

Teaching point: The Holy Spirit works through us.

Games:

Stomp. A leader stands in front of the children and does an action that everyone must copy, eg stamp feet. One at a time more actions are added to make a sequence, eg stamp and clap. Stamp, clap and jump. Stamp, clap jump and crouch down. Keep adding actions until it is too complicated then start the stomp again maybe with a new leader!

Person in the middle. Form a circle and ask for a volunteer to stand in the middle. Keep passing a ball to each other across the circle until the person in the middle catches it. The last person to throw the ball then becomes the person in the middle.

Relay race. Have an old fashioned team relay race. You could get each child to do a different action ie hop, skip, walk, jump etc...

Introduction: Write a list of problems and answers on two separate sheets. Things like, I'm hungry – *Eat a sandwich*. I can't find my way – *Look at a map*. I'm cold – *Put on a jumper*. I've cut my knee – *Put a plaster on it*. I don't understand my work – *Ask a teacher*. I'm muddy after football – *Have a bath*. I've hurt my friend – *Go and say sorry*. Be as inventive as you like. Cut the two lists up and put the problems in one container and the answers in another. Ask a child to pick out one from each box. Some may make sense but you should get some funny answers!

Story: Acts 3 verses 1 – 10. Tell the story in your own words. This is also on the "On Fire" video or "Shipshapes" both by Scripture Union. Also on the "Holy Spirit" video or DVD.

Memory Verse: "*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord*" Psalm 150 v 6

Write out the verse with each word on a separate piece of paper.

Using drinking straws, have a relay race taking it in turns to suck up a piece and place it on a chair at the other end of the room. The winning team is the one who has all the pieces collected first. Spend time putting them in the right order and learning the verse.

Application: In the game, we thought about some problems we may have and a lot of the answers were not very helpful! (Give some examples). Ask the children what was wrong with the man and what did he ask for. Unable to work and support himself, he thought he needed only money. Jesus knew what he really needed was not money but to be well and be able to work and feel at peace in his spirit. The Holy Spirit worked through Peter and John to heal him. We all face problems some large, some small but Jesus always knows what we really need and how to help us. If possible allow time for people to share how God has helped them.

Song: "Wide and long and high and deep" (Colin Pye 2004 Thankyou Music)

Question Box: Spend a few minutes answering some of the questions from the box. You may need to tell the children that the questions should be about God, Jesus, Christianity etc...

Prayer: Have a time of prayer in a circle. Pass round an object and encourage the children to thank God for an answered prayer or to ask for help.

Resources: Funsheet.