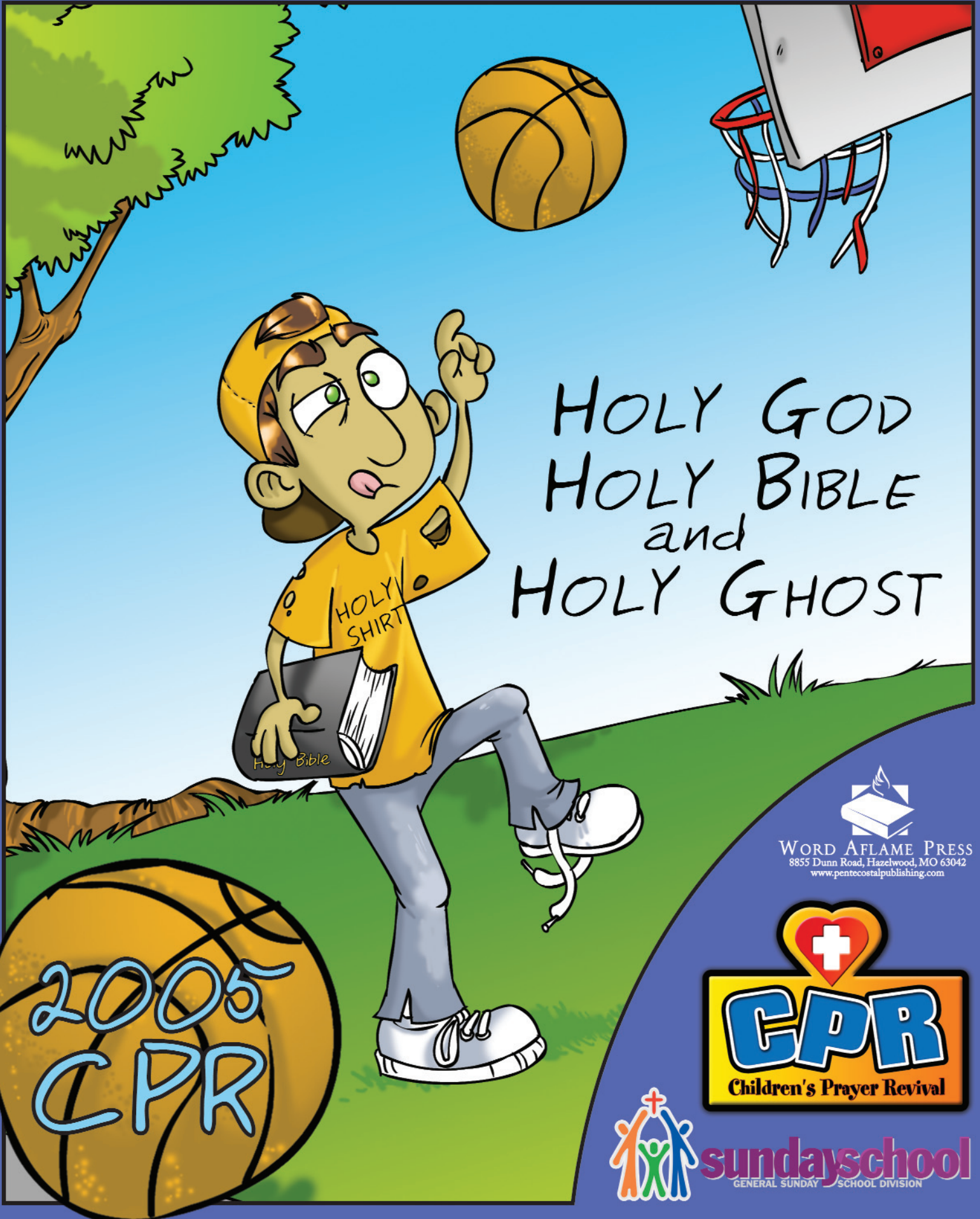


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Service One: God Is Holy

Bible Verse: Psalm 145:17

Scripture Text: Psalm 99

Power Line: God is holy.

Objective: To identify what makes God holy and to define how His holiness impacts us.

Supply List

- Worship CD/player, instruments
- Remote microphone or recording for God's voice
- Inflated balloons
- Posterboard
- Shirt with big holes in it

Before the Session

- Recruit a teenaged boy to be Alonzo for all three services. Alonzo should come across as a cool kid, not too bright, but sincere in his search for God. Give him a copy of the scripts.
- Inflate fifteen balloons and write one word of the Bible verse on each balloon. Attach the balloons to a board or other stable background.
- On three big pieces of posterboard write the words *honest, just, pure*—one word per posterboard.
- Cut or tear big holes in an old shirt that is big enough for Alonzo to wear.
- Print the words to the worship songs on a flipchart, posterboard, or overhead.

