

PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21, 37-41



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Message	God wants our lives to be guided by the Holy Spirit.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Why we still celebrate Pentecost.■ We rejoice that God is active today through the Apostles Ministry.■ The Holy Spirit works in us.
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Pentecost



Fifty days after Easter, the Apostles were together in Jerusalem. They were waiting for the Holy Spirit to come and strengthen them as Jesus had promised.

Suddenly there was a loud noise. A mighty wind came down from heaven and filled the whole house. Tongues of fire rested above each of them and the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were able to speak in different languages and tell of God's great deeds.

When the noise happened, many people gathered outside the house.

The people were from Mesopotamia, Asia, Egypt, Libya and Rome visiting in the city. They had come to offer in the temple in Jerusalem. The people were very surprised when they heard the Apostles speak languages they could understand.

The visitors asked themselves, "How can this be possible? These men come from Galilee. How can they suddenly speak different languages?" Some thought the Apostles might be drunk.

Then Peter spoke, "No one is drunk. Today a great miracle has happened. God has poured out His Holy Spirit, just as the prophets promised." Then he told them about Jesus, how He had been crucified and had resurrected.

Peter's sermon touched the hearts of the people. They asked the Apostles, "What should we do?" Peter told them, "Repent and be baptised so that your sins can be forgiven and then receive the Holy Spirit."

Many believed what Peter told them and were baptised. On that day three thousand people joined the Christian congregation. They remained close together, listened to the words of the Apostles, prayed, and broke bread together. They also sold and shared all their possessions.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel...

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise, sheets of paper with tongues of fire and words in foreign languages

(Hello, Jambo, Bonjour, Akwaaba, ...)

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What do we celebrate at Pentecost? (The birthday of the church of Christ).
- What does "Pentecost" mean? (A Greek word, that means "fiftieth day" after Jesus' resurrection)
- What happens when the Apostles wait in Jerusalem?
(A mighty wind fills the room, tongues of fire rest above each of the Apostles.)
- Which effect does the outpouring of the Holy Spirit have on the followers of Jesus?
(They confess Jesus Christ. They can speak in foreign languages.)

Have the children repeat...

- On Pentecost the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- We rejoice that God is active today through the Apostle's Ministry.
- The Holy Spirit works in us.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- God is active through the Holy Spirit.
- How do we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit today? (By Holy Sealing through a living Apostle)
- Through the Holy Spirit, we have become children of God.
- This spirit works through us, leads us and guides us.

Repeat the Message
God wants our lives to be guided by the Holy Spirit.