LESSON 2: THE PROMISE AND HIS COMING

AIM: To teach that the Holy Spirit is a Person and that Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to help all His people and that Jesus kept His promise.

OPENING IDEA: This can be done as a role play or puppet play.
Characters: 3 women: Mary, Jane and Dianne.

Two good friends, Mary and Jane are sitting at a table having morning tea, chatting away. Mary nervously begins to tell Jane some sad news. Mary’s husband has been transferred with his job to another state and she will be leaving town soon.

Jane is really upset and begins to remind Mary what good friends they have been and talks about all the good things they have done together. She tells Mary she will never have another good friend again, etc. Mary tells Jane that a really nice lady has bought their house and she doesn’t know anybody in the neighbourhood, and she is sure that the new neighbour would like to be Jane’s friend. Jane is not very convinced and says ‘goodbye’ to Mary. Mary promises to write. Jane sadly sits down at the table with her head in her hands.

Suddenly she hears a knock at the door, and opens it to find Dianne standing there. Dianne introduces herself as Jane’s new neighbour and tells Jane that she doesn’t know anyone in the area. Dianne invites Jane to her house to have a cup of tea and a chat. The skit ends with them walking away chatting together and Jane looking happy again.

MEMORY VERSE: Jesus said, “I will ask the Father and He will give you another Comforter, and He will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit. (Jn14:16-17). Write verse on a fire shape.

Be sure to point out that the Bible calls the Holy Spirit “He”, indicating that He is a Person, even though He is a Spirit and we cannot see Him with out natural eyes. We need to counteract the influence of such films as “Star Wars” that talk about the ‘force’. The Holy Spirit is not a force or an influence, but a person with personal characteristics and emotions.

MAKE A MOBILE: Cut out 3 dove shapes. Fold each shape in middle. Glue together making a 3 sided mobile. Attach ribbon at the top.
THE PROMISE
Acts 1:1-11, 2:1-6, 41

Before Jesus was crucified on the cross, He told His 12 special friends (disciples) that He would leave them and return to His Father in heaven. He also promised that the Father would send another person called the Holy Spirit and that He would stay with them forever. The disciples must have wondered just what the Holy Spirit was like.

After Jesus died and came back to life, He met with His friends again and they worshipped Him because He had shown His power over sin, hatred and death. Jesus reminded His friends that it was time for Him to return to heaven so that He could prepare a place for them there also. The disciples were really sad and upset but Jesus reminded them of His promise (ask the children to tell you what that promise was—refer to memory verse).

Then an amazing thing happened. Jesus went up into the sky and disappeared into a cloud. The disciples could hardly believe their own eyes! As they stood there in amazement, looking upward, two angels appeared and told the men to go back to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit. The twelve friends were so excited, they could hardly wait. So the disciples obeyed and went back to Jerusalem and other people joined with them as they waited and prayed together.

Ten days went by and then one morning when they were all gathered together in one place, they heard a sound like a roaring wind. It filled the room and above each person’s head, they saw what looked like little tongues of fire. It was the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus promised. He came and filled every person in that room with His presence.

They were so happy, they ran outside and into the city and told all the people about Jesus. They even spoke in different languages and 3,000 people became Christians that day.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit just as He promised
Jesus died and rose again. He ascended into heaven. Two angels said to Jesus' friends to go back to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit.
Who is the Holy Spirit?
Use the code below to work out what Jesus promised

(14: 16, 17)

(22, 1, 20, 26)
MAKE A LITTLE BOOK ABOUT THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Fold the front A4 page in halves, and then in halves again, to make a small 4-page booklet.
2. Colour each picture. Cut around the blue line. Glue the four pictures in numerical order into the booklet.

Jesus rose from the dead and went back to heaven. He sent His Holy Spirit to help us. Luke 24:46-49

The Holy Spirit is God’s gift to help believers live for Him. John 16:7,8,13

When the Holy Spirit fills believers, they speak words they never learned. Acts 2:4

If we love Jesus and want God’s gift, the Holy Spirit can live in us too. Acts 2:38,39
MAKE A 3-SIDED MOBILE

1. Copy the 3 shapes onto A4 card.
2. Cut out shapes and fold on dotted line.
3. Use a pencil to make a hole in the top of each shape.
4. Glue the shapes to each other, back to back.
5. Thread a piece of ribbon through the top.

The Holy Spirit came as Jesus promised and filled the believers with His power
The believers were gathered together praying
Write a few sentences to describe what is happening in each of these pictures. Use the Bible verses to help you.

**John 16:7**

**Acts 2:2**

**Acts 2:3-4**

**Acts 2:11**