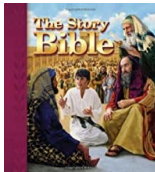


# “Pentecost, God Sends the Holy Spirit”

**Bible verse: “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh”  
Joel 2:28**

The historical and Biblical origins of Pentecost can be found in Exodus 23:14-19, Leviticus 23:15-16 and Deuteronomy 16:10. One of 3 significant Jewish festivals, Pentecost is the Greek name for the Festival of Weeks, a prominent feast in the Jewish calendar that celebrated God giving them the 10 Commandments 50 days after the Exodus from Egypt. God instructed his people to celebrate the Festival of Weeks, which was to be held 7 full weeks (49 days) plus one day after Passover, equaling 50 days. Also called the Feast of Harvest, this was when the Jews would present offerings of the first fruits of their spring crops. Jewish law required all adult Jewish men to come to Jerusalem from wherever they were living to personally be in attendance for the celebration.

Pentecost, which means “fiftieth,” occurred fifty days after Jesus’ glorious resurrection on Easter. Forty days after He rose again, Jesus ascended to God’s right hand, and now, ten days later, He fulfills His promise to send the Holy Spirit, who will “bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (John 14:26).



**Read the Lesson ~ “God Sends the Holy Spirit”**

*The Story Bible ~ Pg. 422*  
*The Bible ~ Acts 2*

## ASK:

- ◆ In what ways did the Holy Spirit make His presence known at Pentecost? (Acts 2:1-3)
- ◆ How many were baptized that day? (Acts 2:41)
- ◆ Why was everyone in Jerusalem on Pentecost?

## DO:

List ways you could help spread God’s Word in your neighborhood.

Ideas: chalk murals on your driveway, pictures in your windows, maybe a garden flag.

Have a Pentecost celebration.

## PRAY:

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending us Your Holy Spirit so we are able to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Give us boldness from the Holy Spirit so we are never afraid to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen

## Key Point of the Lesson

At Pentecost, God sent the Holy Spirit to His Church. Through Word and Sacrament. God gives us His Holy Spirit to create and sustain saving faith in Jesus.

## Law / Gospel

We see God’s love in the Old Testament book of Joel: God warns guilty sinners of the judgement to come. He pleads with them to repent and promises to forgive all their sins. We sin when we believe that we can understand and trust in God on our own. We need the power and work of the Holy Spirit through His Word, the Spirit grants me faith in Jesus and empowers me to do that which is good and God pleasing.

## FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP TIME

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

P: **Amen.**

L: O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;

P: **In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (Psalm 5:3)**

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

P: **And with Your glory all the day. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: O Lord, open my lips,

P: **And my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day: "Go Ye, Go Ye, into the world", [www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjDgG5tEs0A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjDgG5tEs0A)**

**Devotional Talk:** *An adult or older child can read this to the family.*

**Tell the Good News ~ Acts 2:1-41** *(from "Family Time Bible Stories and Devotions", CPH publishing)*

Imagine this: You're going to appear on television! A talent agent saw you walking out of school and decided that you had excellent feet. So she asked you to make a shoe commercial to be seen on national television. This was such good news that you had to tell everyone. You called all your friends and relatives to tell them the good news.

Good news must be told. That's how it was on Pentecost, almost two thousand years ago. Only a small number of people knew what Jesus had done for them. Most of them spoke the same language, so people in other lands had little chance of hearing the Good News.

God took care of that problem. He sent the Holy Spirit to His followers and enabled them to speak in languages they hadn't known before. Those who received this power proclaimed news of the Savior to everyone who would listen.

Wouldn't it be awesome if you had that power? You can't expect another Pentecost, so if you want to tell others about Jesus in their own language, you'll have to learn it the normal way. You can tell others about Jesus right now, though-speaking the language God gives you.

