

Activity: The Fire of the Holy Spirit



**FAMILY TIME
TRAINING**

Teaching Goal: The Holy Spirit draws us to God.

Scriptures: Romans 3:23 ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Romans 7:15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

Acts 2:1-3 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

Philippians 2:12b-13 Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Materials: Glass jar (opening on top smaller than a hardboiled egg; 1 ½ inch opening; such as a Knudson brand apple juice jar)
Peeled, smooth, large hardboiled egg
Matches (wood kitchen matches preferred)

- I. Pray
- II. Play theme song
- III. Review last lesson
- IV. Lesson and discussion

✓ Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. DISCUSSION: Invite a volunteer to read Romans 3:23. **“All” means everyone. You, me...we have all sinned and made bad choices. It is in our nature to do bad things like disobey, be selfish, lie, or make fun of others who are different.** Give examples of times when you made bad choices and sinned. Invite other family members to do the same. Keep the confessions light.

Invite a volunteer to read John 14:26. **When Jesus went back to heaven, He said that God was sending a special teacher, the Holy Spirit, who would be with us always and help us make good choices even when it is not easy to do.**

Have you ever been tempted to make a bad choice and you hear this voice in your head saying, “Don’t do it!” It’s not a voice you hear out loud but you hear the words in your head,

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“You know that is wrong. Don’t do it.” That can be the Holy Spirit guiding you to make good choices.

Whatever the situation, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us make good choices. Share an example of when you heard the Holy Spirit direct you or you asked the Spirit for help. Ask if other family members have examples of hearing from the Holy Spirit or asking the Spirit for help.

B. ACTIVITY: Being inside the bottle represents being in relationship with God. The hardboiled egg represents you and me. Set the egg, point down, on top of the bottle opening. **In the same way the egg is part in the bottle and part outside the bottle...we live partially doing what God wants us to do and partially doing what we want to do instead of what God would have us do. The bad choices we talked about earlier are things keeping us out of relationship with God...represented by the part of the egg outside the bottle.** The Apostle Paul talks about this dilemma. Invite a volunteer to read Romans 7:15.

In the New Testament we hear the Holy Spirit described as flames of fire. Invite a volunteer to read Acts 2:1-3. **The matches represent the Holy Spirit. We are going to strike the match, making a flame and it will draw the egg inside of the bottle. This represents us being drawn by the Holy Spirit into relationship with God.** Light the match, drop it into the bottle, and quickly set the egg on the opening of the jar. The flame will draw the egg into the jar.

Invite a volunteer to read Philippians 2:12-13. **Being in relationship with God is an ongoing process. We need to keep seeking to make good choices. When tempted, ask the Holy Spirit to help us make good choices. And, when we make bad choices, confess them to God and ask for his forgiveness.**

Tip for getting the egg out: Tilt the bottle back so the egg comes down and covers the inside of the opening. Blow into the bottle creating air pressure behind the egg and it will pop out.

Tip for repeating the activity: If you repeat this activity the moisture from the egg may put out the matches. Be sure to dry the inside of the bottle or leave some match stems in the bottom to keep the new matches from hitting the moisture.

V. Close in Prayer

VI. Pass It On. Make an extra copy of this lesson and *pass it on* to another family.