

Theme: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Games:

Pin the tail on the donkey. Take it in turns to be blindfolded and pin the tail to the donkey! (The one you drew earlier!)

Stuck in the mud: One person is “it” and when tagged a player must stand with arms out. To be released, another player runs under their arm. Keep changing the chaser.

Number clumps. Play some lively music, when the music stops, call out a number and the children must get into groups of that number. Anyone out stays back for one turn, then joins in again. Play for a few times ending with the number of children in your group! Include the number three a few times but say they must always be with different children!

Introduction: Mime these actions and ask the children to guess what you are doing and what you are using! *Cutting bread (knife), eating a yoghurt (spoon), writing a letter (pen), phoning a friend (phone), rolling out pastry (rolling pin), playing tennis (tennis racquet) , vacuuming the floor (hoover).*

Story: Acts chapter 2. This is a good dramatic story to tell! It is also on the “On Fire” SU video or “The Visual Bible” version of “The Holy Spirit” which is on video and DVD (bar code number 0467120639. Ask at your Christian bookshop or www.visual-bible.com

Application: Explain that Christians believe that there is one God who is made up of three persons; **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** After Jesus (the Son) went back to heaven to be with God (Father), The Holy Spirit was sent to us to be our Helper. Spend some time talking about the Holy Spirit, how he is part of the Trinity. You could use the “Egg” or Water illustrations. (See object talks) Without one part of the Trinity, God is not complete. When we mimed the actions earlier, it would have been difficult to do them without the correct implement. Without the tail, the donkey was not whole! Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot fully understand the things of God. He is our helper.

Object Talk: Show an egg to the children. Ask what it is! One egg! Crack the egg into a bowl and ask how many parts are there? Three should be the answer! Shell, yolk and white. One egg made up of three parts. God is one God but has three parts!
Water is water but when frozen what is it? Ice, and when boiled is steam but the three are all water!

Memory Verse: “*I will pour out my Spirit on all people*” Acts 2 v 17.

Write out the verse in large letters and cut up into a jigsaw.

Have a relay race with rolled up newspaper and flap the pieces one by one to the end of the room. The first team to assemble the verse correctly is the winner. Then get each team to learn the verse and say it out loud.

Song: “ Ho Ho Holy Spirit (Suzi de Faye 1991 Kingsway’s Thankyou Music).

Question Box: Take a box, paper and pencils and encourage the children to write their questions, put them in the box and say you will answer them next week.

Resources: Funsheet, donkey

Prayer: In one large or several smaller circles, pray round and encourage the children to thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us to understand more about this as we meet week by week.