



### BIBLE STORY

#### Spirit Thing

The Holy Spirit Comes  
at Pentecost  
*Acts 2:1-41*

### MEMORY VERSE

*Let us not become tired  
of doing good. At the  
right time we will  
gather a crop if we  
don't give up.*  
Galatians 6:9 (NIRV)

### LIFE APP

#### Determination

Deciding it's worth it to  
finish what you started.

### KEY QUESTION

What helps you keep  
going?

### BASIC TRUTH

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matter what.

## Activity: Bead Jacks

*Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

**What You Need:** Bouncy balls or ping pong balls, beads

#### What You Do:

- **Gather** everyone in a circle.
- Everyone will play a game similar to the game of "Jacks."
  - **Give** each person 10 beads and a small rubber ball. (Kids can help by counting out their own beads.)
  - **Instruct** everyone to hold the beads in one hand and gently drop the beads in front of them. (*This step is to ensure the beads aren't in a neat pile. The more spread out the beads, the harder it is to pick them up.*)
  - **Challenge** them, using only one hand, to bounce their ball, grab a bead and catch the ball before the ball hits the ground again.
  - *Note: If your floor surface is not conducive to bouncing a ball, do this activity around a table.*
  - When everyone get the hang of picking up one bead at a time, **challenge** them to drop the beads again and pick up two beads simultaneously.
  - **Increase** the challenge each round by increasing the number of beads people pick up in a single bounce of the ball.

#### What You Say:

"Way to show determination and to step up to the challenge by increasing the beads picked up in a single bounce of the ball. Sometimes showing determination is challenging and we need help to keep going. Even adults need to show determination in things they might not get the first time!

*[Make it Personal] (Be prepared to share an example from your own life when you had to show determination.)*

Let's all remember that there is one incredible gift God gave us to help us show determination, the Holy Spirit!

## Mother's Day Bonus Activity

**What You Need:** Blank paper, stickers, crayons, or markers. [You can also print this fun card to decorate at home.](#)

#### What You Say:

"Today is a special day...it's Mother's Day! It's a day where we can show love and thanks to our mom, grandmother, or other ladies that are special to us. Let's use paper, stickers, crayons, or markers to make cards to show our love! The cards will mean so much to them!"



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### Gospel Moment

The Holy Spirit was an amazing gift to the believers. Because of the Spirit, it was possible for the believers to begin the great mission Jesus had given them. They were able to tell SO many people about Jesus, and their work had just begun! God's Holy Spirit is available to us, too. Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God, and because of Jesus, we can have the help of the Holy Spirit all the time!

"From the beginning, God always had a plan to send a Helper. God knew we would need help to feel His love, to follow His ways, and to carry out His mission of sharing His love with the whole world, so He gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. We never have to go alone, because He is always with us!

"Maybe you know someone who faced something difficult and was able to be strong because of the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit, you can keep going, too. If you believe in Jesus, you have the Spirit to help you. You can have determination to keep going and finish what you've started.

### Discussion Questions

- 1) **Encourage** everyone to share about a time they wanted to give up but they didn't. What helped them keep going?
- 2) Read: *But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26, NIRV)*
  - We often talk about how God is with us, but this verse really hammers it home. God is with us via His Holy Spirit; He sent something specific to help us.
  - How does it feel to know that God is with you in a specific and intentional way?
  - What can you do to remember this verse and let it encourage you when you get worn out?
- 3) What current situation are you in right now that you need to access some determination for?

### Prayer

God, we want to be bold! Just like the Holy Spirit helped Peter boldly tell the crowd about Jesus, we need the Spirit to help us. There will be times we will be tired of doing good, there will be times when we need Your help to show determination. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us. Amen.