

God Sends the Holy Spirit

Act 1:15-2:47

Story:

★ Introduction & Story:

God created the heavens and the Earth. He made people. People chose to sin. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that displeases God. This separates us from God, but Jesus paid the price for our sin and forgives us when we believe and follow Him. After Jesus died on the cross (the payment for our sins) and rose again (resurrected), He returned to Heaven, but sent us a Helper. Today's story is about the Helper Jesus sent.

Before Jesus returned to heaven, he promised the disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them. He told them to stay in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is our Helper.

Ten days later, while the disciples were in Jerusalem, the day of the feast of Pentecost came. This is when the Jews celebrated the end of the wheat harvest. People of many languages came from all over to Jerusalem to celebrate and thank God for their good harvest. This is the day that God sent the Holy Spirit.

Suddenly there was a sound of rushing wind that came from heaven. Tongues like flames of fire separated and rested on each one of them. Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages as the Spirit enabled them.

When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and the people were confused. The people each heard the disciples explaining the glory of God in his own language. Some people thought that the disciples were drunk.

Peter heard them say this and stood up to speak. He told them they were not drunk. He explained that they had received a great gift from God. He taught them about Jesus. The people listened. They heard what Peter said about Jesus and asked what they should do. Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. He explained that the gift of the Holy Spirit was not just for the disciples, but for everyone who believes.

That day, three thousand people were saved.

We can be saved by believing in Jesus - that He's God, that He lived a perfect life as fully God and fully man, that He died, was buried, and rose again. When we believe this and tell this to God, the Holy Spirit comes to us, too. A lot of people say, "ask Jesus into our hearts." That's not entirely true. We aren't asking Jesus to live in our bodies, but we are confessing that Jesus is God and then the Holy Spirit comes to us as a result of our faith.

The Holy Spirit is our Helper. He helps us know who Jesus is. He helps us say no to sin. He helps us become more like Jesus and gives us the fruit of the spirit. Helps us remember what we know about God. Helps us pray.

If you have not received the Holy Spirit and you want to, Romans 10:9 tells us that "if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Here's how you can do that. If you pray this prayer and it's the first time, please let me know. "Jesus, I believe that you are God and that you are perfect. I know that I am a sinner and am separated from you. I believe that you lived a perfect life, died on the cross in my place, and rose again. Help me to become like you."

Jesus blesses you with forgiveness, but also the Holy Spirit comes to us when we believe and follow Jesus.

★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:**

Connection to the Overall Message of the Bible

- Fulfillment of God's promise to dwell with His people (from Genesis → Acts).
- Marks the beginning of the **Church's mission to all nations**.
- Reverses Tower of Babel—languages once divided people, now unite them in the gospel.

Theology

- **Holy Spirit:** God lives *in* believers, not just with them.
- **Empowerment for mission:** The Spirit gives boldness and ability.
- **Universal gospel:** Salvation is for all people groups.
- **Trinity:** Father sends the Son, Son sends the Spirit.

Historical Accuracy / Context

- Takes place during Pentecost, when Jews from many nations were in Jerusalem (explains the languages).
- Languages listed in Acts match known regions of the Roman world.
- Early church growth recorded aligns with external historical patterns of rapid Christian spread.
- Written by Luke, a careful historian (see structured details, geography, and names).

Follow Up:

- ★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.
- ★ **Examine:**
 - Comprehension Questions
 - Wouldn't it have been strange and amazing to see flames on each person?
 - Can you imagine if you could speak and be understood by someone who spoke a different language than you?
 - What does it mean to be saved?
 - Ask, "What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?"
 - God the Father. Jesus the Son. The Holy Spirit. Three in one.
 - The Holy Spirit has a separate job from Jesus. He is our Helper.
 - Ask, "What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?"
 - Humans can receive the Holy Spirit because Jesus sends Him to us. We don't get the Holy Spirit through special magic or gifts.

- ★ **Application:** Ask, “What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?”
 - Jesus is asking us to believe and to receive the Holy Spirit by believing in Him.

- ★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse Practice:

- ★ **Verse:** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.
-- Titus 2:11 (CSB)

Sticky Activities:

- ★ Worksheets & coloring pages

- ★ Crafts

- **Blow Painting Flames** Place drops of red, yellow, and orange paint on paper and use a straw to blow them into fire shapes, symbolizing tongues of fire.



