

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-42

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

We learned that Jesus had picked some men, called disciples, for special work. After these men saw Jesus go up to heaven, they stayed in the city of Jerusalem praying and praising God while they waited for the Holy Spirit to come to them. Today we learn how Jesus kept His promise of the Holy Spirit.

Ten days after Jesus left, the city was crowded with visitors from all over the world. Jesus' disciples were together in one house. All at once, the Holy Spirit came to them with some wonderful surprises!

First, a loud sound, like a mighty wind, came from heaven and filled the house. Next, a flame, like fire, sat on the head of each of those gathered in the house. Then, the disciples were led by the Holy Spirit to speak in languages that they had never learned!

Many people heard the strange sound and hurried toward the house. They were surprised to hear the men telling God's Word in their languages.

Some men made fun of the disciples, but Peter stood up and talked about Jesus. Peter told those listening that they had killed God's promised Savior on the cross. Peter told them that God raised Jesus from the dead. Then God received Jesus into heaven, showing that Jesus was Ruler over all things. Peter also said that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit as He promised in His Word.

Peter told the men to be truly sorry for their sins and be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of their sins.

About 3,000 people believed the Word of God that day and were baptized. They kept on learning the Word of God and praying together.

Passage

"Repent and ... be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Acts 2:38

Hymn - Hymn 229 v. 1

Holy Spirit, hear us
On this sacred day;
Come to us with blessing,
Come with us to stay.

Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit,
Thank You for working in my  to believe in Jesus.

Please work in the s of the people that we tell about Jesus.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Classroom Activity - Play "Stand Up" Ask the children questions from the lesson. If they know the answer they can stand up. Sample questions are given below.

Who had gone up into heaven? *Jesus*

Who did Jesus promise to send? *The Holy Spirit*

What were the disciples doing while they waited?
Praying and praising God

What sound was heard? *Wind*

What came on the heads of those in the house? *Flames like fire*

What were the disciples able to speak? *Other languages*

Why did they need to speak other languages? *Many people from around the world were in Jerusalem*

Who spoke to the people about Jesus? *Peter*

How many people believed and were baptized? *About 3000*

Classroom Art Activity - Color the bookmark.

Optional ideas: decorate with glitter glue, buttons, stickers, back with construction paper, laminate, add ribbon.



Draw and color a flame on the head of each of those waiting for the Holy Spirit.

