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Title: The Glove of the Spirit

Theme: When we invite the Holy Spirit to live in us we can do great things for God.

Object: Collection of gloves used for various purposes.

Text: Acts 1:8 (NKJV) “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

In this verse, Jesus is speaking to His disciples.

He is telling them to stay in Jerusalem until they received the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now you can’t see the Holy Spirit. He’s invisible.

But Jesus said that the wind is invisible too, but you can see the power of the wind in the things that it does.

When a tornado comes along, the wind can blow the roof off your house!

The disciples of Jesus needed the power of the Holy Spirit living inside them to be able to tell others about Jesus so *they* could become disciples too.

I have with me a collection of gloves.

Would you like to see the different kind of gloves that I wear?

[Show and explain how the different gloves are used.]

Look at all the different kinds of gloves we have here.

All these different gloves can represent all different kinds of people.

But none of these gloves have any power on their own.

They just sit there and do nothing.

They can’t even pick up a pen; they can’t write anything on paper; they can’t hoe a garden; they can’t rake leaves.

They don’t have the power on their own to do anything useful.

They all have the shape of a hand, but they don’t have the power to do anything a real hand can do.

Now, watch what happens when I put my hand into this glove.

It comes alive! It can make a fist; it can hold a pen; it can write a letter; it can hold a rake or help a friend.

Jesus told His disciples that without the Holy Spirit living in them, they were like one of these empty gloves.

They might look useful, but they really didn’t have the power to be witnesses for Jesus.

The same is true for us.

If we don’t invite the Holy Spirit to live in us, we can’t do much for Jesus.

But if we invite the Holy Spirit to live in us, He will give us the power to do things that please God.

We will be able to love other people, even if they don’t love us.

We will be able to understand God’s commandments and choose to do what is right.

We will be able to tell others about Jesus our Friend, and invite them to trust Jesus as their Savior too.

Jesus wants His disciples to have the power of the Holy Spirit.

Do you want to have that power too? (I sure do.)

Let’s ask Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to be the power in our lives.