Schedule

I. POWER of Worship

- A. Praise Generators: “Holy, Holy, Holy,” “Shout to the Lord”
- B. Offering
- C. Testimony: Look What the Lord Has Done
- D. POWER Line: God is holy
- E. Truth Conductor: Alonzo’s Prayer

II. POWER of the Word

- A. Energy Outlet: Bible Memorization
- B. Illustrated Sermon
- C. Game: Who Am I?
- D. Skit: Alonzo’s Predicament
- E. Invitation and Prayer
- F. Spirit Generator: “Holy is the Lord”

POWER of Worship

Praise Generators

Choose upbeat worship songs that speak of God’s holiness and sovereignty (e.g. “Holy, Holy, Holy,” “Shout to the Lord”). Allow time for children or leaders to testify about what God has done for them.

Ask children if anyone knows what you mean when you say, “God is holy.” Show children how to say, “God is holy” in sign language. *God*--hold fingers on one hand straight up, thumb on palm; move the hand down from forehead to chin in a smooth

motion (palm should be facing left). *Holy*--fold ring finger and pinkie of right hand to palm with thumb; lay hand across the palm of your other hand, then unfold fingers and flatten the palm of your right hand on top of the left hand and slide off (like an airplane take off). Use the sign language frequently throughout the service to reinforce that God is holy.

Alonzo comes to the front and kneels down to pray. Position someone behind the children with a cordless microphone or a recording of a voice saying, "I am holy." Voice should start off softly and increase in volume each time the words are spoken.

Alonzo: Lord, You know there sure are a lot of sinners around here.

Voice of God: *(softly)* **I am holy.**

Alonzo: Some of those sinners were lookin' at me kind of funny, Lord. You saw them! One of them whispered to another one, and then they both looked at me and laughed. I know they are sinners!

Voice of God: **I am holy.**

Alonzo: Looks up. Yeah . . . I bet they do a lot of other stuff, too.

Voice of God: **I am holy.**

Alonzo: Looks around, puts his finger in his ear and wiggles it. They probably never go to church or pray. . . .

Voice of God: **I am holy.**

Alonzo: Gets up. Pipe down, will ya! I'm tryin' to talk to the Lord here. It ain't right to interrupt people when they're prayin'!

Voice of God: **I am holy.**

Alonzo: **You are holy? Is that You, Lord?** (*Looks out at the audience.*) **It must be the Lord, 'cause I sure don't know anyone here who is holy. What's You being holy got to do with anything, Lord?**

Teacher enters. **Maybe we can help you out there, Alonzo. First, we'll look to the Bible to see if we can better understand what being holy is.**

POWer of the Word

Bible Memorization

“The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works” (Psalm 145:17).

Point out the Bible verse on the balloons. Repeat the verse a few times with the children, then select a child to come up and pop one of the balloons with a tack or straight pin. Ask for a volunteer who thinks he can say the verse and supply the missing word. If he can supply the missing word, he gets to pop a balloon. Continue allowing volunteers who can complete the verse until all of the words are used up.

So, the Lord is holy in everything He does. To find out what holiness is, we need to look at what it is that God does.

Illustrated Sermon

Truth Conductor: Holy or Hole-y?

Alonzo gets back in front again and makes a big deal of putting on a shirt (puts his arm in the wrong sleeve, buttons it up wrong, etc.).

Teacher: **Alonzo, what are you doing?**

Alonzo: **I'm puttin' on my shirt.**

Teacher: **I see that, but you already have a shirt. Why are you putting on another one?**

Alonzo: **Because this is my holy shirt. See—it's got a big hole here** (*points out hole*) **and here and here. I want to be holy—like the Lord.**

Teacher: **Alonzo, I think you've got the wrong idea about holy. You better pay attention while we find out what being holy means.**

Show the three posterboards and explain what the words mean.

- **Honest** is telling the truth.
- **Just** is being fair.
- **Purity** is always wanting what is good.

Divide audience into three sections (the honest section, the just section, and the pure section). Ask a helper to hold the corresponding sign in front of its section. Instruct each section in what they will say and do according to the description below. Proceed with the chant, going in order through all the 1s, then 2s, ending with the 3s. Lead in the chant.

Honest section says: "I cannot tell a lie," and points to self.

