



SPIRIT BALLOONS

TRY THIS ONE: CROWDBREAKER

Use this simple balloon activity to help kids tell each other about the Holy Spirit's action in their lives.

Give each teenager a balloon and a black marker. Have kids blow up their balloons and hold them closed at the necks without tying them. Ask teenagers to write on the balloon one place they go on a regular basis, such as school, home, library, mall, ball field, and so on.

Have the group release the balloons all at once, asking everyone to keep an eye on his or her balloon as it flies throughout the room. Then have everyone retrieve his or her balloon and stand wherever it landed. Ask teenagers to form groups of four or five with people who are standing closest to them.

Read aloud John 3:8. Then have kids each share a short story about how they think the Holy Spirit might be active in their life. The story should relate to the location written on that person's balloon. Encourage everyone to focus on a time when his or her path seemed a little crooked, just like the balloons' paths when they shot off into the air.

For an added project, ask kids to write their stories on an index card, attach the cards to their balloons, and then display them on a bulletin board.

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