

**STORY**

Pentecost - Acts 2:1-42

**TEACHER PRAYER**

Dear Father in heaven, I know that by my very best efforts I cannot make my students believe Your saving truths. But I have great confidence in teaching them Your word, for thereby the Holy Spirit will do His work of converting human reason to child-like faith in whatever God tells us. Without the work of the Spirit, all our efforts are in vain. Thank You for the gift of Your Holy Ghost! Amen.

**VOCABULARY**

*Pentecost* - The term itself means “fifty”. Originally, it was the name for a Jewish harvest festival which took place fifty days after the Passover. For us this tenth day after Jesus ascended into heaven is the day on which Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples so that they could effectively spread the Gospel. This same “festival of the Holy Spirit” is also known among us as Whitsunday (accent on “it”). This term had reference to “White Sunday,” the day of Pentecost when the candidates for Holy Baptism were dressed in white gowns.

*Devout* - Pious, religious, showing reverence.

*Proselytes* - A person who has been converted from one religion to another.

*New Wine* - The word used may refer to new, or sweet wine. From its use here we know that it was recognized to be intoxicating. Third hour of the day: According to our measure of time, 9:00 AM.

*Attested* - Bear witness, declare to be true or genuine. Acts 2:23: “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;”. Also correctly translated: “This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross.”

*Patriarch* - The father and ruler of a family or tribe, as one of the founders of the ancient Hebrew families. In the Bible Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jacob’s twelve sons were patriarchs.

*Exalted* - Praise, glorify, elevate with honor.

*Promise of the Holy Spirit* - With reference to the promise to send the Holy Spirit who will cause unbelieving hearts to believe the truth from God. Isaiah 44: “I will pour My Spirit on your descendants.. .one will say, ‘I am the Lord’s’; another will write with his hand, ‘The Lord’s.’” Ezekiel 36: “...I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you... I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes. . .” Acts 2: (Quoting the Prophet Joel) “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh... I will pour out my Spirit in those days...”.

*Exhort* - Urge earnestly by advice or warning, strongly admonish.

*Perverse* - Deviating from what is right or good. Something wrong, improper, corrupt, wicked.

*Steadfast* - Firm, fixed, settled, not changing, constant.

*Breaking of bread* - Instead of being sliced, pieces of bread were “broken.” Note the use of this expression in the account of the Lord’s Supper.

**OUTER AIM**

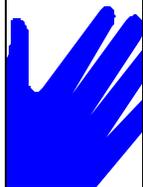
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Upper - The Holy Spirit has called us through baptism and God’s Word to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.



## BACKGROUND

*(Rupprecht Bible History References Vol. 2, pp.461-472)*

When we heard about the Ascension of Jesus, we heard Jesus promise to send the Holy Spirit upon His disciples. Ten days later, as they were gathered together with other followers of Jesus, it happened! The Holy Spirit came upon them with some miraculous signs: the sound of loud wind, tongues of fire on the heads of the apostles, and everyone heard them witness God's truth to them in their very own languages.

Recall the Holy Spirit's three miracles on the day of Pentecost: He caused the disciples to witness the word of God in many languages; He gave them courage and faith to witness His word; He caused many people (3000 that day) to believe and to be baptized.

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- ▶ The promise to send the Holy Spirit upon the disciples was to enable them to make disciples from all nations.
- ▶ This outpouring of the Holy Spirit was accompanied with external signs: the sound of a loud wind, tongues of fire set on the heads of the apostles, and they were able to witness in other tongues (known human languages).
- ▶ The Spirit of God had been active in Old Testament times, indicated by words such as: "the Spirit of the Lord was upon him."
- ▶ But now the word would not be confined to God's Old Testament people in Israel.
- ▶ It was to spread through all the world. Therefore, the emphasis is not on the gift of speaking in tongues, but on the preaching of the Gospel in words that people could hear in their own languages.
- ▶ As a result of this Pentecost miracle of language abilities, mockers accused the disciples of being full of sweet wine!

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- ▶ Peter delivered a sermon wherein he tied what was happening into what the prophet Joel had written about the pouring out of the Spirit (Joel 3:1ff).
- ▶ The work of the Holy Spirit, working in and through the witnessing, preaching, and teaching of the word from God, would continue until the second coming of Jesus in glory.
- ▶ Peter did not dwell upon the signs (tongues) of the Spirit, but underscored the saving work of Jesus who had been crucified.
- ▶ Peter convicted them of their sin of crucifying the Messiah, the Lord of Glory. But this was all part of God's foreordained plan.
- ▶ Through Jesus' suffering and death sinners would be redeemed from sin, ransomed from death, and saved.
- ▶ Peter also pointed to the resurrection.
- ▶ In Psalm sixteen God told His people the Lord would not leave "His Holy One" in the grave (hell), nor would His body see corruption.
- ▶ The resurrection of Jesus was the witness of God that Jesus of Nazareth was His Son, the promised Messiah.
- ▶ Peter's sermon contained both law (with reference to sin and death) and Gospel (God's love in Christ for all sinners — to redeem, reconcile, and give Life to them).

