

A TELLING TRUTH

Pentecost
Acts 2:1–24

Early Childhood
Lesson 9

Storytelling Directions

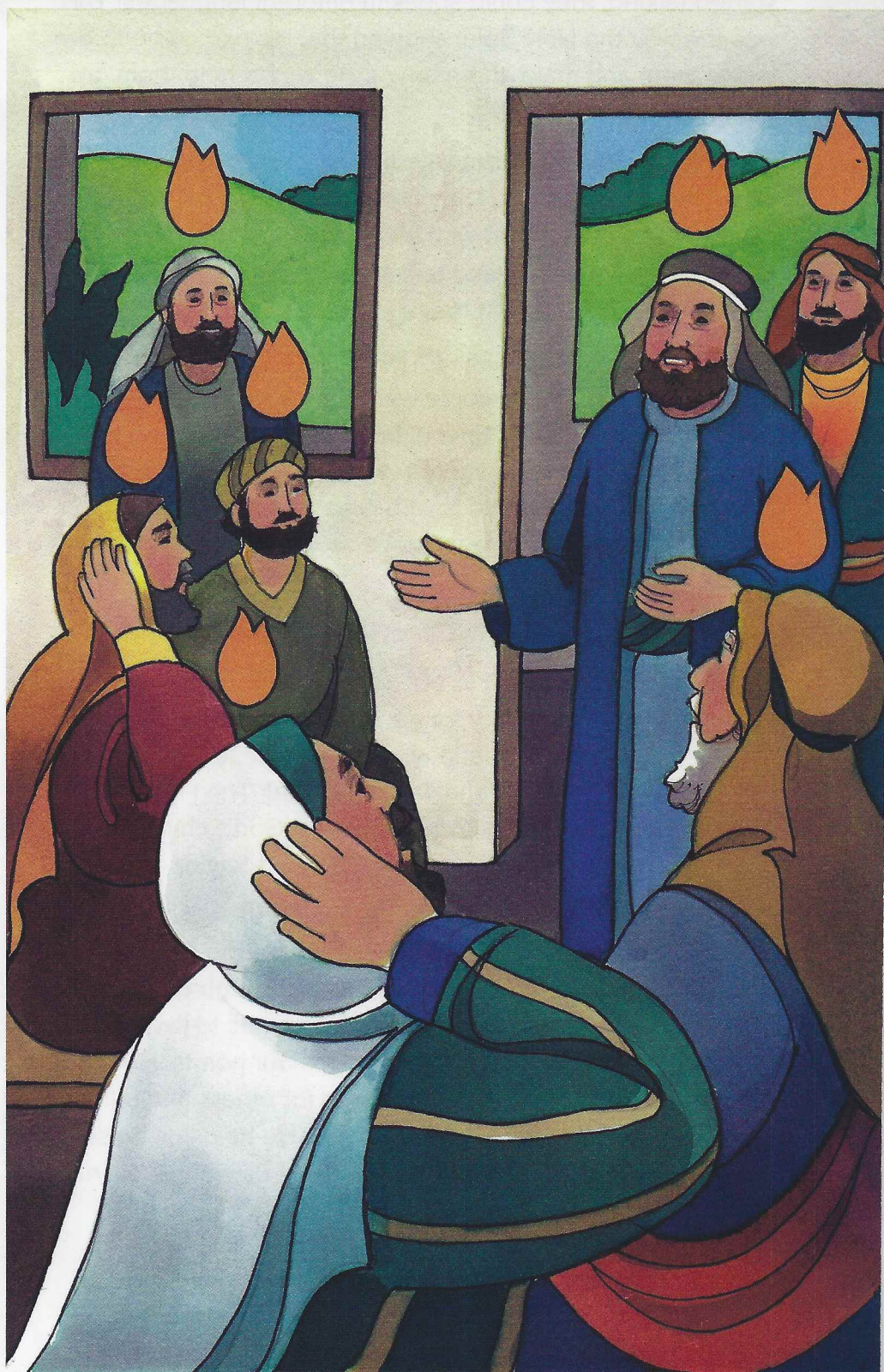
Ask child(ren) to make the sound of the wind and wiggle fingers over head for the fire. Have child(ren) pretend to be part of the crowd of people and ask, “What shall we do?”

