, James, Simon, Matthew, Andrew, Peter

Citizens from Cyrene (Justus), Parthia, Media, Elam, Egypt, Mesopotamia

Onlookers - 1, 2, 3, 4

Jerusalem residents 1 and 2

Elder

The play may be adapted easily to include more speaking parts — e.g. with more disciples and/or with more comments from onlookers and residents.

The play

Introduction (by adult): Let us imagine ourselves in the first century AD. It is the day of Pentecost and we have all come to Jerusalem from many neighbouring cities, as we do each year, to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, commemorated on the fiftieth day after Passover...

We find our news reporter of the day - from 7JM Jerusalem - eager for a story.

(The disciples and other citizens are gathered in two groups at the front, one group each side of the reporter).

Reporter: Excuse me, sir, but do you mind telling me your name and where you come from? And perhaps you could tell our listeners your account of today's events in Jerusalem

Justus: My name is Justus and I'm from Cyrene. I must admit to some confusion. Someone said strange things were happening in that house over there. Apparently it is the house of Peter and there's some sort of meeting going on. But I've heard so many different stories I've come to see for myself.

Reporter: Well, it looks as though it's all over now. Perhaps we should ask some of these people. Excuse me, aren't you one of those disciples of Jesus?

John: Yes, I'm John. And you must pardon our rather excited behaviour, but we really believe God has sent us the power of his Spirit today.

Reporter: Power? Spirit? Would you mind explaining for our listeners' benefit exactly what you mean?

James: Well, we'd find it difficult to describe, but somehow today we know God's promise is fulfilled. He has sent his Spirit and now we have the strength, new power to do our work.

Parthian: Excuse me butting in like this, but whatever was going on here today? I heard you were all talking different languages or something. You *are* all *Galileans* aren't you?

Disciples (together): Yes, We're all from Galilee.

Parthian: Well, it seemed to me you were speaking my language — and I come from Parthia.

Median: When I passed the house, all I heard was a strange commotion, and then it seemed to me you were talking like people from Media. Anyway, somehow I understood everything you said.

Elamite: Well, that's very strange, because I'm from Elam and you were definitely speaking my language.

Egyptian: I've come all the way from Egypt to this feast today and I could have sworn you were talking Egyptian. I just had to stop and listen - and I'm sticking around to hear some more!

Reporter: (to congregation): This is all very puzzling. I can't seem to get to the bottom of this at all. (Turns to the group of disciples.) Simon, will you tell us exactly what happened?

Simon: Well, we all decided to meet here, in Peter's house — all the disciples and Mary and some of the other women. And we heard this rushing sound. It was just like a very strong wind, but it seemed to fill the whole house.

Matthew: But it wasn't just the *sound* of wind, Simon. There was something warm, almost like fire. Did you feel that, Andrew?

Andrew: I can't describe it. I only know there was some power here and somehow I was able to speak in a new way. I feel I must go and tell everyone the Good News.

Mesopotamian: I'm from Mesopotamia and I've heard of you blokes before— but I thought all your power had gone when your leader died. Somehow you never seemed the same after that — even though I did hear reports that your leader was alive again. Anyway, something certainly has happened to you today and I'd like to know more about it.

John: I know what has happened. Remember when Jesus promised he would send his spirit to be with us?

(The disciples murmur amongst themselves: 'Yes, I remember that.' 'I didn't know what he meant.'

'Yes, I remember him talking about the Spirit.')

John: Well, this must be it! Remember when he rose from the dead, he came to us and talked about breathing his Spirit and leaving his Spirit with us?

(The disciples continue to murmur amongst themselves.)

Reporter: (to the citizens and congregation: Well, I'm not sure I'm any clearer now. What do you make of it all?

Onlooker 1: Fire., wind., strange babblings.. if you ask me they're all drunk! Let's go home!

Onlooker 2: I agree. They can't seem to decide amongst themselves what has happened. They're over-excited. They'll calm down by tomorrow.

Onlooker 3: Just a minute! I listened to some of the things they were saying and it seems to me that it just might be the power of God. They do seem to be quite changed.

Onlooker 4: I agree with Joseph there (indicates Onlooker 1). They're all drunk. They don't make any sense to *me* anyway'

Reporter: I can see one of them is getting quite stirred up about that remark. I think it's - yes it is - it's Peter, and I think he is about to make a speech.

Peter: Listen to me, all of you! I will tell you what this means. These people are not all drunk. After all, it is only nine o'clock in the morning!

You Jews know the writings of Joel the Prophet. He told of the day when God's Spirit would come to us. Can't you see what's happening before your very eyes.? What it

means for us disciples is that we now have the power to do the work our Lord called us to do. And for all of *you* (pointing to the congregation) it means that if you turn from your old life to a new life in Jesus Christ and are baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, then you too will receive the power of the Holy Spirit!

Reporter (approaching Jerusalem resident 1) Well, after that 'sermon' from Peter I will ask a few of these residents of Jerusalem what they make of it all. Excuse me, sir, do you believe what these disciples have to say?

Jerusalem resident 1: Yes, I do. And it's just what we need. This place could do with some extra power right here and now!

Reporter: And you, madam— what difference would this new power make to this church in Jerusalem?

Jerusalem resident 2: I heard one of the disciples say that the Spirit brings people together. And that's what we need—a stronger sense of unity.

Reporter: Here's one of the elders of the church. Let's hear what (s)he has to say.

Elder: Well, Benjamin, I've listened very carefully to everything these fellows have had to say, and I am convinced that they have the power of the Holy Spirit. I'm convinced, too, that this power can be ours. After all, they said it was a gift. What excites me about it is that if this power is ours, we can go forward from today with renewed strength — and who knows what we can do then?

Reporter: Listeners, our time has run out. I can only say that what has happened here in Jerusalem today has been very strange and very exciting. These people say they will never be the same again. It will be interesting to see just what difference this day of Pentecost will make in this city of Jerusalem.

This is Benjamin, your 7JM News reporter signing off and returning you to the studio.

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COUNSELOR

COMFORTER

TEACHER

SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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