- **Mini Book**



- **Pentecost Crown**

Master copy included

- ★ **Sensory:**

- 👁️ Visual

- **Wind Streamers** Hang streamers and use fans to show movement.
- 👃 Smell
 - **Fire Camp Smell (Safe version)** Smell a smoky candle (unlit).
 - **Fresh Air Scent** Essential oils like eucalyptus—breath/wind imagery.
- 🤏 Touch
 - **Windy Day Object Lesson** Use a fan or hair dryer to help children understand the Holy Spirit is felt rather than seen
 - **Warmth vs. Cool Objects** Compare warmth (fire) and breeze (Spirit)
- 🏃 Movement
 - **Wind Dance** Move like the blowing wind.
 - **“Go Tell Everyone” Run Game** Scatter and “tell” others the good news.
- 🗣️ Sound
 - **Rushing Wind Sound Creation** Use paper, voices, and fans.
 - **Different Language Praise** Teach “God loves you” in multiple languages.

Send Home Page: See attached

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Acts 2:1-13

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After Jesus went back to heaven, His friends prayed and stayed together in Jerusalem. One morning, a sound like a strong wind blowing filled the house where they were staying. Something that looked like a small fire sat on top of each person's head! The Holy Spirit Jesus promised had finally come!

There were people from many different places staying in Jerusalem. These people spoke many different languages. When they heard the noise, they gathered around the house to see what was going on.

Jesus' friends began to speak in other languages, telling all the people about Jesus. The people in Jerusalem were amazed because they heard what Jesus' friends were saying about Jesus in their own languages! Many people believed in Jesus and started to tell other people about Jesus too.

Peter told the people, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Connect the dots.

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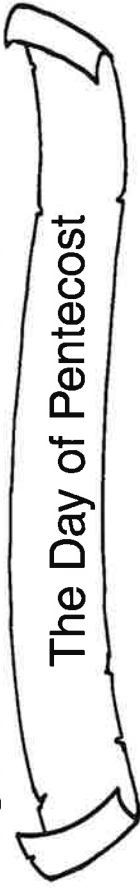


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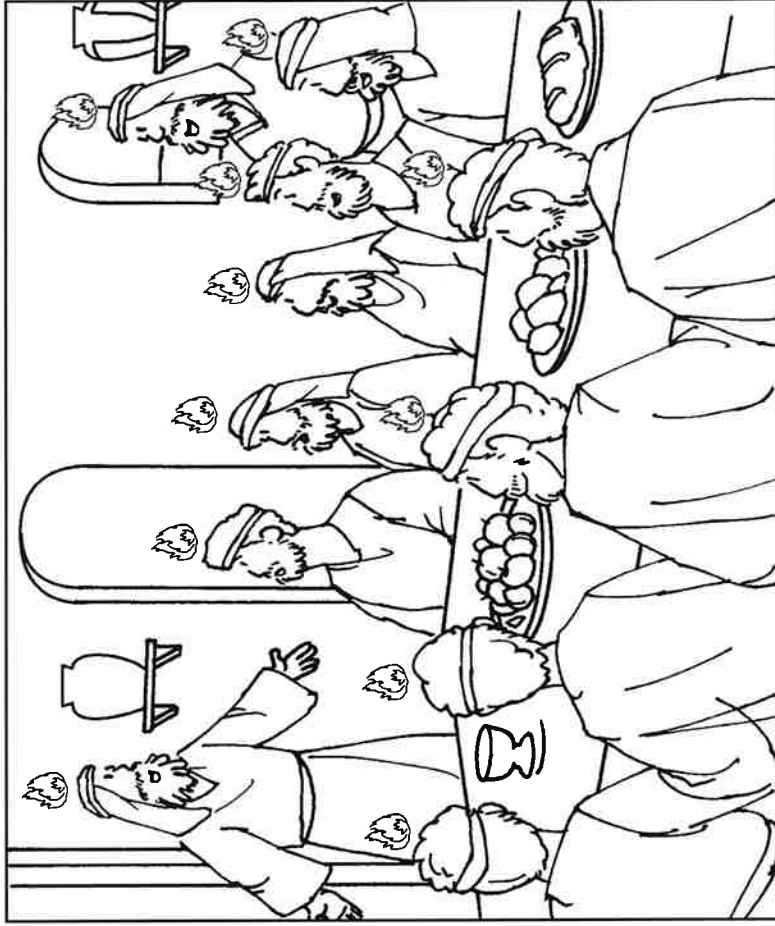
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The Day of Pentecost

The apostles were given the Holy Spirit.

