

Parents: Pentecost is a time after Easter when we celebrate God sending the Holy Spirit. Jesus' followers weren't left alone after Jesus died for our sins, was resurrected, and taken up to heaven. They received the Holy Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to do amazing things and the fuel to tell others about Jesus.



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: When Jesus' followers were gathered together to celebrate Pentecost, a special Jewish celebration, what suddenly happened? *A sound like the blowing of a very strong wind filled the house.*

What came to rest on each of them? *What seemed to be tongues of fire.* They were filled with what? *The Holy Spirit.*

Why did a confused crowd come together? *Because they heard Jesus' followers speaking in their very own languages.* How would that even be possible for the followers to speak languages that they didn't even know? *Only by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Pentecost is a time after Easter when we celebrate God sending the Holy Spirit. After Jesus died for our _____(sins), came back to life, and was taken up to _____(heaven), His followers weren't left alone. Instead, they received a gift. The _____(power) of the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to do amazing things and the courage to talk to people about Jesus.

Key Point: Powered by the Holy Spirit

Powered by (With both palms facing down clap the back of one hand three times with the other one)

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: Print the template included. Using watercolors, markers, or colored pencils design flames on the dove. We learned today why a flame is used to symbolize the Holy Spirit. Look up Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3:16 to see why the dove is used, too. Using a brad or fastener connect the wing and body together to enable the dove to move. Lastly, on the back of the project copy the prayer below or write your own.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for sending the Holy Spirit to be with us. Help us read the Bible each day so the Holy Spirit can work in our hearts and give us the power to tell others about Jesus. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize Acts 2:3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

