

God Sends the Holy Spirit - May 2

Parents: A crowd with people from all different nations came to Jerusalem to participate in the Jewish celebration of Pentecost. They joined together in bewilderment and utter amazement because they heard Jesus' followers from Galilee speaking languages from each of their own lands. How? It was only made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Read: Acts 2: 1-8, 32-33 The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Discuss: Jesus' followers gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was a special Jewish celebration. What happened suddenly? A sound of blowing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house. Do you think the sound was weak or very powerful? From the verse it sounds like it was full of power!

Next, they saw what seemed to be tongues of _____ (fire) that came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the _____ (Holy Spirit) and began to speak in other ____ (tongues or languages).

Now a crowd gathered around the followers because each one heard their own language being spoken. Why was the crowd amazed? They couldn't believe these followers from Galilee were speaking languages from their own lands—they could understand exactly what they were saying.

What did the followers tell the crowd they witnessed? God raised Jesus from death to life and seated Jesus at His right hand. Then, the followers received the promised Holy Spirit. So how could these followers of Jesus from Galilee speak different languages? Only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We talked before that being a witness meant seeing <u>and</u> talking about it. For the followers to witness or tell others about Jesus they needed to be filled by the power from the _____ (Holy Spirit).

Key Point: Filled with the Holy Spirit

Filled with (Take one flat hand palm facing the ground to bottom of chin, fill your cheeks up with air)

The Holy Spirit (Extend hand with palm up, take opposite hand and pretend you're picking and lifting up a small object from center of palm)

Family Activity: Color the sheet included. Think about how the Holy Spirit is more powerful than the strongest wind or biggest fire! The Holy Spirit keeps us in the faith and gives us the power to share about Jesus.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for the amazing power of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful the Holy Spirit brought us to faith and keeps us in the faith. We thank and love You. Amen.



Next Steps: Memorize Acts 2:33 - Exalted to the right hand of God, he (Jesus) has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.



From <u>Super Coloring</u> Lena London

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