1. When you could avoid trouble if your mom never found out . . . (section responds).
2. When you could blame your friend and never get caught . . . (section responds).
3. When Jesus could have made people like Him by saying what they wanted Him to say, He said . . . (section responds).

Just section says: "*You* deserve it!" and points to others.

1. When you've had the most pizza and there's only one piece left . . . (section responds).
2. When you've played the game all afternoon and someone else wants a turn . . . (section responds).
3. When Jesus beat the devil and threw him into hell, He said . . . (section responds).

Pure section says: "I wouldn't think of it!" and shakes head back and forth.

1. When you could steal something and no one would ever know . . . (section responds).
2. When you could get back at somebody for what they did to you . . . (Section responds)
3. When Jesus could have used His power to avoid the pain of dying for us, He said . . . (section responds).

Do you know anyone who is honest, merciful, and pure all the time? The Bible tells us that only God can be holy all the time in every situation because He is the only One who has no sin. This makes Him different than anyone else. When we say God is holy, we recognize who He is apart from all others.

Game: *Who am I?*

Divide into teams or call individual contestants. When making clues, avoid physical descriptions and try to speak to what a person is.

1. "I love fruity cereal and I'm always trying to play tricks so I can get some from kids. The kids call me silly." (Trix rabbit)

2. Give clues for a popular sports star.
3. Give clues for your pastor or Sunday school teacher.
4. Give clues for another central figure for your children.
5. Last clue: "I am honest, just and pure all the time. I am holy." (God)

Invitation and Prayer

Ask Alonzo to come to the front.

Teacher: **Alonzo, what were you praying at the beginning of class?**

Alonzo: **Hmmm . . . let me think. Oh yeah, I know. I was tellin' the Lord about all the sinners around here** (*looks out at the children*), **people who tell lies and are mean and make fun of me.**

Teacher: **What did the Lord say to you?**

Alonzo: **He said, "I am holy." Well, He didn't say *I* am holy; He said that *He* was holy. Everybody knows I'm not very holy, but** (*snickers*) **my shirt sure is hole-y!**

Teacher: **Alonzo! Why do you think the Lord wanted you to know that He is holy?**

Alonzo: **You got me!**

Teacher: **God reminded you that He is holy because He wants you to know that we have hope!**

Whatever is going on and however bad things are, we know God is holy and He is in charge. When things look ugly, we can cry holy! When bad things happen, we can cry holy! It doesn't mean we'll never *feel* sad, or angry, or frustrated, but even when we are, we can remember that the things causing those yucky feelings are never from God. We know who He is. He is honest, just, and pure and so He wants

the best for us. We also cry holy when things are good because we know all good things come from Him. He cares about us even though we do things that don't always please Him. The Bible tells us that even when we were the worst we could ever be, Jesus came to die for us.

Alonzo, can you say the Bible verse from the balloons? *(Let Alonzo try and make a mess of it. Allow children to say the verse.)* **Jesus had the power to do whatever He wanted, but He thought of you and decided you were worth dying for. He looked out and saw you** *(insert specific children's names)* **and thought, "That's My precious child that I love and I am willing to die for his sins."**

When Jesus forgives you of your sins, you can live forever in heaven, the most beautiful and amazing place you can imagine. Do you know what the Bible says those in heaven do when they see Jesus? They bow before His throne and say, "Holy, Holy, Holy." Let's do that right now.

If you want to get rid of the sin and ugly things in your life, you can pray right now and ask the Lord to help you be holy.

Lead children in prayer. Encourage repentance and promote worship. Sing "Holy is the Lord."

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Service Two: The Holy Bible

A holy God gives His holy Word to help us live a holy life.

Bible Verse: Psalm 119:105

Scripture Text: Psalm 119:1-11

Power Line: God's Word is holy.

Objective: to understand how God's Word helps us to be holy.

Supply List

- Worship CD/player, instruments
- Large Bible or book with BIBLE written on it
- Chair
- 3 signs from last week's lesson (honest, just, pure)
- Map, flashlight, mirror, cookbook/recipe, owner's manual
- Phone or ringer

Before the Session

- Give Alonzo a copy of the script for the skit.
- Prepare for the object lesson.
- Print words to the songs on posterboard or overhead.

