



The Holy Ghost

Acts 1-5

Objectives:

- Emphasize that we need to listen and obey the spirit.
- Talk about how we can prepare to hear the Holy Ghost.

Reinforces Principles of:

- The Holy Ghost

This Lesson contains 4 activities:

Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule.

Use on Mondays to introduce the topic, or the following Sunday to review.

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity

Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe



Reverence Time

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: “The Still Small Voice”, Children’s Songbook page 106
If you wish to print sheet music or have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<https://www.lds.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/the-still-small-voice>

Prayer:

Scripture Time: Acts 5:32

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Video Clip: Watch a clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library, *Acts 1-7* (The Bible Project). You can find the clip at
<https://www.livingscriptures.com/the-lesson-the-holy-ghost>



Lesson Time

Approximate Time: 10-15 minutes

Lesson

Summary: Before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He promised the Apostles that He would send the Holy Ghost to guide them. On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles were filled with the Holy Ghost. The day of Pentecost was a holiday, and many people had traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate. The Apostles were given the gift of tongues, which means they were able to teach the gospel in the languages of the people listening to them. With the Holy Ghost, Peter and the other Apostles were able to bear powerful testimony of Jesus Christ. Three thousand people were baptized that day.

Later, men who did not believe in Jesus tried to arrest Peter and John. Peter and John were beaten and thrown into prison, but they continued to teach about Jesus. Being filled with the Holy Ghost, they boldly spoke of the mission of Jesus Christ, even when it meant they would be persecuted.

Peter taught that if we repent and are baptized, we can all receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (See Acts 2:38-39.) Through the Holy Ghost, we can know the truth of the gospel, we can be warned of danger, we can be guided, and we can be comforted. It is through the Holy Ghost that Jesus Christ speaks to His Apostles and leads His church today.

Points to Ponder:

How does the Lord speak to us? (Discuss ideas.)

What do we need to do to keep the Holy Ghost with us always? (Discuss ideas.)

How will listening to the Lord affect our lives? (Discuss ideas.)

Why is it important to listen when the Lord speaks to us through the Holy Ghost and/or our church leaders? (Discuss ideas.)

How did Peter and the other Apostles follow the promptings of the Holy Ghost? (Discuss ideas.)

Quote:

“How important it is ... that we do not do anything to lose the Holy Ghost’s gentle persuasions, comfort, peace, and direction. These impressions will help us make the correct choices in life in order to weather the storms and bring us closer to God’s ways.”

Robert D. Hales



Activity Time

Approximate time: 15 minutes

What you need: A copy of the “Prepare to Listen to the Spirit” activity (If desired, print a copy for each of your children), X-acto knife, glue and cardstock.
Optional: self laminating sheet.

Preparation

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Optional: Laminate.
3. Glue all artwork to cardstock.
4. Have an adult cut out puzzle pieces with an exacto knife.
5. Glue board to an additional piece of cardstock.

Activity: (Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

1. Explain: When we listen to the Spirit we are receiving personal revelation. “Receiving personal revelation is not a passive process. ... The Savior spoke of this principle of preparing to receive personal revelation. He shed light on the things that we must do to properly prepare: “It shall come to pass that every soul who forsaketh his sins [repents] and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name [prays], and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments [obeys], shall see my face and know that I am” (D&C 93:1). To properly prepare to receive personal revelation, we must repent, ask through prayer, be obedient, search the scriptures, fast, think pure thoughts, and develop a spirit of reverence.” *L. Lionel Kendrick, Ensign, Sept 1999 © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*
2. Children’s Songbook #108 “Seek the Lord Early.” If you wish to have an online music file to accompany you visit: <http://www.lds.org/cm>



3. Ask: How did the Apostles prepare to receive the Holy Ghost? (See Acts 1:14, 24 and discuss ideas.)
4. Ask: Why is it important to listen to the Spirit? Why is it important to obey what the Spirit tells us? (Discuss ideas.)
5. While you put the puzzle together discuss why doing each of these things prepares us to listen to the Spirit and receive personal revelation.
6. Relate and bear testimony of receiving personal revelation and how the Spirit has helped you in your life.