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- ▶ After the sermon a question was asked: "What must we do?" Answer: "Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins.. for the promise is to you and to your children."
- ▶ The Holy Spirit worked mightily in the word that was preached, and three thousand souls were added to the Lord, for they gladly heard His word and were baptized.

- ▶ The believers (the congregation) in Jerusalem were all brought to faith by the Holy Spirit and He joined them in a unity of faith (fellowship).
- ▶ They are described by the words: “They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and prayers.”
- ▶ People were amazed by the love of the early Christians who generously shared their daily bread with one another.

## **STUDENT PRAYER**

Lower: Jesus, You called me to be Your witness. My words cannot make someone believe. Send Your Holy Spirit to make me a good witness, by sharing Your word with others. By Your word, the Spirit makes believers out of unbelievers. Amen.

Upper: Dear Father in heaven, thank you for sending Your Holy Spirit to turn our sinful hearts into believing hearts, cleansed and ready to serve as witnesses. May the Spirit bless my witness of Your word, by working faith in unbelieving hearts. This is Your good will, Your will be done! In Jesus name. Amen.

## **PRESENTATION**

Tell the story with the same emotion and excitement as if you were there. Tell the story in your words, but be faithful to the account that God wrote through His apostle, Luke.

## **APPLICATIONS**

1. In the explanation to the third article of the Apostles Creed we confess: “I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel...”
2. How thankful we are that our unbelieving hearts did not turn from the Gift of God which is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit present in God’s word, He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies us and the whole Christian Church on earth... and He keeps us in that saving faith through the word until Jesus comes again in glory to take us Home.

## **PASSAGES**

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

### Lower

I Cor. 12:3 - No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

TLH # 229, Stanza 1: Holy Spirit, hear us On this sacred day; Come to us with blessing, Come with us to stay.

### Middle any of the above and...

Romans 8:16 - The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

TLH #229, Stanza 2: Come as once Thou camest To the faithful few Patiently awaiting Jesus’ promise true.

### Upper any of the above and...

Titus 3:5 - According to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

TLH #229, Stanzas 3-4: Up to heav’n ascending, Our dear Lord has gone; Yet His little children Leaves He not alone. To His blessed promise Now in faith we cling. Comforter, most holy, Spread o’er us Thy wing.

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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.

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## Passage

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

## Hymn - Hymn 229 v. 1

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## Prayer

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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.*



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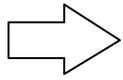
**Activity One** - Draw and color a flame on the head of each disciple on page 1.

## Passages

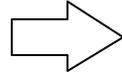
*Peter said,*  
**"Repent** *(be sorry for your sins), and ... be baptized*  
**in the name of Jesus Christ**  
**for the remission** *(forgiveness)*  
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**The Third Article: I believe in the Holy Ghost.**

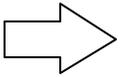
**Review** - Color the arrow  below in **red** if the sentence tells what happened on Pentecost. Don't color the arrow if the event did not happen on the day the Holy Spirit came.



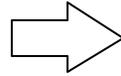
Jesus died on the cross.



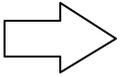
Jesus' disciples told about Jesus in different languages.



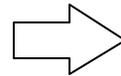
Jesus arose from the dead.



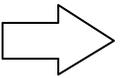
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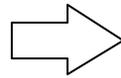
Jesus went up into heaven.



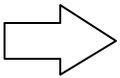
Many people believed in Jesus.



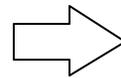
A sound like wind came from heaven and filled the house.



Many people were baptized.



Flames like fire sat on the believers' heads.



Jesus came back to earth.

