

# EXALTING GOD

## FOCUS

The Holy Spirit helps us exalt Jesus, our Savior and King.

## TODAY'S TIP

Encourage adults to become listeners for your students verse memorization.

It will be a blessing to them as well as the child.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Poster board for each student with copy of hot air balloon on it
- Heavy paper for strip patterns
- Black & colored markers
- Black pens / Scissors / String

### *For Opening Activity*

- Balloon for each student
- *For Intro To the Story*
- Pair of gloves

## **1 WELCOME & SINGING**

- Welcome guests & take attendance.
- Make announcements.
- Sing songs relating to story topic.
- Take prayer requests and pray.

## **2 OPENING ACTIVITY**

The Holy Spirit lives in the hearts of people that are Christians. We can't see the Holy Spirit, or hear Him with our ears, but He has other ways to let us know He is there. One important thing He does is to help us glorify or exalt God the Father, and Jesus.

I've brought balloons to class today to help understand the work of the Holy Spirit. Let's look at the balloons first. What good is a balloon when it is flat? These are now? They are flat, wrinkled, and useless but become useful when we blow them up. Blow out the balloons and have the children blow them up and either knot them or tie them to a string.

Let's pretend the air inside the balloons is like the Holy Spirit in a Christian. Before the Holy Spirit comes into our lives we are just like a balloon with no air. We simply can't do God's work without having the Holy Spirit to help us. And we really can't praise and glorify God with all our hearts. *Have the students put the balloons aside now.*

## **3 INTRO TO THE STORY**

*You will need the gloves for this part of the lesson.*

What good is a pair of gloves, if I just lay them down on the table? They are worthless unless they are on a pair of hands. *Put the gloves on and wiggle your fingers in them.* Without the Holy Spirit, we are just as worthless as a pair of gloves lying on the table. The Holy Spirit helps us to praise God and doing other kinds of work for Him.

## **4 MEMORY VERSE**

I exalt you, my God the King;  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Psalm 145:1**



## **7 CRAFT ACTIVITY - Lift Jesus Higher Balloon**

Before class, make a copy of the hot air balloon on the following page on white poster board for each student. Also, make several strips of heavy paper that are 2 1/2" long and 3/8" wide to be used as patterns.

During class, students should outline each stripe of the balloon with a black marker, as well as the strings going down to the basket. Color each stripe of the balloon a different color. Color the part with the words in a light color. The basket should be colored, but not the area right above it, as this is air. Now, have students cut out the balloons. Students should use a paper punch to make one hole at the top of the balloon and three at the bottom of the basket as shown.

Using heavy white paper, students should use the strip patterns you have made to draw three strips each. On each strip, have them write six words that mean making God's name great. On the board write the six words:

WORSHIP PRAISE EXALT GLORIFY EXTEND MAGNIFY

With a black pen, students should copy the six words on the back of the three strips. Now, have them cut out the strips and punch a hole near the end of each strip. Cut the strings for each student that are different lengths - about 3, 4, and 5 inches. Students should tie one end of each strip to each hole in the basket, and the other end to each hole in the balloon. Add one more string to the top of the balloon to make a hanger, so the bal-