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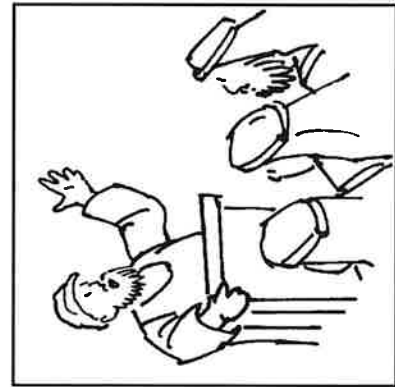
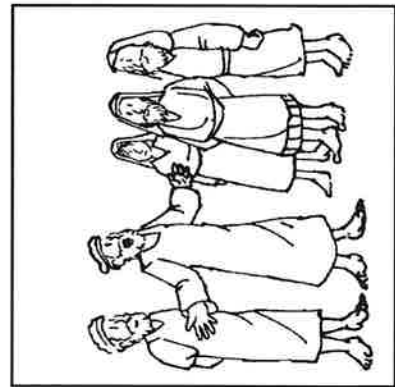
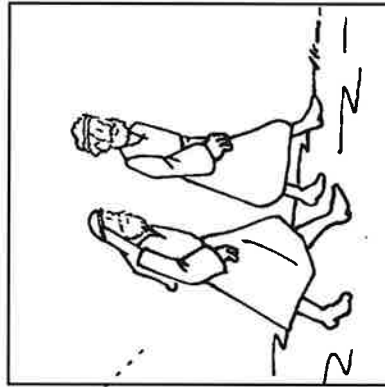
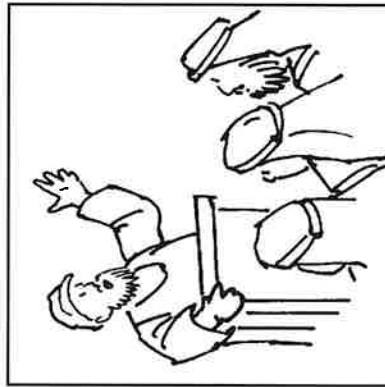
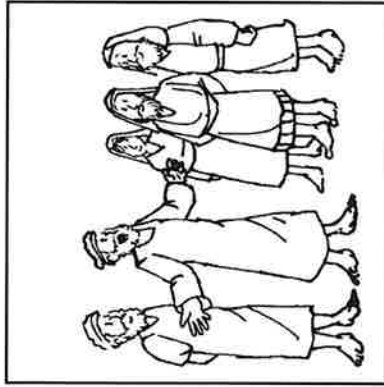
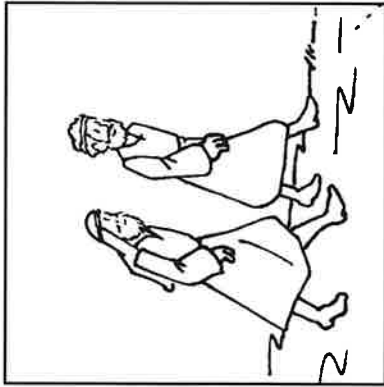
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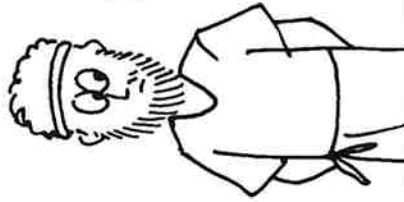
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The apostles could preach and speak in different languages.

Match the apostles who are the same.

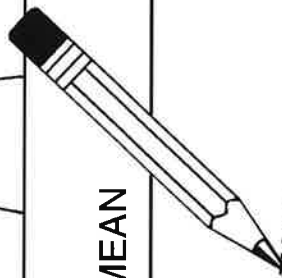


The people were amazed and asked ...



Circle the words.

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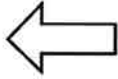
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M E A N R

Peter said that what was happening fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy. What was it?

Use the picture clues to fill in the blanks with the words in this box. Then use the numbered letters to finish the prophecy.

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below earth
fire moon
sun turned

"I will show wonders in the heaven



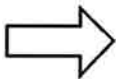
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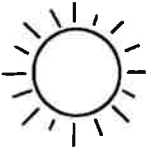
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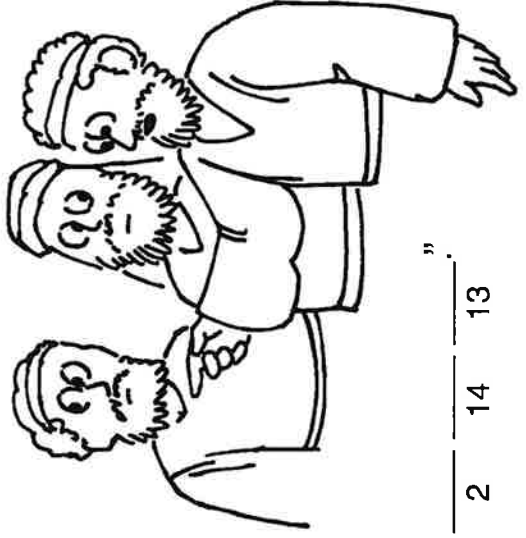
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The Story of Pentecost