Schedule

I. POWER of Worship

- A. Praise Generators: "The B-i-b-l-e," "Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet"

- B. Offering
- C. Testimony: God's Word is true.
- D. POWER Line: God's Word is holy
- E. Truth Conductor: Alonzo Prays Again
- F. Review: Definition of Holy

II. POWER of the Word

- A. Energy Outlet: Sword Drill
- B. Illustrated Sermon
 - Object Lesson: The Word is like . . .
- C. Invitation and Prayer

POWER of Worship

Praise Generators

Choose songs that are familiar to or easily learned by your audience. Include songs about the Bible (The B-i-b-l-e, Read Your Bible, Pray Everyday," "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet," etc.). Allow time for children or leaders to testify about how God's Word has affected their lives.

Truth Conductor

Alonzo comes to the front, kneels at a chair, and begins to pray.

Alonzo: Well, Lord, I'm glad I learned that You are holy. I really do want to know more about You.

At this point, have someone lightly tap Alonzo on the head with a Bible, then lay it down beside him.

Alonzo: *(looks down)* **What's this? Oh, the Bible, right.** *(Places the Bible on the chair.)*

Well, Lord, like I was saying . . . tell me more about Yourself.

Telephone rings. Alonzo gets up, answers the phone and sits down on the Bible. Annoyed, he pulls it out from under him and lays it on the floor.

Alonzo: **Oh, hey Jo-Jo. Naw, I'm not busy. What's happenin'?** Naw, I can't go to Bible study tonight. I'm shootin' some hoops with some of my buddies from school. You know, I'm tryin' to tell them about the Lord. What do you mean—what do I know about the Lord? I've been askin' Him to tell me stuff. I found out He's holy. Yeah. Okay. Talk to you later.

Gets up, hangs up the phone, and trips over the Bible. Picks it up and acts like it is a basketball—pretends to dribble it and shoot a basket. Lays it back down on the chair. Phone rings again. Alonzo answers the phone and sits down on the Bible again. Pulls it out from under him and puts it on the floor. Uses it for a foot stool.

Alonzo: **Hey, man! What's up?** *(Pauses)* Nope, haven't done much today. Well, I prayed a little bit. I've been askin' the Lord to show me more about Himself, but so far I haven't seen much. But I'll keep tryin'. Why don't you come over—I got a new video game. Yeah. See you later.

Gets up, hangs up the phone, and trips over the Bible. Annoyed, Alonzo picks up the Bible and acts like he is going to throw it—

Teacher: **Wait!** *Takes the Bible away from Alonzo.*

The Bible is God’s holy book. Who remembers what the three parts of holiness are?” (Have children recall and bring signs out again: Honest, Just, and Pure.)

The Word of God is honest, just, and pure. Everything we know about God, we learn from His book. That’s why it’s important to read the Bible. Do you believe it’s honest, just, and pure?”

POWER of the Word

Energy Outlet

Sword Drill—hot potato style. Form one or more circles depending on the number of children you have. Children pass the Bible around the circle until music stops or the leader says, “Stop!” The leader calls out a Bible verse and student reads it. To expedite the game and to help students who would have a hard time finding the verses, premark the Scriptures or position helpers to aid in looking up and reading the Scriptures.

Use the following Scriptures.

- **John 17:17** “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is *truth*.” (It is honest.)
- **II Timothy 3:16** “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in *righteousness*.”
(Righteousness is the same word as just. It is just.)
- **Proverbs 30:5** “Every word of God is *pure*: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.” (It is pure.)

Stop after these first three and reiterate how these show the Bible’s holiness. Then continue with the following Scriptures as time allows. Be sure to use Psalm 119:105.

- **Luke 11:28** “But he said, ‘Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.’”
- **Romans 10:17** “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- **Ephesians 6:17** “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”
- **Psalms 119:89** “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”
- **Psalms 119:11** “Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee.”
- **Psalms 119:105** “Thy word is lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.”

What are some things these verses tell us about the Bible? Solicit responses.

Truth Conductor

Set out the map, flashlight, mirror, recipe book, and owner’s manual. Hold up the items one at a time. **How are these items like the Word of God?** Allow children to respond; add explanation to show how the Word of God helps us find our way, discover God, see our need for change, have successful lives, etc.

We learned last week that “The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works” (Psalm 145:17). The Bible says that the Scriptures testify of Jesus—or tell what He is like (John 5:39). If we want to know more about the Lord, we have to read His Word. Do you think there’s anyone in this room who needs to hear this?
Try to lead them to recall the person praying earlier. **Alonzo wanted to know more**

about God. Where should he have been looking? God reveals Himself to us through His holy Word.

Invitation and Prayer

God's Word tells us what He is like, how to be saved, and how to live a holy life. God's holy Word tells us we need to repent of our sins, be baptized in Jesus' name, and that He will fill us with His Holy Spirit. If you would like to know the Lord better, obey His Word today. Allow children to pray.

