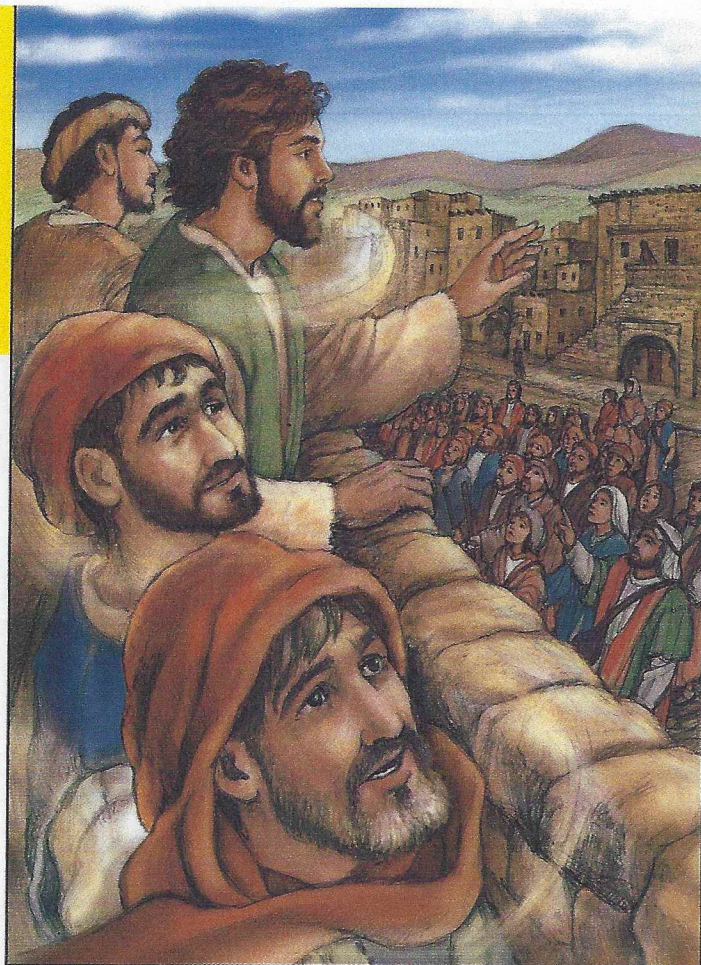


Lesson 9

A TELLING TRUTH

Pentecost
Acts 2:1–24



Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jews from all over the world had come to Jerusalem for the harvest festival of Pentecost. In God's perfect timing, **He would use Jesus' disciples all gathered together in one place, along with all these people in Jerusalem at the same time.**

On Sunday morning, suddenly, a loud sound like a fast-blowing wind came from heaven and filled the house where the disciples were. **They saw what looked like tongues of fire spread out and rest on everyone.** All the people there began speaking in a language they had never studied or learned before. **The Holy Spirit gave them power to understand and speak different languages!**

Many of the Jews who were gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost heard the sound and rushed over to see what was going on. **Suddenly, they heard the disciples speaking the Good News about Jesus in their own languages**—the languages they had spoken since they were children.

But some of the Jews who lived in Jerusalem made fun of the disciples and said they were drunk.

When Peter heard this, he stood and raised his voice to speak to them. He explained that the disciples were not drunk, but that God had poured out the Holy Spirit, who gave them the ability to speak in the different languages of the people gathered together in Jerusalem.

Peter told them this is exactly what the Old Testament prophet Joel had said would happen in the last days when God poured out His Spirit. Then, Peter explained

why it had happened: because God had sent Jesus Christ, His Son, the promised Savior to them. Instead of believing in Him, however, they had rejected Him and killed Him on the cross, but God had raised Him from the dead. **The disciples had seen Jesus many times after He had risen from the dead, and now they were urging everyone who heard them to be baptized.** That day, three thousand people were baptized and became disciples of Jesus and members of the Church.

Today, the Bible has been written down in many different languages so people all around the world can know how Jesus came to save them.

Peter

Peter was given the name *Simon* by his parents, but Jesus gave him the name *Peter*, which means "rock."

Peter was a fisherman before he became an apostle.

Peter's brother Andrew told him about Jesus.



Peter is always named first in lists of the apostles.

Peter was one of the disciples who were in the inner circle closest to Jesus.

Peter was the first of the twelve disciples Jesus appeared to after He rose from the dead.



Pentecost

God had first told Moses about the Festival of

Pentecost when they met together on Mount Sinai.

