

PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON

OPEN HEAVENS 3 - Senior

Lesson 3: Fire from Heaven
Text: Acts 1:6-8, 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Central Truth: Power is available for us.
Memory Verse: Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."

GETTING STARTED

1. The children will greet or say words in their own language or a language they know. **OR**
2. The teacher will mention words in various languages and the students will take turns to touch whatever has been mentioned. **OR**
3. The children will talk about superheroes or powerful cartoon characters they know. The teacher can add one and explain, for example Popeye the sailor getting his power from spinach.

INTRO

Four people will read and act the skit "Powerful" The children will discuss their understanding of what they had heard.

THE WORD

Jesus gave the disciples a promise (actually, many promises) about not leaving them alone with nothing. He promised that the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, Teacher, Helper, etc would come and be with them. He promised that when the Holy Ghost makes his appearance, they will be endued with power from on high.

On the day of Pentecost, 50 days after Jesus arose, the disciples were together when the Holy Ghost came down and impacted their lives. What was seen by those present were flames of fire on people. (Of course no one got burnt.) Also some of the disciples spoke in languages they had not learnt. You can imagine an Igbo boy who had not learnt Hausa saying something in Hausa such that an Hausa boy understands what he is saying. Or a Yoruba girl who had not learnt Japanese saying something in Japanese such that a Japanese girl understands what she is saying. Such is what happened on the day of Pentecost.

It is worthy to note that something similar has happened after that time. A missionary will be in a particular place making use of an interpreter, but on that particular day, the missionary thinking that he was just speaking in tongues, would actually be talking about Jesus in the language of the people.

There are times when people will speak in an unknown tongue, and then either they or someone else in the congregation will interpret what was said. There are times when those of us baptized in the Holy Ghost will speak in the unknown tongues, empowered by the Spirit of God in us. Many at times we don't know what we are saying, but power goes forth.

With the gifts of the Holy Spirit manifesting in our church and our nation, a lot of great things happen. The gifts of the Spirit are **(Gifts of Revelation)** The Word of Wisdom, The Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits, **(Gifts of Inspiration)** Prophecy, Divers Kinds of Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, **(Gifts of Power)** The Gift of Faith, The Gift of Healing, and The Working of Miracles. *Charles and Frances Hunter – Gift of Healing, Bishop Idahosa – Discerning of Spirits; George Müller – Gift of Faith.*

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."

SONG – WE'VE GOT THE POWER (chorus of a hymn)

We've got the power in the name of Jesus
We've got the power in the name of the Lord
Though Satan rages, we cannot be defeated
We've got the power in the name of the Lord.

AT OUR LEVEL



- How many languages can you speak fluently? How about saying a few sentences in that language? What are the languages?
- If you were to learn a language now (It can be one you have started learning before, what language would that be? Why did you pick that language?)
- Are you baptized in the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues? Are you born again?
- Do you know of any example of where someone demonstrated any of the gifts of the Spirit? If yes, share.

CONFESSION



I am blessed. I am intelligent. I am strong. I am whole. I am under open heavens. I depend on the Holy Spirit. I receive direction from him. I receive strength from him. I receive help from him. My life is a blessing to people around me. I preach the gospel of Christ. People get saved. People receive answers to their prayers. I increase in all areas of my life. I am a living testimony of God's goodness and faithfulness. Alleluia.

REVISION

1. Who is a disciple of God?
2. When did the Holy Ghost come down?
3. Mention two manifestations of the Open Heavens on the day of Pentecost.
4. The memory verse for today's lesson is _____
5. How many gifts of the Spirit are there? Name them.
6. Mention the couple in our study today who demonstrated the gifts of healing.

ACTIVITY

Two sets or three sets of children will arm wrestle. Each pair will be relatively balanced in strength.

CLOSING

Conclude and pray.

PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON

OPEN HEAVENS 3 - Junior

Lesson 3: Fire from Heaven
Text: Acts 1:6-8, 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Central Truth: Power is available for us.
Memory Verse: Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer ... with thanksgiving."

GETTING STARTED

1. The children will do their arms as if they were flexing, showing off their muscles. They will talk about super heroes such as Superman, Spiderman, Wonder Woman. **OR**
2. The teacher will greet in several languages and ask them what was said. The teacher will also say words like please and thank you in several languages. **OR**
3. The students will say what they know about fire.

THE WORD

Jesus gave the disciples a promise (actually, many promises) about not leaving them alone with nothing. He promised that the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, Teacher, Helper, etc would come and be with them. He promised that when the Holy Ghost makes his appearance, they will be endued with power from on high.

One day the disciples were together when the Holy Ghost came down and impacted their lives. What was seen by those present were flames of fire on people. (Of course no one got burnt.) Also some of the disciples spoke in languages they had not learnt. You can imagine an Igbo boy who had not learnt Hausa saying something in Hausa such that an Hausa boy understands what he is saying. Or a Yoruba girl who had not learnt Japanese saying something in Japanese such that a Japanese girl understands what she is saying. Such is what happened on the day of Pentecost.

There are times when people will speak in an unknown tongue, and then either they or someone else in the congregation will interpret what was said. There are times when those of us baptized in the Holy Ghost will speak in the unknown tongues, empowered by the Spirit of God in us. Many at times we don't know what we are saying, but power goes forth. With the gifts of the Holy Spirit manifesting in our church and our nation, a lot of great things happen.

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer ... with thanksgiving."

SONG – WE'VE GOT THE POWER (chorus of a hymn)

We've got the power in the name of Jesus
We've got the power in the name of the Lord
Though Satan rages, we cannot be defeated
We've got the power in the name of the Lord.

AT OUR LEVEL

- What language do you speak in school?
- What is your mother tongue?
- Who gives us power to do great things?
- Do you believe in God?

CONFESSION

I am blessed. I am smart. I am strong. I am well. I am under open heavens. I depend on the Holy Spirit. I tell people about the love of God. People get saved. People sees God's hand in my life. Alleluia.

REVISION

1. God the _____ gives us power to do great things for God.
2. The memory verse for today's lesson is _____
3. What bright thing did people see when the Holy Spirit came to their midst?
4. What did the people hear when the Holy Spirit came to their midst?
5. Mention one other name for the Holy Spirit.

ACTIVITY

Some of the children will take turns to carry a very light object. Then some of them will try to carry an object that they cannot carry by themselves. They will then be paired to carry that object. *(The Holy Spirit helping us to do things.)*

CLOSING

Conclude and pray.