



## HELP!

What things can you think of that you can't do alone? Can you come up with a list of things that you need help with?



Sometimes there are things we find hard that we need help with, sometimes there are things that it's dangerous for us to do on our own. It can feel frustrating when we can't do things. It can also feel scary. Sometimes it's good to have help!

Did you know God knew that there would be times we all needed help, there would be times where we would feel scared on our own and so He sent us a special helper to be with us. In today's true story from the Bible we're going to look at how He first gave the gift of this special helper to His friends.

## A special gift

Today's story comes from Acts 2 or you can watch the video here. [Pentecost story clip](#)



Jesus had gone home to be with His Father God in Heaven. His friends were feeling sad that He'd left them and a little bit anxious about what to do now He'd gone home. They'd been so amazed and excited when they'd seen Him alive again but now He was gone again! But as He'd said goodbye to them He'd told them to wait in Jerusalem because He would send them a special helper and so they waited and waited because they trusted Jesus.

One day they were all sat together in a big room when suddenly there was a whoooshing sound! As they looked around the room they all seemed to have little flames of fire on their heads but none of them was burning! Then the most amazing thing happened...

Suddenly they all started talking in other languages- languages they didn't used to know!! God's special helper had arrived and suddenly the disciples weren't afraid any more- they felt brave and soooo excited!!!!

So Peter and the other disciples went outside and began, in all the different languages, to tell the people about God's love and what Jesus had done for



### What do we want our children to know?

To know that Jesus didn't leave us to do life alone; He sent us the gift of His Holy Spirit.

To understand that with the Holy Spirit inside us we are filled with God's power and can do things in His strength.

To grasp that Jesus wants us to share His Good News with people around us!



### Memory Verse

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." Acts 1 v8

### OLDER GROUPS TEACHING

them. And because of the power of God's helper, the Holy Spirit over 3,000 people heard God's good news and they believed it!!

## Pass it on!

The Holy Spirit wasn't just a gift for the disciples it was a gift for anyone who trusts in Jesus and His special saving love.



When we invite Jesus into our life we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit just like the disciples and we can trust Him to be with us and ask for His help in those times when we feel frightened, scared, alone and frustrated.

We can also ask Him to help to do things we can't do by ourselves or things we don't feel brave enough to try.

The disciples weren't really clever or brave or strong- they were good at catching fish but with the Holy Spirit's help they became fishers of men. They could suddenly speak in different languages, they were brave enough to talk about Jesus to lots of strangers and their words made sense and people believed.

What could you do with the Holy Spirit helping you? How could God use the power of His Holy Spirit to help you to do something really amazing? Who does God want you to tell about His amazing love- remember if you're His friend you have the Holy Spirit in you too!

**'Father God, Thank you for sending Jesus to save me. Thank you for your amazing love. Thank you that when you called Jesus home to heaven you didn't leave us here alone. Thanks for the gift of your Spirit to be with me, to live in me. Fill me Lord Jesus. Help me to share the Good News of your love with other people so that they might know and love you too! Amen'**

## TEATIME TEASERS

- Think of a few people you want to see come to know Jesus. Start praying for them now and for opportunities to share Jesus's love with them then plan some time to meet up now it's a little easier.
- The disciples trusted Jesus when He told them to wait... is there anything you are waiting for or have been praying for but seem to have no answer? Be encouraged that you can trust Jesus. Keep waiting on Him, even if the answer turns out to be no or something unexpected happens remember Jesus often has something far better in mind for us- it might be something unexpected!
- Why not plan a special Pentecost meal with your family. Spend time sharing times you have seen or felt the Holy Spirit at work, put on some music and praise God for the gift of His Spirit and pray for each person to be filled with the Spirit as they go out and serve Jesus everyday.

# Activities!

1

HAVE A GO AT USING SOME PLAYDOUGH TO PLAY THROUGH THE STORY OF PENTECOST CAN YOU USE THIS MAT TO MAKE THE FLAMES ON THE DISCIPLES HEADS?

[PENTECOST PLAYDOUGH MAT](#)



2

BAKE A CAKE! THEN LOOK AT THE LINK BELOW TO SEE HOW THIS HELPS US TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES US TO DO MORE THAN WE CAN DO ALONE- WE MIGHT HAVE ALL THE INGREDIENTS BUT IT TAKES HIS POWER TO ENABLE US TO DO SOMETHING REALLY SPECIAL! (DON'T FORGET TO ADD CANDLES- IT'S PENTECOST AFTER ALL!)

[PENTECOST CAKE EXPLANATION](#)

ALTERNATIVELY BAKE PENTECOST CUPCAKES WITH STRAWBERRY 'FLAMES' TO SHARE AROUND WITH OTHER PEOPLE. PRAY AS THEY EAT THEM THEY'D BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT TOO!



3

REMEMBER THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME LIKE A RUSHING WIND- WHY NOT USE ALL YOUR PUFF TO BLOW SOME PAINT FLAMES TO HELP YOU REMEMBER THE STORY. TRY TO FILL THE PAPER LIKE THE DISCIPLES WERE FILLED UP WITH THE SPIRIT!