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He promised, “I will be with you always.” Then He said, “God will send you a helper.” This helper is the Holy Spirit.

Jesus’ friends went back to Jerusalem. They met with one another and prayed together as they waited for the helper to come. Then on the day we call *Pentecost*, God the Holy Spirit came, just as Jesus promised. He came in a mighty way.

I wonder . . . how do you think the Holy Spirit showed He was there with Jesus’ friends?

Let’s find out. *Turn the page.*



Jesus' friends were praying together. All of a sudden, they heard a big noise that filled the whole house! "It sounds like a mighty rushing wind!" they said. (*Make noise of wind.*) Then they saw something that looked like little flames of fire resting on them. (*Wiggle fingers over head.*) When Jesus' friends started talking, they could speak in different languages! This was the way the Holy Spirit showed that He had come to live inside them and make them brave. He would help them go tell others about Jesus.

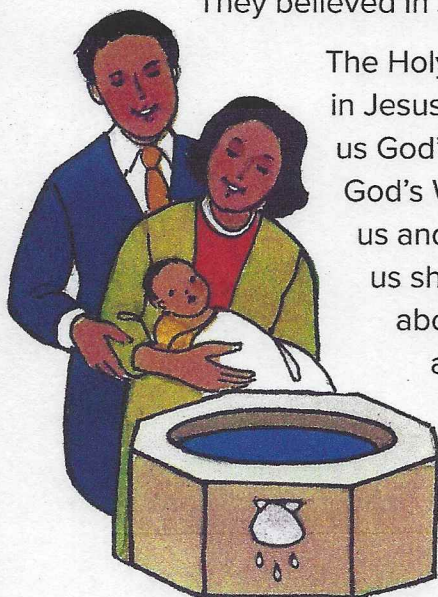
A lot of people were in the city of Jerusalem that day. They heard the big noise too. They hurried to the house where Jesus' friends were filled with the Holy Spirit. Then Peter, one of Jesus' friends, stood and talked to the people. God the Holy Spirit helped Peter speak bravely so everyone would hear.

"I have a friend named Jesus," Peter said. "Jesus helped many people. He made sick people well. He made sad people happy. Jesus was good to you, but you were not good to Him. You put Him on a cross where He died. But Jesus did not stay dead! He is alive! Now He is with God the Father in heaven. We know He loves us. He loved us so much He died to save us all!"

When the people heard this, they were afraid. They thought God would punish them. They cried out, "What shall we do?"

Peter told them, "Be sorry for your sins and be baptized. God will forgive you!" That day, many people told God they were sorry for their sins and were baptized. The Holy Spirit came to live inside them and made them God's children.

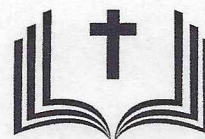
They believed in Jesus as their Savior.



The Holy Spirit gives us faith to believe in Jesus as our Savior too. He makes us God's children through Baptism and God's Word. He comes to live inside us and changes our hearts. He helps us show love for others and tell them about Jesus. He helps us be sorry and forgives us when we sin.

Parent Talk

Today, your child was introduced to the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, and His work for us. The Nicene Creed says that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of life. He is our helper, our teacher, our prayer partner, and our comforter. In time, your child will grow in understanding these concepts, but for now, concentrate on helping your child grasp that Jesus kept His promise to send the Spirit so that we and others may believe in Jesus and love Him.



Bible Verse: Acts 2:38

You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to make me Your child. Amen.

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Today I learned . . .

God the Holy Spirit is my helper.

John 14:26 says, “The Helper, the Holy Spirit, . . . will teach you all things.” The Holy Spirit teaches us about Jesus. He gives us faith through God’s Word and Baptism to believe in Jesus as our Savior. He makes us brave to show love and tell others about Jesus. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, God’s Church continues to grow.