## Hymn - Hymn 229 v. 1

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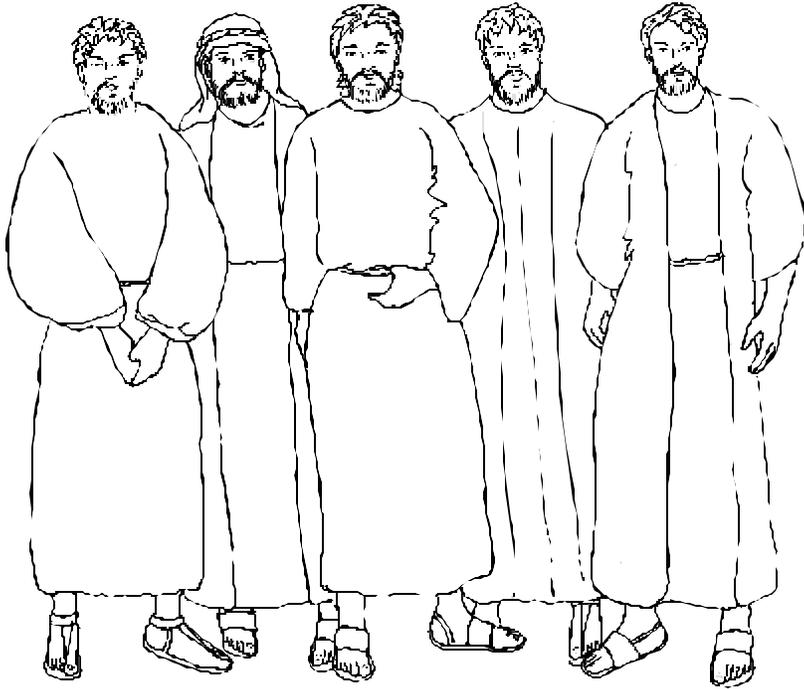
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Ten days after Jesus ascended, the city was crowded with visitors from all over the world. They had come to praise God on the church holiday called Pentecost. The apostles were meeting together in a house. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit came to them with some wonderful signs. The sound of a rushing, mighty wind came from heaven and filled their house. Next, a fire-like flame sat on the head of each apostle. Then, the Holy Spirit led them to speak God's Word in languages that they never knew before.

Many people in the city heard the strange sound and hurried toward the house where the apostles were. How surprised they were to hear the good news about the forgiveness of sins in the language of their country!

Some men made fun of the apostles. Then Peter stood up and told them about Jesus and the Holy Spirit. He told them that they had killed God's Son, the promised Savior from sin, but that God had raised

Him from the dead. Then He received Jesus back into heaven and gave Him all power in heaven and on earth. Now He sent the Holy Spirit as He promised through the prophet Joel. Peter told them to be sorry for their sins and to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of sins. They would also receive the Holy Spirit.

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

**Activity One** - Draw and color a flame on the head of each apostle.

**Review** - Put these signs of the Holy Spirit's coming in 1, 2, 3 order.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The apostles spoke in other languages.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The wind-like sound came.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The fire-like flames sat on their heads.

## Activity Two - Mark an "X" by all the correct answers.

1. Why was Jerusalem crowded with people?  
 They came to be counted  
 They came to hear Peter preach.  
 They came for the Pentecost holiday.
2. What signs did God send with the Holy Spirit?  
 A wind-like sound was heard.  
 The apostles did miracles.  
 Fire-like flames sat on the apostles.  
 The apostles spoke different languages.
3. What happened after Peter preached to the people?  
 Many people believed God's Word.  
 Many people were baptized.  
 The believers kept learning God's Word.  
 The believers kept praying together.

## Passages

**"The Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses."  
Acts 2:32**

Why did Peter tell the people that the apostles had seen Jesus alive?

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

What does it mean to repent?

What gift do people receive when they are baptized?

**"No man can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."  
1 Corinthians 12:3**

Who made you to believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin?

**The Third Article: I believe in the Holy Ghost.**

## Activity Three - Use the words and numbers in the box to help fill in these blanks.

baptized	Jesus	praying	sound	fire	4
God's	languages	Pentecost	Holy	Peter	3
praising	Word	studying	Jerusalem	Spirit	5

The apostles waited in \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to come to them. On \_\_\_\_\_ there was a  
\_\_\_\_\_ like wind, flames like \_\_\_\_\_ on their heads, and  
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preached \_\_\_\_\_ to them. About \_\_,000 people believed and were  
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and \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.

