Day 5 Elementary Bible Story

Pentecost

Introduction for Station Leader:

Good morning! It sure has been an exciting week. We all hope that you have had just as fun this week as the children had. We have learned so much, and it isn’t quite done yet! The theme of today and the last theme of the week is God empowers us. After Jesus dies on the cross and is resurrected from the dead, he appears to his disciples. He tells them that God will send them something. As the disciples are hiding, God sends them the Holy Spirit. This empowers them to spread the Word of the Lord to the world.

The settlers who came to the West came with practically nothing. They had some items and resources provided for them, but mostly, they didn’t have anything. They had to do everything for themselves. Many of the people in the West were some type of entrepreneurs. There were the farmers and ranchers and blacksmiths and masons and so much more! They were empowered. They had the power to do everything for themselves. God empowers us and the people of the West were also empowered.

Activity:

* Read the Bible story from the packet
* Create Flame Headbands

Supplies:

* Scissors
* Red Construction Paper
* Orange Construction Paper
* Yellow Construction Paper
* Glue Sticks
* Tape
* Another type of construction paper that can be made into a headband
* Pencils

Bible Story from the Bible:

Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying the Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?”

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Instructions for when the group arrives:

1. Welcome the group to the last day of VBS
2. Ask them what the theme is for the day (God empowers us)
   1. They might not know or remember the theme yet so if they don’t get it, please remind them
3. Introduce the story they will be learning about and ask if any of them have heard it
4. Read the Story from the packet
5. Hand out construction paper and scissors
6. Have them make a flame
   1. Take red and cut a flame
   2. Take orange and cut a smaller flame
   3. Take yellow and cut a smaller flame
   4. Glue them on top of each other
7. As they are done, have them come to you to get their headbands and write their name on it
   1. Tape the headbands
8. Once they have their headbands, have them glue the flame to the headband
9. They can take the headbands with them
10. Explain that this shows they have the Holy Spirit as well

Cleanup:

* At the end of the day please:
  + Put away all supplies