



Play and Pray

SESSION 5

Play Prompt

Bible inspiration: Acts 2

Hello everyone, this is our last week of play and pray. You can check our Kids Church Online or if you are 3 or older book to come to our Kids Church in the building.

This week we are thinking about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit guides us and gives us ways of being more like Jesus. We can talk to the Holy Spirit anywhere!

When the Holy Spirit first came to Jesus' followers and friends - it looked like little flames of fire rested on their heads!

This week, I wonder if can use something red - a t shirt, fabric, toy even a fire engine to imagine if you were there at Pentecost and the holy spirit falling on you!

Give it a go!

Time to play!

Qs you could explore together

Tip: Don't use them all! Follow the natural flow of the play

What do you think Jesus' friends were thinking?

What do you think it might sound like?

Has the Holy Spirit ever helped you?

Prayer for after or during play

Thank you Jesus that you gave us The Holy Spirit. Thank you that just like the flames that came on the friends of Jesus, in those times, the Holy Spirit is with us right now. Help us to listen to The Holy Spirit and ask for help so we can be more like you. Amen

Play & Pray: Notes for Parents

What is Play and Pray?

Play and pray is our series which uses God's gift of play to connect with our children and explore God together using toys! You can use any kind of toy really. There are two ways you can do it.

Option 1) is to watch the prompt video with your child and play together

Option 2) is to print out the session sheet, pop it wherever you keep your toys, and use it whenever you get a moment alone with your child - waiting for the dinner to cook, after a busy day at work or early in the morning when your mind isn't quite in gear. It works for anytime. All you need is a willingness to play, some toys and 10 minutes of your undivided attention.

Principles of Play and Pray

- **There is no wrong way to play!**

Let your child take this prompt in their own direction, remember that they might use this play opportunity and our undivided attention to bring up something that is worrying them or an idea they have been mulling over - that's fine. In fact it's great as we get to pray for the very things that are on the minds of our children. Praise God!

- **You can use any toys**

I'm using lego here but you can use anything really - playmobile, duplo, dolls, animals - even cars!

- **God's works through play too**

Take a second before you play with your child to commit the time to God. Some days your child might want to pray with you, other times they might be resistant. We don't need to force anything. We can ask the Holy Spirit to be at work in our play. I believe when we dedicate time to explore God through play that He speaks to us and our children. He is a God of play and He embraces when children come to him as children at play. This is a pressure free zone. It's a time to find joy in exploring God together.