## Hymn - Hymn 229 v. 1

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## Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit,  
Thank You for opening our hearts to believe in Jesus as our Savior. When we tell others about Jesus' love for them, work in God's Word to open their hearts to believe also. Come to each of us when we study Your Word to keep us ready when Jesus calls us to heaven. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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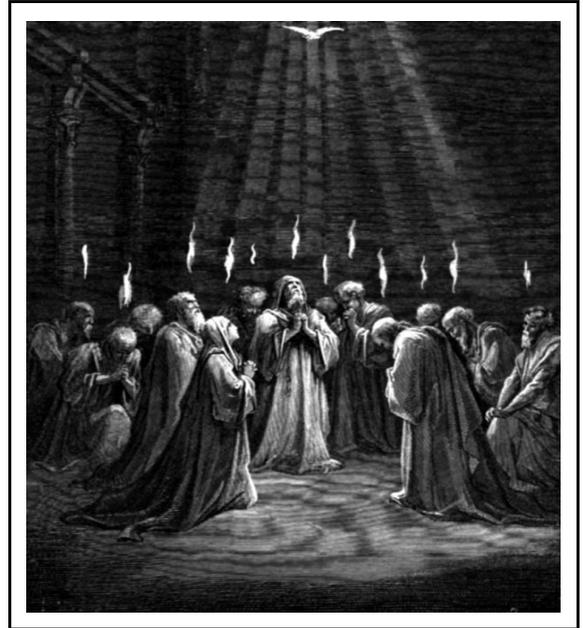
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If you were a king and had a special message to deliver to your people, you would need messengers.

Let us see how the Lord chose His messengers to deliver His special message.

## Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven, send us Your Holy Spirit so that we may hear and learn Your truths as You have shown them to us in Your holy Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.



## The Story - Acts 2:1-42

Tell the story in your own words or read the selection together.

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. {2} And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. {3} Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. {4} And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

{5} And there were dwelling in

Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. {6} And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. {7} Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? {8} And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? {9} Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea



and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, {10} Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, {11} Cretans and Arabs; we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

{12} So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

{13} Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

{14} But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. {15} For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

{16} But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: {17} And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. {18} And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. {19} I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. {20} The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the

LORD. {21} And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

{22} "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know; {23} "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; {24} "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

{25} "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. {26} Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. {27} For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. {28} You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

{29} "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. {30} "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, {31} "he, foreseeing

this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. {32} "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. {33} "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

{34} "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, {35} Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"

{36} "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

{37} Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles,

"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

{38} Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. {39} "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

{40} And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." {41} Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. {42} And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

## Recalling Details

1. Why were the believers gathered together in Jerusalem?
2. What had Jesus promised He would send to them?
3. In what two ways did the Holy Spirit show that He was present? (sound and sight)
4. What special gift did He give to the believers?
5. How were the believers to use this gift?
6. How did some unbelievers explain this gift?

7. What did Peter accuse his listeners of having done?
8. What did the people ask Peter?
9. What did Peter tell them to do?
10. How many souls did the Holy Spirit add to the Church?

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### What the Story Tells Us

**The Holy Spirit is given to us so we may witness to others about Jesus Christ.**

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**Matching** - Place the letter of the phrase from the box that best completes each sentence.

1. The disciples were gathered for the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ appeared over the disciples' heads.
3. The disciples were able to speak \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The people heard the disciples talking about \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Peter said the men of Israel had taken Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ brings people to faith in Jesus Christ.

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| A. | crucified Him              |
| B. | different languages        |
| C. | the wonderful works of God |
| D. | The Holy Spirit            |
| E. | Pentecost                  |
| F. | Tongues of fire            |

### Discussion

What is the "special message" that King Jesus wants you to deliver to others?

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## What God Tells Us

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**Passages** - Read each passage and tell how it applies to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

I Cor. 12:3b – No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 – Repent, and ... be baptized... and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Mark 16:16 – He who believes and is baptized will be saved.

## Hymn

Sing or read Hymn 229: 1-4. Notice that the hymn retells our lesson.

## Prayer

Dear Jesus our heavenly King, we thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to Your disciples of long ago. We also thank You for sending us the same Holy Spirit so that we too can be witnesses for You. Bless our efforts to spread Your message of salvation so the Holy Spirit may add more souls to the Church. Amen

## Answers

### Recalling Details

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2. What had Jesus promised He would send to them?- The Holy Spirit
3. In what two ways did the Holy Spirit show that He was present?  
(sound and sight)- The sound of a mighty wind; appeared a tongues of fire
4. What special gift did He give to the believers?- To speak in other languages
5. How were the believers to use this gift?- To speak God's Word
6. How did some unbelievers explain this gift?- The disciples were drunk
7. What did Peter accuse his listeners of having done?- Crucified Jesus Christ
8. What did the people ask Peter?- What shall we do?
9. What did Peter tell them to do?- Repent and be baptized
10. How many souls did the Holy Spirit add to the Church?- 3000

### Matching

1. E
2. F
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. D

# Pentecost

Acts 2:1-42

Have you ever heard of anyone speak of a “burning desire” to say or do something?

Burning usually gives the sense of urgency. Let’s find out what urgent desire the Lord would have us carry out.

## Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, we know it is through the Holy Spirit that we have been brought to saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We also know it is this same Spirit that gives us both the desire and ability to witness to others about Jesus. Please grant us the courage and strength to rely on the Holy Spirit as we seek out witness opportunities as your apostles did. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.



## The Story - Acts 2:1-42

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. {2} And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. {3} Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. {4} And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

{5} And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. {6} And when this

sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. {7} Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? {8} And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? {9} Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, {10} Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, {11}



Cretans and Arabs; we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

{12} So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

{13} Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." {14} But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. {15} For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

{16} But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: {17} And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. {18} And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. {19} I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. {20} The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. {21} And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

{22} "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know; {23} "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; {24} "whom

God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

{25} "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. {26} Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. {27} For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. {28} You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

{29} "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. {30} "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, {31} "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. {32} "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. {33} "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

{34} "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, {35} Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" "

{36} "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

{37} Now when they heard this, they

were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

{38} Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. {39} "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

{40} And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." {41} Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. {42} And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

### **Recalling Details**

1. For what festival had the believers gathered?
2. With what sound did the Holy Spirit come?
3. In what form did the Holy Spirit appear?
4. What special gift did the apostles receive?
5. For what was this gift used?
6. How did the mockers explain this gift?
7. Of what sin did Peter accuse his listeners?
8. How did Peter explain God's "Holy One" not seeing corruption?
9. What was Peter's response to the question, "What shall we do?"
10. What was promised to all who repented and were baptized?

11. What was the visible result of Peter's sermon?
12. Who gets the credit for adding to the church?

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### **What the Story Tells Us**

**The Holy Spirit was poured out on His believers to enable them to witness about Jesus Christ.**

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**Review** - Mark each statement as (T)rue or (F)alse. Cross out the word that makes the statement incorrect and correct it.

1. \_\_\_\_ The apostles did not know that the Holy Spirit was going to be given to them.
2. \_\_\_\_ We should not expect the same outward signs of the Spirit's coming that the apostles had.
3. \_\_\_\_ We can bring others to faith.
4. \_\_\_\_ Unbelievers should be shown they are sinful and need a Savior before we present the Gospel to them.
5. \_\_\_\_ We should trust that the Holy Spirit will give us the right words to say when we witness to others.
6. \_\_\_\_ If a baby is baptized the Holy Spirit will enter his heart when he is older and can confess his sin's.
7. \_\_\_\_ We can know if someone is a true believer or not.

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### **What God Tells Us**

**The Holy Spirit has called us through baptism and God's Word to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.**

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**Passages** - Read each passage and tell how it applies to the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

I Cor. 12:3 b - No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 8:16 - The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Titus 3:5b – According to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit.

### **Hymn**

Read or sing Hymn 224:1-3. See if you can tell in your own words what we are asking the Holy Spirit to do.

### **Prayer**

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to turn our sinful hearts into believing hearts, cleansed and ready to serve as witnesses. May the Spirit bless my witness of Your Word, by working faith in unbelieving hearts. This is Your good will, Your will be done! In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Answers

### Recalling Details

1. For what festival had the believers gathered? – The feast of Pentecost
2. With what sound did the Holy Spirit come? – A rushing, mighty wind
3. In what form did the Holy Spirit appear? – Divided tongues, as of fire
4. What special gift did the apostles receive? – To speak in other languages
5. For what was this gift used? – To speak God's Word
6. How did the mockers explain this gift? – They are full of new wine (drunk)
7. Of what sin did Peter accuse his listeners? – Crucifying Jesus, the Lord and Christ
8. How did Peter explain God's "Holy One" not seeing corruption? – Jesus rose from the dead and reascended to God's right hand
9. What was Peter's response to the question, "What shall we do?" – Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
10. What was promised to all who repented and were baptized? – Remission of sins and the Holy Spirit
11. What was the visible result of Peter's sermon? – Three thousand souls were added to the church
12. Who gets the credit for adding to the church? – The Lord added to the church (through the work of the Holy Spirit)

**Review** - True or False – Words in parentheses should be removed, similar words to those in bold should be added.

1.   F   The apostles did (not) know that the Holy Spirit was going to be given to them.
2.   T   We should not expect the same outward signs of the Spirit's coming that the apostles had.
3.   F   ( We) can bring others to faith. – The Holy Spirit
4.   T   Unbelievers should be shown they are sinful and need a Savior before we present the Gospel to them.
5.   T   We should trust that the Holy Spirit will give us the right words to say when we witness to others.
6.   F   If a baby is baptized the Holy Spirit will enter his heart (when he is older and can confess his sin's.)
7.   F   (We) can know if someone is a true believer or not. – Only God