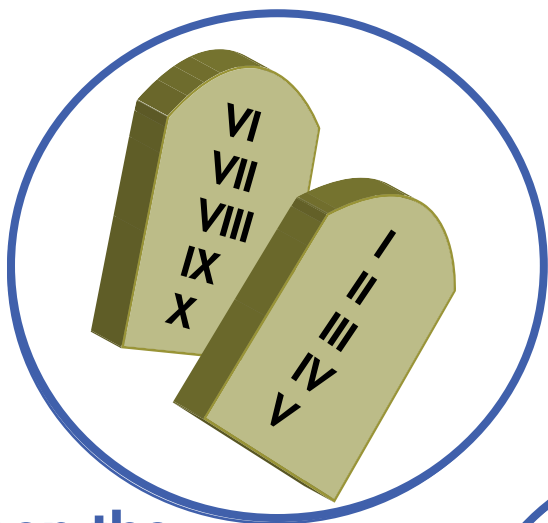
"...Repentance
bringeth a
change of heart..."
Helaman 15:7

Repent

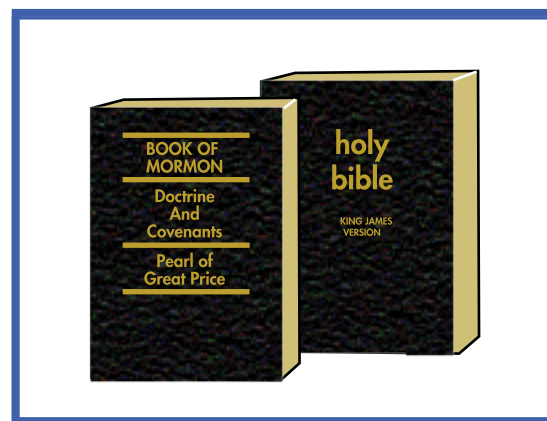
**Prepare
to Listen
to the
Spirit**



**Ask
through Fasting & Prayer**



**Keep the
Commandments**



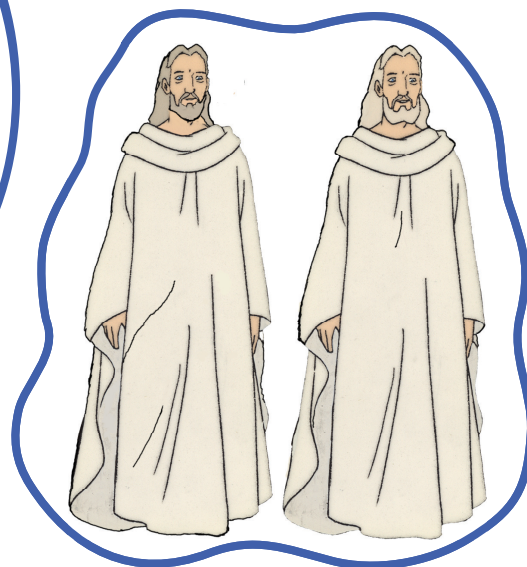
**Search the
Scriptures**



**Develop a
Spirit of Reverence**

Pure
thoughts!

**Think Pure
Thoughts**



**Receive
Personal Revelation**



Treat Time

Approximate Time: 45 minutes

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Chill Time: 10–20 minutes

Bake Time: 8-10 minutes

“H ‘ear’ and Obey Cookies”

- 1 C. butter
- 1 1/2 C. sugar
- 1 Large egg
- 2 Tbsp. dark corn syrup or molasses
- 1 Tbsp. water
- 3 1/4 C. flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp. ground cloves



Cream the butter and sugar until light. Add the egg, corn syrup and water blending well. Sift the dry ingredients together and add to the butter mixture. Chill the dough for approximately 10-20 minutes.

Treat Time: Give each child a two 1 inch balls of dough. Roll balls of dough in sugar and then form into the shape of ears (see diagram).
Bake, on ungreased cookie sheets,
in a preheated 350 degree F. oven
for 8 to 10 minutes.



While the cookies bake read and discuss Acts 2:37. What does it mean to feel “pricked in [our] heart” when someone is teaching the gospel? Why is it important to ask ourselves, “What shall we do?” when we feel this way? How does this help us hear and obey?

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.