Sing "Thy Word Is Lamp unto My Feet."

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Service Three: The Holy Ghost

A holy God gives His holy Word and His Holy Spirit to help us live a holy life.

Bible Verse: Acts 1:8

Scripture Text: Acts 2:1-4, 38-39; I Peter 1:16

Power Line: God gives the Holy Ghost

Objective: To understand how the Holy Ghost helps us live a holy life.

Supply List

- Worship CD/player, instruments
- Large Bible or book with BIBLE written on it
- Dry cell battery, flashlight bulb, insulated copper electrical wire (two 6-inch pieces, one 12-inch piece)

Before the Session

- Give Alonzo a copy of the script for the skit.
- Prepare for the object lesson.
- Print words to the songs on posterboard or overhead.

Schedule

I. POWER of Worship

- A. Praise Generators: "Victory is Mine", "Every Move I Make"
- B. Offering
- C. Testimony: I've Got that Holy Ghost

- D. POWER Line: God gives the Holy Ghost
- E. Truth Conductor: Alonzo Prays for Power
- F. Review: Definition of Holy

II. POWER of the Word

- A. Object Lesson: The Holy Ghost gives us power.
- B. Illustrated Sermon
- C. Invitation and Prayer

POWER of Worship

Incorporate songs about the Holy Spirit or victory (“Victory is Mine,” “Every Move I Make,” “I’ve Got the Holy Ghost,” etc.) Ask a few children who have received the Holy Ghost to testify about how and when they received the Holy Ghost.

Truth Conductor: Alonzo Prayers for Power

Alonzo praying with his Bible beside him. Opens it and reads I Peter 1:16 aloud.

Alonzo: Whoa! I thought only God is holy! Is this calling me to be holy too? Lord, I’m really learning so much about You and everything I read keeps showing me how holy You are and how unholy I am! I read in Your Word that You want me to pray for my enemies. Some of them are real mean! I don’t think I can do that, Lord. And another thing, Lord, I read in Your Word that You want me to forgive those who do me wrong. Whooeee! Jumps up. I just don’t think I can be that holy!

Teacher: What’s the problem, Alonzo?

Alonzo: Well, according to the Bible, God’s holy Word, the Lord wants me to be holy and I don’t think I can be.

Teacher: **And you're right, Alonzo, you can't be holy—you need help!**

Alonzo: **I need more than help.**

Teacher: **Yes, Alonzo, you need the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will give you the power to live a holy life. We have learned that only God is holy, and the only way we can be holy is if He comes and lives inside of us. That's the Holy Ghost--God's power living in us, helping us to live a life that is holy.**

POWER of the Word

Truth Conductor: Object Lesson

You will need the battery, light bulb, and copper wire. Tell the children that God is the battery and we are the light bulb. The Holy Ghost is the wire that puts God's power in our lives. Make a circuit with the wire from the poles of the battery to the light bulb. (Cut three pieces of insulated copper electrical wire into two 6-inch pieces and one 12-inch piece. Strip the plastic insulation off the ends of each piece of wire to expose the copper wire. Wrap one end of the 12-inch wire and one end of a 6-inch wire around each of the poles on a dry cell battery. Wrap the free end of the 6-inch wire and one end of the remaining 6-inch wire around the base of a flashlight bulb. Practice the procedure before presenting to the class.)

Illustrated Sermon

When Jesus was with His disciples, He promised them something special. He called it "the promise of the Father." It was to come from God.

This promise was not just to the twelve disciples, but to everyone who believed on Jesus. Raise your hand if you believe in Jesus. Then Jesus' promise is to you.

Ask a student to read Acts 1:8. **Jesus promised His followers that when they received the Holy Ghost, they would receive power.**

Read Acts 2:1-4 dramatically. Ask students to be the wind and the sound.

When the Holy Ghost came on the Day of Pentecost, first there was the sound of wind, then there was that which looked like fire. Wind and fire are both powerful. But they were only symbols of the Holy Ghost—the most powerful force on earth!

Invitation and Prayer

The promise of the Holy Ghost did not stop with Jesus' disciples. It is for us, too. "You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost comes on you." You can have the power to live a holy life.

If you need the Holy Ghost in your life, repent, and tell Jesus you are sorry for your sins. Begin to praise the Lord and let Him fill you with His power.

Invite the children to pray. If there are children in the service who already have the Holy Ghost, encourage them to get re-charged with the Holy Ghost.

Sing "Welcome Holy Spirit," "Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome," or "I've Got the Holy Ghost."