

Filled with Fire

For teens ages 12–14 · about 45–60 minutes · Buried & Raised · game Filled with Fire · built on Acts 2:4, Luke 11:13, and Acts 19:2

Classical Pentecostal faith is not theory alone. We believe God **fills** believers with the Holy Spirit for power and witness — and that the biblical gift of tongues is real, good, and for God’s glory, not human showmanship. Many of your students have seen wild church moments online and do not know what is Scripture and what is performance. Others were saved but never taught to **ask** for the Spirit’s fullness. This session is core baptism-prep teaching: Spirit baptism, initial evidence, faith that asks, and fire that burns for Jesus.

Before you teach anything, pray.

Some students feel afraid of looking foolish. Some think tongues is only for super-Christians. Some have been mocked for Pentecostal worship. Ask the Holy Spirit to make this room hungry — not weird, not pressured, but open to the Father who loves to give good gifts to His children.

The heart of the lesson

When the Day of Pentecost came, disciples were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:4). This was not confusion for confusion’s sake — it was God’s promise arriving in power. Paul later asked believers in Ephesus, “**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**” (Acts 19:2). They had believed — but had not yet received the fullness God intended. Jesus said the Father gives the Holy Spirit to those who **ask** (Luke 11:13).

Ask. Receive. Burn for Jesus.

Being filled with the Spirit is not the same moment as regeneration. The Holy Spirit already lives in every believer. Yet God invites you into a deeper encounter — empowerment for witness, prayer, and holy living. Classical Pentecostals teach **initial physical evidence**: tongues as the first outward sign when a believer is filled, matching Acts 2, Acts 10, and Acts 19. Tongues is God’s gift, not a trophy to compare. The root issue behind fear is control: we want God on our terms. Symptoms include mocking what we do not understand, or performing to impress the room.

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God's way out is simple faith: come to the Father as His child and ask. Worship, surrender, expect. No emotional manipulation, no ranking who is "more spiritual." Pressure-free invitation — but clear Pentecostal conviction. The Spirit fills ordinary believers who ask, including teenagers who are ready to burn for Jesus in hallways, group chats, and hard nights.

ACTS 2:4

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the **Spirit gave them utterance.**"

LUKE 11:13

"How much more will the heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him!"

How the session flows

- 1 Pentecost picture.** Acts 2:4 and what filling means. ~8 min
- 2 Ask and receive.** Luke 11:13, Acts 19:2, tongues as gift. ~12 min
- 3 Play the game.** "Filled with Fire" on screen. ~12–15 min
- 4 Quiet honesty.** Reference card, private reflection. ~5 min
- 5 Worksheet.** In class or take-home reinforcement. ~15 min
- 6 Ask for fire.** Worship, invitation, prayer. ~8 min

Screen for the game, printed cards and worksheets, pens, soft worship optional for closing prayer. Leaders ready to pray with students who want to be filled with the Spirit.

Leading it, part by part

Pentecost picture

Read Acts 2:1–4 in plain language. Wind, fire, languages — God announced that the Spirit had come. This fulfilled Jesus’ promise before ascension (Acts 1:8). Filling is for **witness**: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, ends of the earth — including their school. Clarify: every Christian has the Spirit within; Pentecostal believers also seek the **filling** God commands in Ephesians 5:18 and models in Acts.

Ask and receive

Teach Luke 11:13 — if earthly parents give good gifts, the Father gives the Spirit to children who ask. Read Acts 19:1–6: believers who had not yet received; Paul laid hands, the Spirit came, they spoke in tongues. Address myths gently: tongues is not earned by perfection, not fake noise to impress, not optional weirdness to fear. It is prayer language the Spirit gives. Initial evidence means the first outward sign aligns with Acts narratives.

Contrast worldly performance (showing off, comparing) with godly receiving (worship, surrender, gratitude). Invite hunger without hype.

Play the game

Run “Filled with Fire” — rounds sort biblical truth from myths, Scripture on Pentecost, and real teen scenarios about asking and receiving. Twelve to fifteen minutes. Bridge: every answer points back to asking the Father in faith.

Quiet honesty

Hand out the reference card — private, five quiet minutes. Let students name their fear, hunger, or questions about the Spirit. No public pressure to respond.

Worksheet

Scripture lookup and true/false on Spirit baptism. Reinforces Acts 2, Luke 11, and Acts 19 without repeating the card’s prayer focus.

Ask for fire

Close with worship if appropriate. Invite students who want the fullness of the Spirit to ask the Father simply — no emotional pushing. Leaders at the sides to pray. Read Luke 11:13 one more time. Remind them: ask, receive, burn for Jesus in ordinary life.

Take it further

- What happened when the disciples were filled in Acts 2:4?
- What question did Paul ask the Ephesian believers in Acts 19:2? Why does that matter?
- What does Luke 11:13 teach about how to receive the Spirit?
- What is the difference between tongues as God's gift and tongues as performance?
- Why do Pentecostals point to tongues as initial physical evidence? (Acts 2, 10, 19)
- What fears keep teens from asking to be filled?
- How does Spirit filling connect to witness at school? (Acts 1:8)
- What would change this week if you asked the Father for more of His Spirit?

A final word

Do not apologize for Pentecostal conviction, and do not manufacture hype. Present the Father who gives good gifts, the Son who baptizes in the Spirit, and the fire that fell on ordinary disciples. Give them Scripture, the game, the card, and a simple invitation to ask. Somewhere in your room a teenager is ready to stop watching other people's fire and carry their own. Ask. Receive. Burn for Jesus.