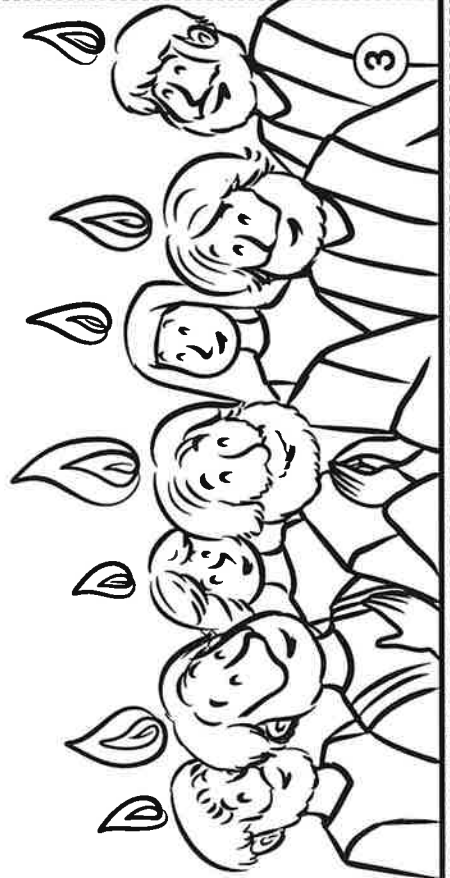
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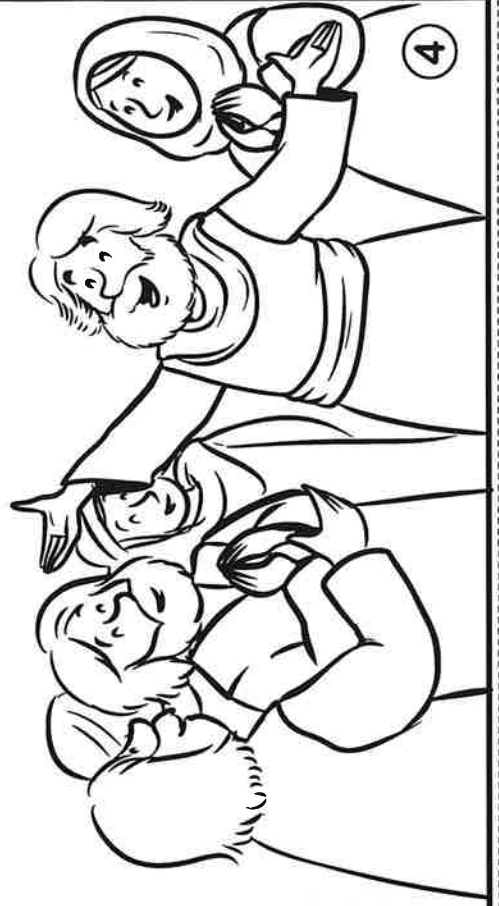
Jesus told his friends that the Holy spirit would come.

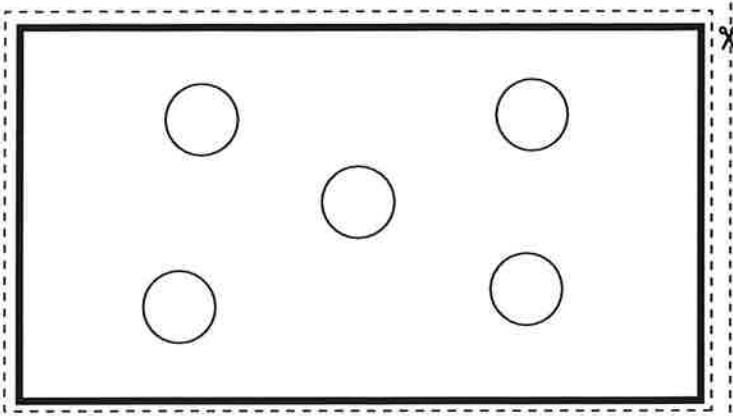


When His friends were all together in Jerusalem There was a sound from heaven, rushing wind and fire and Jesus' friends started to speak in different languages.



Peter told the crowds that this was a sign from God, which brought many new people to believe in Jesus.





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