And the Holy Spirit will help you. He will give you the words to use to tell others that God loves them and that Jesus died to take away their sins. You can pray that missionaries will continue to work with people who don't know Jesus. You also can ask the Holy Spirit to soften the heart of those who oppose God and open the hearts of those who hear God's Word.

**Prayer:** Thank you God for sending Your Holy Spirit, so I can help others know about their Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray this in Your holy name. Amen



ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

# Pentecost

On Pentecost, with fire and rushing wind—  
Whoosh! The Holy Spirit came right in

*Wiggle fingers over head for fire; sweep arm for “whoosh.”*

To give God’s people power and might  
To tell of Jesus, day and night.

*Make a muscle; cup hands around mouth.*

In us, the Holy Spirit also lives.  
It’s faith in Jesus that He gives.

*Point to self; make cross with fingers.*

He works in us so we may know:  
God the Father loves us so.

*Point to self; hug self.*

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## SCIENCE

Talk about how we can see the effects of the wind, even though we can’t see the wind itself. We can’t see the Holy Spirit, but we can see what He does in the lives of God’s children.

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# Holy Trinity

Three in One, Three in One,

*Hold up 3 fingers, then 1.*

God the Father and the Son

*Hold up 1 finger, then 2 fingers.*

And the Spirit, Three in One.

*Hold up 3 fingers, then 1.*

Our true God is Three in One.

*Hold up 3 fingers, then 1.*

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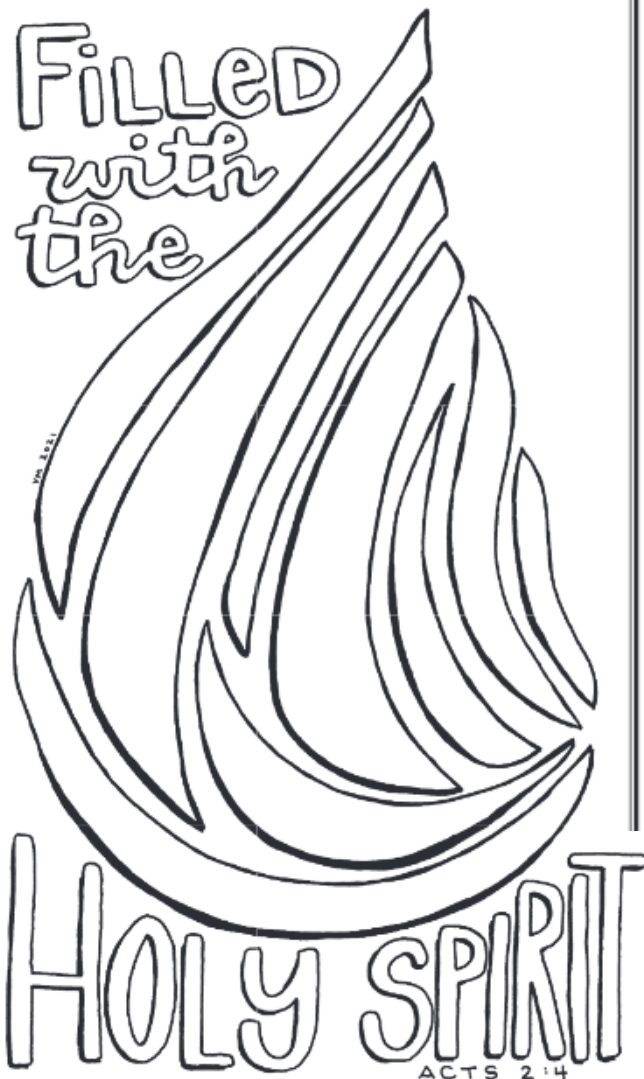
## MATH

Show things with three parts: sides of a triangle, leaves on a clover, petals on a trillium, parts of an apple (seeds, flesh, skin).

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Answers: witness, tongues, helped,  
filled, heaven, spirit

ACTS 2:1-21

Pentecost

Dear  
HOLY  
SPIRIT,

What was the most important thing I learned today?



Who can I share Jesus with this week?

AMEN