

2025

## LESSON FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

(Preschool – First/Second Grade)

**APRIL 21–JUNE 8**

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### Objectives:

- Help children understand what the Pentecost Offering is.
- Teach that God’s love and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for everyone.
- Celebrate that we are all part of God’s beloved community, no matter our age or background.

### Materials:

- Pentecost Offering Coin Boxes
- Pentecost Offering Poster
- Book: “We Are One” by Ysaye M. Barnwell
- Bible (Common English Bible or other child-friendly translation)
- Activity Materials (selected from the Pentecost Offering Activities Sheet)

### Welcome and Introduction

(5 minutes)

**Begin with a warm welcome.**

**Say:**

“Today we’re going to talk about Pentecost! Pentecost is a special day when God sent the Holy Spirit to help everyone know and share God’s love. It reminds us that God’s love is for everyone — young and old, no matter where they live or what they look like.”

**Ask:**

- Have you ever helped someone in need? How did it make you feel?

**Explain:**

“We’re also going to talk about the Pentecost Offering. This is a way we can help children and youth who may not have homes, families, or the same things we do. When we give to the Pentecost Offering, we are helping people feel God’s love!”

**Scripture Story:**

(5 minutes)

**Read Acts 2:1–8, 11b–18 in simple language.**

**Summarize:**

- “On Pentecost, God sent the Holy Spirit to all kinds of people — young and old, women and men, kids and grown-ups. The Spirit helped them share God’s love and speak to each other, even if they spoke different languages!”

**Ask:**

- “What do you think it means that God’s Spirit is for everyone?”

**Book Reading and Discussion**

(10–12 minutes)

**Read “We Are One” by Ysaye M. Barnwell.**

**Encourage Interaction:**

- Pause and ask questions: “Who do you see in the pictures? What are they doing?”
- After reading, ask:
  - “Who are some of the people mentioned in our book?”
  - “Can you name people in your family who are different ages?”

**Discussion:**

“Our Scripture and book talked about people of different ages and from different places. Some of the children helped by the Pentecost Offering don’t have homes or families like you do. But no matter what their family looks like or where they live, everyone is part of God’s beloved community!”

**Spend a few minutes talking about the coin boxes and the poster**

**Pentecost Offering Coin Boxes:** Encourage the children to collect coins for the Pentecost Offering. Explain that these coins help support children and youth who may not have the same resources or families that they have.

**Pentecost Poster:** Look at the Pentecost Offering poster together. Talk about the different people on the poster. Some may be in wheelchairs, some may look different from us, but they are all part of God's beloved community.

**Activities:** Select activities from the Pentecost Offering Activity Sheet to fill out your educational time.

## Closing

Remember, just like the Holy Spirit was poured out on everyone during Pentecost, God's love and the gifts of the Spirit are for everyone. We all belong to God's beloved community — young and old, from all walks of life.

Let's say a prayer together, thanking God for our family, our community, and all the people around the world who are part of God's family.

**Activities are found on the Pentecost Activities Sheet.**



### QUESTIONS?

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