This celebration commemorated the giving of the Law to Moses on Sinai.

Pentecost also celebrated the first wheat harvest of the year, when food was gathered and brought in from the fields.

Pentecost occurs 50 days after the Passover Sabbath.



Holy Spirit

One Spirit—many languages

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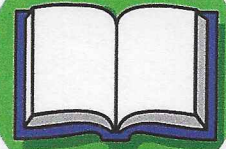
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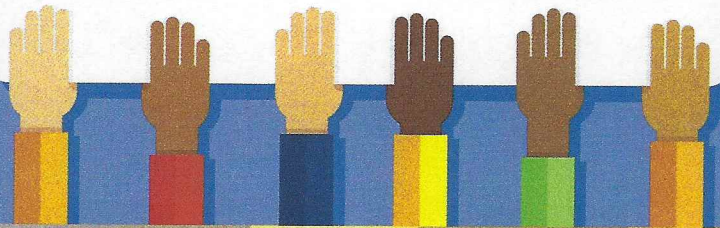
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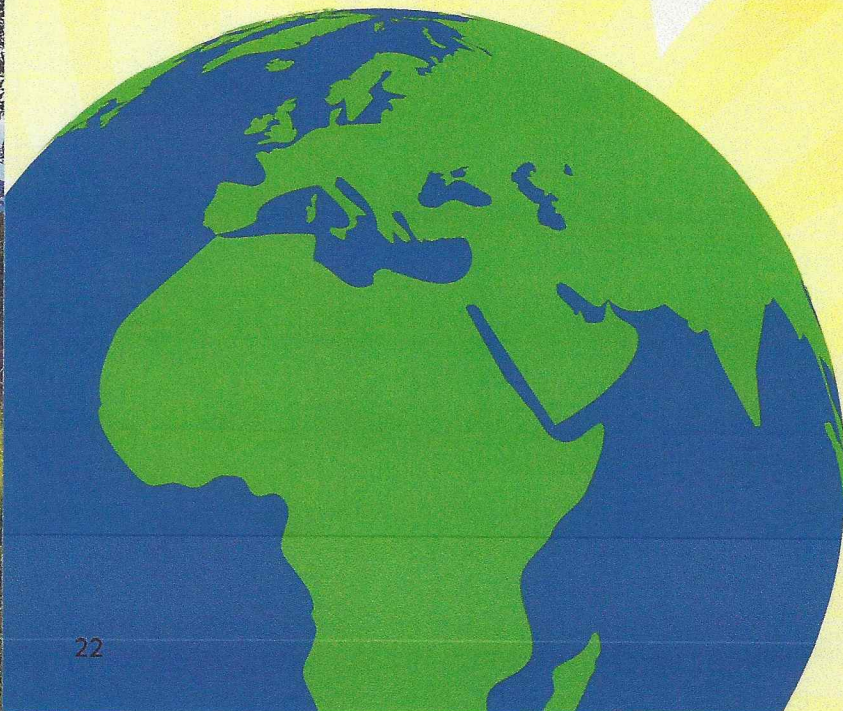


The complete Bible has been translated into 670 languages.



Church Birthday

The day of Pentecost is often considered the birthday of the Christian Church. The thousands baptized that day spread God's Word throughout the world as the Church began to grow.



Bible Verse: Acts 2:38

You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Connections

Read these passages for more connections to the gift of Baptism and the Holy Spirit.

► Acts 2:38

► 1 Peter 3:21

► Matthew 3:11

A TELLING TRUTH—PENTECOST

Unit 3, Lesson 9

The Holy Spirit Comes

Directions: As Jesus promised, God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples when they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. Review the facts of this miraculous event as you finish each statement in Column 1 with its correct ending from Column 2.

Column 1

1. When gathered in a house on the day of Pentecost, Jesus' followers heard _____.
2. In the house, Jesus' followers saw _____.
3. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus' followers could speak in _____.
4. When other people heard Jesus' disciples speaking, some were _____.
5. To explain the truth about all that had happened, Peter _____.
6. Peter said that God sent _____.
7. Peter told the people that according to God's plan _____.

Column 2

- A. many different languages.
- B. preached a sermon.
- C. the Holy Spirit to His disciples as He had promised.
- D. tongues of fire resting on each one of them.
- E. a mighty rushing wind.
- F. they had crucified Jesus and God raised Him from the dead.
- G. amazed and others thought the disciples had drunk too much wine.

Jesus said, **"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you"** (John 14:26).

According to this verse, how does the Holy Spirit help you?