Let’s Talk about It

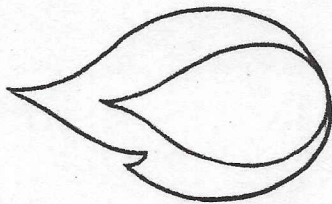
- What did the people see on Pentecost?
- What did they hear on Pentecost?
- Who sent the Holy Spirit to help them?
- What news did Peter tell the people?
- Who made Peter brave?



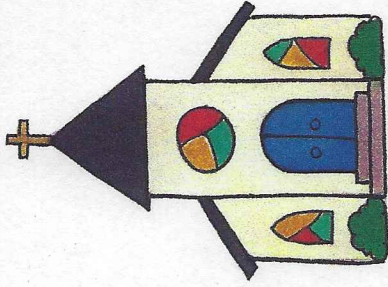
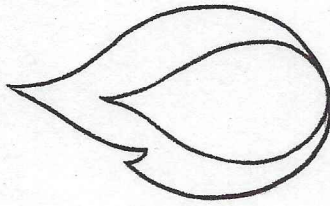
Add stickers of flames and the wind.

The Holy Spirit

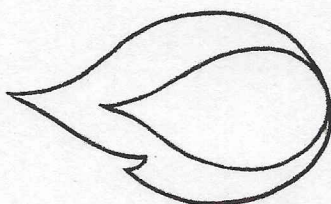
Each of the pictures tells something about God the Holy Spirit. Read the sentences and color the flame if it is true.



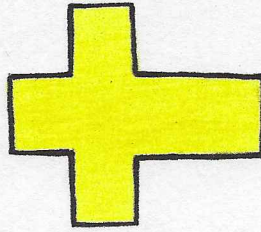
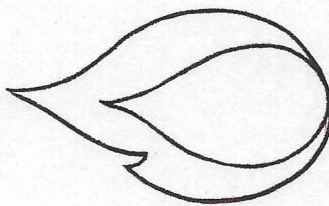
The Holy Spirit is God. He came from heaven as a dove and rested on Jesus at His Baptism.



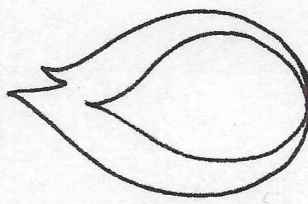
The Holy Spirit makes us part of God's family, the Church.



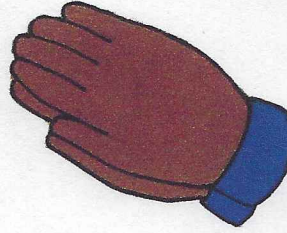
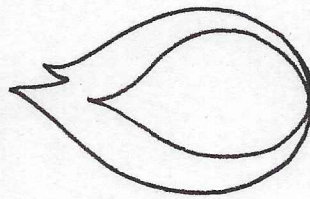
The Holy Spirit teaches us about Jesus, who paid for our sins.



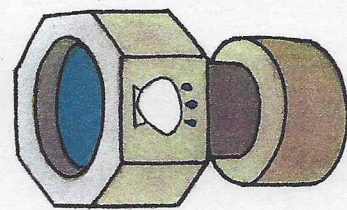
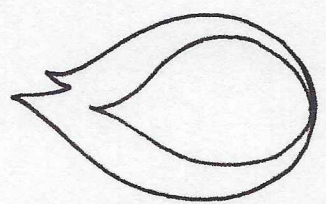
The Holy Spirit helps us say "I'm sorry" when we sin and gives us Jesus' forgiveness. He helps us to forgive too.



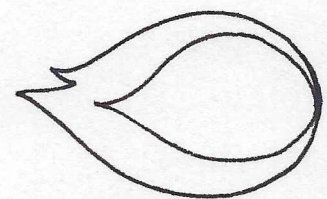
The Holy Spirit gives us faith in Jesus and helps our faith grow when we hear God's Word.



The Holy Spirit prays for us and helps us pray.

