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Joseph & Mary: The Holy Spirit



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Introduction

August comes in with a little twist! Joseph and Mary are the heroes for the month. We will learn beautiful lessons about not giving in to fear, walking by the cross and being led by the Holy Spirit.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- Teach the children to relate to the Holy Spirit.
- Teach the children that miracles come from the Holy Spirit's power.

Lesson Context:

- The story takes place in Israel during the reign of the Roman Empire.
- Mary was a simple and humble woman who became a powerful heroine through the Holy Spirit's intervention.
- Jesus the son of God was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Read in advance:

- Luke 1

Memorize the Word:

How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

Luke 11:13b

This week's Declaration:

The Holy Spirit is my best friend and He lives in me because I believe in Jesus.

Words of the week:

Best Friend



Opening Activity:

Ask the children if they know any husband and wife teams in the Bible.

Say: Today our hero's for the month are husband and wife, Joseph and Mary. We are going to learn from them how to live dependent on the Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer: (Let the children repeat after you)
"Father God, thank You for a new day. Thank You for an opportunity to learn from Your word so I can grow in knowing the Holy Spirit as my best friend. In Jesus name. Amen."

Read the following scriptures



Luke 1:30-33

“Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favour with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

Luke 1:35

“The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ”

Luke 1:38

“38 Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.”

Discussion points:

We can learn some important lesson about the Holy Spirit:

- **We need Him:** Mary had the most important mission of all, being Jesus' mother. But that would have been impossible for her without the help of the Holy Spirit.
A hero knows that they cannot do anything without the help of the Holy Spirit!
- **All power belongs to Him:** The Holy Spirit did an amazing miracle in Mary that defied the impossible because all power belongs to Him
A hero knows that power comes from the Holy Spirit.
- **He is the true hero:** Despite having such an important mission, Mary humbly recognised that she was simply a servant of God.
A hero is humble and willing to serve as the Holy Spirit leads.

Application:

Encourage the children by telling them that the Holy Spirit will always be with them and they can speak to Him anytime, as they do with a friend.

Ask any of the children if they would like prayer to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Tell them that all they need to do is ask and God will give them the gift.

Pray: (let the children pray after you)

Father, thank You for giving me good gifts. Today I ask that You baptise me with the Holy Spirit and help me speak in tongues. Thank You that I can have all this in the name of Jesus, amen

Then lead the children in speaking in tongues.

Declare together:

The Holy Spirit is my best friend and He lives in me because I believe in Jesus.

Lead the kids into applying the blood of Jesus over themselves:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy. The devil has no power over me.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins have been forgiven.
- By the blood of Jesus, I have been cleansed of all my sin, now and continuously.
- By the blood of Jesus, I have been justified. God sees me as if I had never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I have been sanctified and set apart for God. I will do great things for God on this earth.