



The Holy Spirit Came

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BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 2

KEY PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 5:17

BOTTOM LINE: The Holy Spirit helps me to tell others about Jesus.

CHRIST CONNECTION: God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could begin their work to share the Gospel with the entire world. The Holy Spirit lives in everyone who put their faith in Jesus as their Savior.

Context

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He instructed the disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come upon them. So the disciples went back to Jerusalem, where they waited and prayed for 40 days.

The time came for the Jewish festival called Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks. As with the Passover festival, Jews from all over the Roman Empire would be at the temple in Jerusalem.

During this festival, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in Jerusalem. They heard a sound like a violent, rushing wind. When the Holy Spirit filled Jesus' followers, they were able to speak in foreign languages. They went out into the city and began to preach, and the Jews from all over the world were amazed. These men were from Galilee, but they were speaking in languages the visitors could understand.

Some of those who heard this thought the disciples were drunk. But Peter explained that God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. He reminded them of the prophet Joel's words: "I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity." (Joel 2:28)

The disciples told about God's plan. The Holy Spirit convicted the crowd and they asked, "Brothers, what must we do?" Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus. That day, three thousand people received salvation!

With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could share the gospel with the entire world. (See Acts 1:8) God gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who trusts in Jesus as Lord and Savior. As you teach kids, emphasize that the Holy Spirit gives us power to do God's work, and He changes us to be more like Jesus.

TAKEAWAYS

- God kept Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit.
- He sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples so that they could begin to share His message with the entire world.
- Because the Holy Spirit lived in him, Peter told people that Jesus is alive.
- The Holy Spirit helped people hear and believe the good news.
- God gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to live Godly lives and to spread the message of Jesus.
- **BOTTOM LINE:** The Holy Spirit helps me to tell others about Jesus.

Social Activity: What's Missing

What You Need: 6 items, tray, towel

What You Do:

Lay all 6 items on the tray. Show kids the items. Then cover the items and remove one of them. Tell children to close their eyes while you remove an item. The children open their eyes when you say "Open", then tell you as a group what's missing. Do this same thing with another item, until they are all missing. When you are finished, place all the items in a ziploc bag. **Say:** That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's pray and listen to our story today."

Small Group Prayer: "Dear God, thank you for making me, thank you for loving me and thank you for sending your son, Jesus to be my savior. We love you, Amen."

Introduce the Story

"All of Jesus' friends were together in a house. Suddenly a sound like rushing wind came from heaven. The Holy Spirit filled all the friends, and the Spirit helped them speak in languages they did not even know. A large crowd of people heard the sound and came to them. Peter stood up. He said, "People put Jesus on a cross, but God made Jesus alive again. We have seen Him! Jesus is the Messiah!" When the people heard these words, they asked, "What should we do?" Peter said, "Tell God you are sorry for your wrong choices. Trust Jesus, and you will get the Holy Spirit!" That day, thousands of people trusted Jesus."

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Check diapers and listen to a worship song

Application Activity Add people to the family

What You Need: Family Printable page (1 per kid), People cutouts (cutout one set per kid), gluesticks, crayons

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Family Printable page and people cutouts. Ask them to glue people on their paper to make a family.
- They can color the pictures.
- Retell the Bible story and ask kids what thousands of people might look like. How can people know about Jesus now? How can kids find ways to tell others about Jesus?

What You Say " When God sent the Holy Spirit, Peter told people that Jesus is alive. The Holy Spirit helps us hear and believe the good news."

Discussion Questions:

- **How did people know what Peter said was the truth?** Help kids recognize that the Holy Spirit is the One who helped the people recognize what Peter was saying was true and that they needed to be saved. (Acts 2:37)
- **How has the Holy Spirit affected your life?** Guide kids to talk about ways they have seen the Spirit working in their lives or the lives of their family members who are saved. Help them think through the kinds of traits God said would mark a believer, such as love, kindness, faithfulness, self control, and so forth. (Galatians 5:16-26)
- **How should believers live, knowing they have the Holy Spirit?** Help kids recognize that believers can live boldly for the Lord because they have the power of the Holy Spirit within them. Believers have everything they need to serve the Lord and do His will for their lives. God has given us the job of sharing the good news with everyone, but only the Holy Spirit can cause people to realize their sin and their need for the Savior. (2 Peter 1:21 and Luke 12:12)