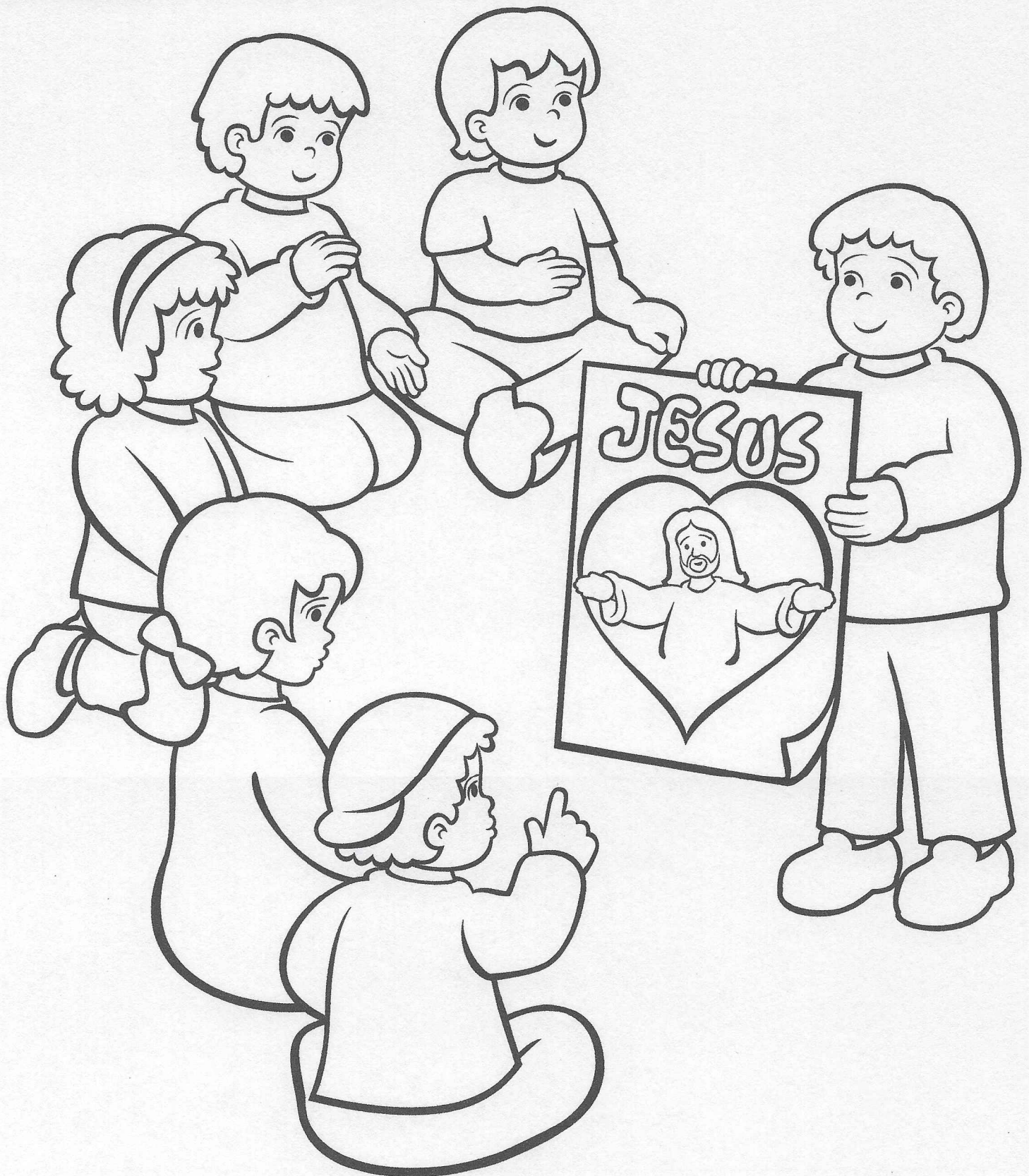


The Holy Spirit works through Baptism to give us God's gifts of forgiveness and eternal life with Jesus.



The Holy Spirit is our helper. He helps us show love for others and tell them about Jesus and His love.

