

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 201: THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
JOHN 7:37-39

The last day of the festival came. It was the most important day. On that day Jesus stood up and said loudly, "Whoever is thirsty may come to me and drink. If anyone believes in me, rivers of living water will flow out from their heart. That is what the Scriptures say." Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit. The Spirit had not yet been given to people, because Jesus had not yet been raised to glory. But later, those who believed in Jesus would receive the Spirit.

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“He who believes in me, as the Scriptures have said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water. (But He spoke about the Spirit, which they who believed in Him received later; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*; because Jesus was not glorified yet).” **JOHN 7:38-39**

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MEMORY VERSE:

"...Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty let him come to Me and drink."
JOHN 7:37

Review Questions

True or False

1. Jesus stood up and said loudly, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."
2. The last day of this great feast was the most important day.
3. Jesus said, "Whoever believes in Me, out of his lake will flow rivers of living water. That is what the scriptures say."
4. Jesus was not talking about the Holy Spirit, because He had not been given to men yet.
5. Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, and later, those who believed in Jesus would receive the Holy Spirit.

Questions

1. What day of the great festival did Jesus talk about the Holy Spirit? Was it the most important day – the last day?
2. What did Jesus say about people who are thirsty? Where could they come and get a drink?
3. After those who are thirsty come to Jesus and drink, what would happen from their hearts? Would rivers of living _____ flow from their hearts?
4. When Jesus talked about the Holy Spirit, had the Spirit been given to people yet?
5. Why wasn't the Holy Spirit given to the people yet? Was it because Jesus hadn't been raised to _____ yet?

Lesson 201 Activity

YOU'RE INVITED!

Make “telephones” with two small paper cups and string. Poke a small hole in the bottom of each cup and thread the string through, knotting it large enough that it will not come out. Have the children “call” each other and invite them to come to Jesus and be filled with living water. (Sound will travel through the string as long as it is taut and not touching any other objects.)

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

THIRSTY THEO GETS FILLED

Cut out two “men” from a sponge. Put each in a pie tin or cake pan. Explain that one, Thirsty Theo, wanted to be a good Christian boy but did not really know how. He tried to act like other Christians, but he was still dry and thirsty (drop a drop of water on Theo with an eye dropper). He tried to learn at church, but he was still dry and thirsty (drop a drop of water on Theo). He tried to do good deeds, but he was still dry and thirsty (drop a drop of water on Theo). Finally he read John 7:37-38, and he asked Jesus to fill him (pour water from a cup all over Theo). He was so filled that he got all of his friends wet too (squeeze him over the other sponge man). – IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SPONGE, YOU CAN USE A PAPER TOWEL FOLDED SEVERAL TIMES, THEN CUT IN THE SHAPE OF A MAN – MAKE SURE YOU MAKE TWO!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer thanking the Lord that [Jesus satisfies our thirsty spirits](#). Be sure to give opportunity to those children who have not yet responded to the gospel, to do so.