

# "God Sends the Holy Spirit"

## Bible Truth

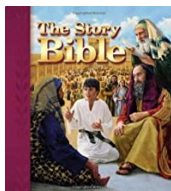
**God gives us the Holy Spirit.**

## Bible Verse

**You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38**

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.

With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" in their own languages.



## Read the Lesson ~ Jesus Ascends into Heaven

Acts 2:1-21, (<https://www.biblegateway.com/>)

*The Story Bible, pg. 423 (Available for purchase on Amazon)*

### ASK:

- ◆ Where did Jesus go?
- ◆ Will Jesus come back?

### DO:

God wants people who speak other languages to hear about Jesus. Change your TV to another language can you understand what's going on?

### PRAY:

Dear Jesus, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit. Forgive my sins and help me share Your love with others. Amen

Pentecost is celebrated as the birthday of the church.

What special things do you do to celebrate a birthday? What very special present was sent to the disciples?

When did you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit? (Baptism) How did your family celebrate?

## 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

I sin when I believe that I can understand and trust in God on my own. By the power and work of the Holy Spirit through His Word, the Spirit grants me faith in Jesus and empowers me to will and 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: God's Own Child I Gladly Say It** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5V8LTawhpw>

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

### The Day of Pentecost

#### Fire

What do we use to put out a fire?

Fire can be dangerous. If something caught fire inside the immediate reaction would be to extinguish it right away. But today's Bible reading says that when the disciples looked at one another and saw what looked like tongues of fire sitting above their heads, they didn't rush to put out the fire. Instead, they knew these little flames showed God had filled each of them with His Holy Spirit. This fire didn't burn things up like the fires we have been talking about. Instead, it made the disciples happy and gave them power they had never had before.

Fire can cause damage, but it can also accomplish good things. What can fire do that is helpful?

The Holy Spirit is like fire. He is God and can do all the things God can do. He provides for our needs; He warms us with God's love; He gives us faith and protects us from danger. Today we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave the disciples a very special gift that those tongues of fire represented.

The Holy Spirit is with us too. We don't see fire on our heads but we know that Jesus is our Savior. The Holy Spirit gave you the faith to make that statement. Can you think of some ways you show in your life that you are a child of God? Helping others, obeying God, and telling others about Him are the tongues of fire that show one another that the Holy Spirit is at work in us.

The Holy Spirit came into your heart when you were baptized or when someone told you God's Word. He teaches us that God has forgiven all our sins for Jesus' sake, and He gives us the power to do whatever God has planned for us.

We don't ever want to play with fire. But when we see fire used safely, it can remind us of the power of the Holy spirit and the special way God came to His disciples on Pentecost.

#### Prayer

O Holy Spirit, thank You for filling all Your people with the power to believe in You and to do the work You want us to do. Show us Your will just as You did the disciples so that we can lead others to Your Word and tell them about You in our words and deeds. Amen

EVERYONE WHO  
CALLS ON THE  
NAME OF THE  
**LORD**  
SHALL BE SAVED  
ACTS 2:21