GOD GIVES ME HIS WORD




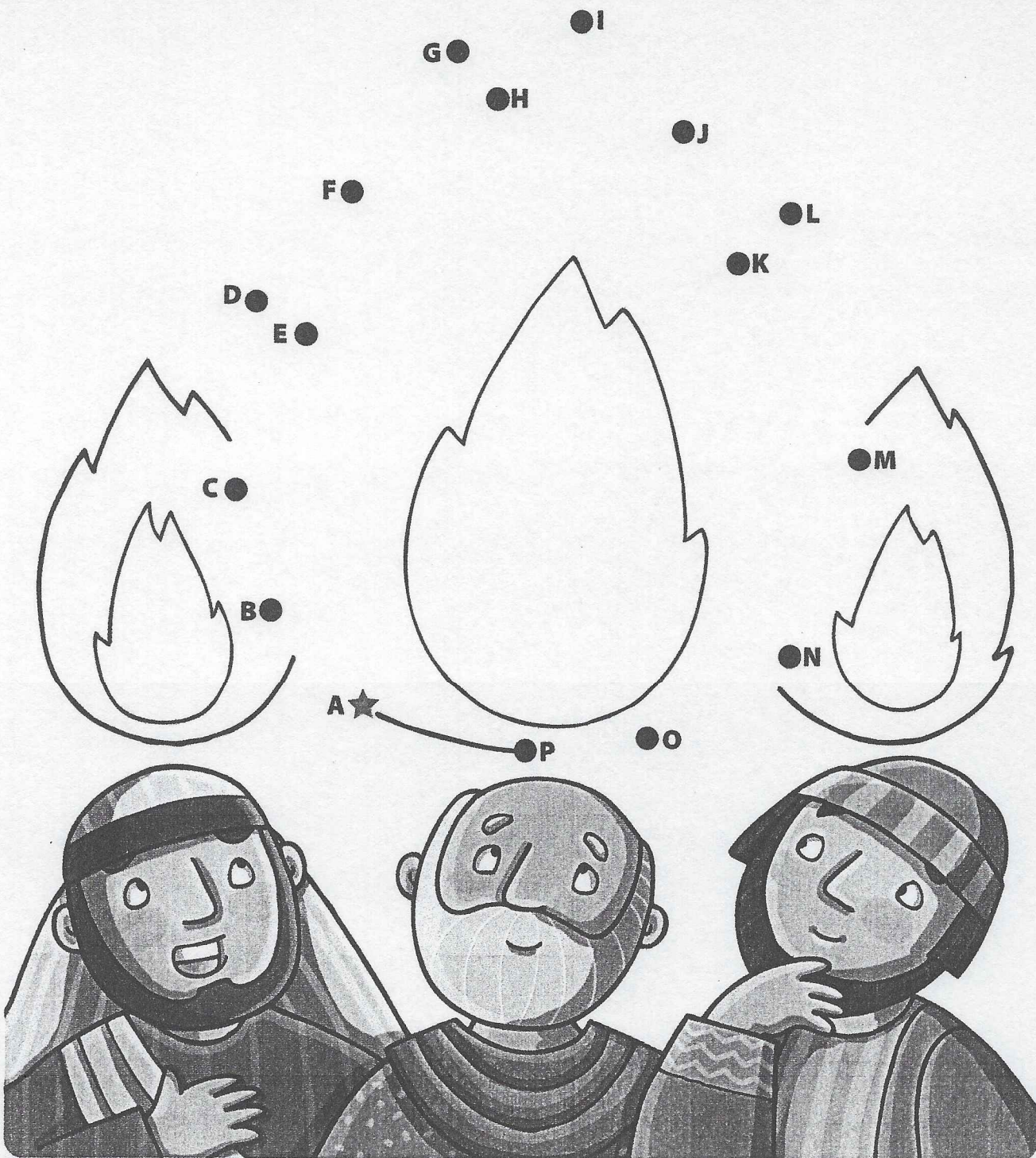
**JESUS ENCOURAGES ME TO TELL OTHERS WHAT
I LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD. (See Acts 4:20)**



The Spirit of God

The Holy Spirit comes to each
of us (Acts 2:1-4).

Connect the dots • A-P. Color  the picture.

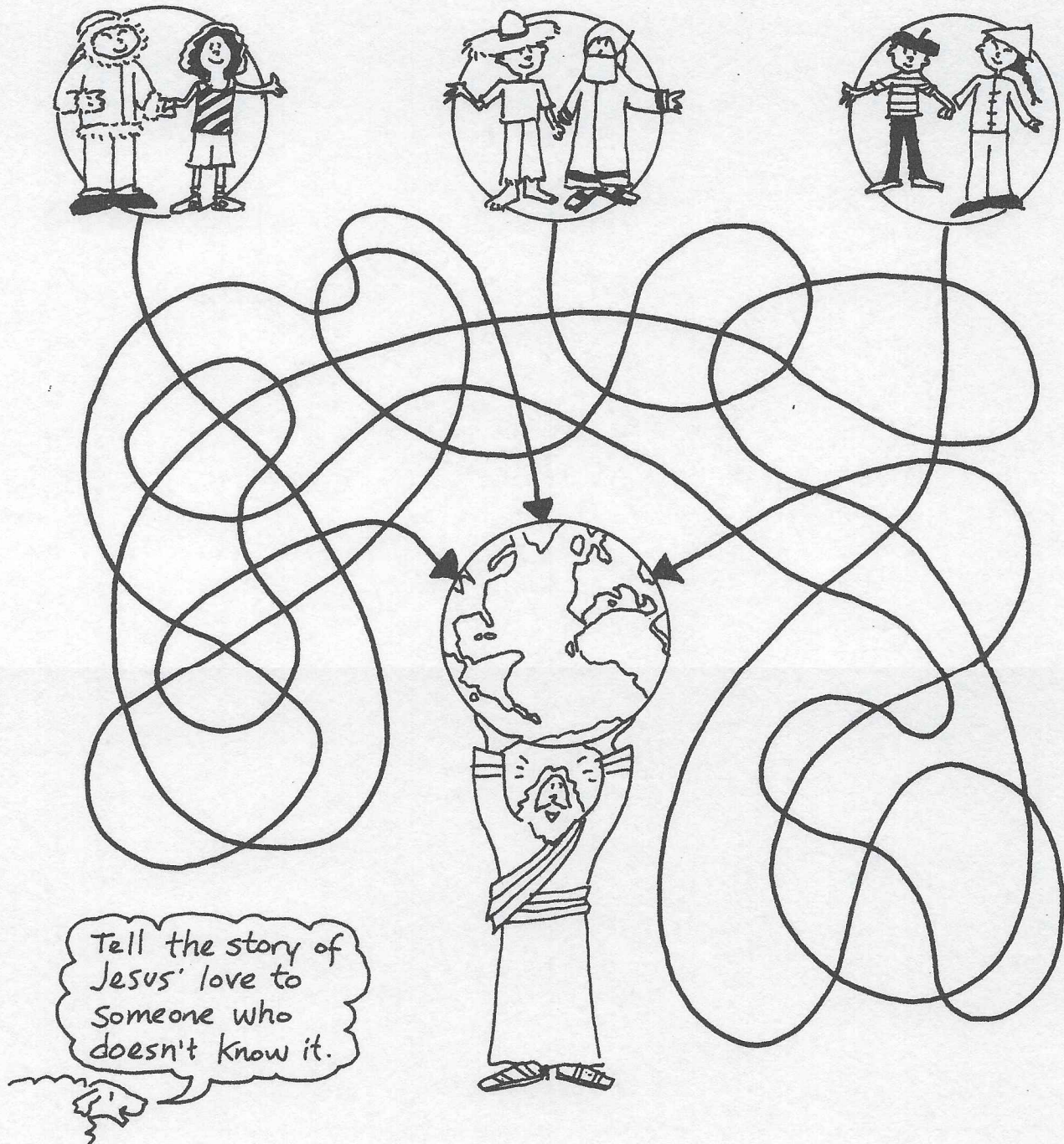


The Holy Spirit lives with you and is in you!

Good News for All People

"Make disciples of all nations," Jesus said to His followers before He returned to heaven. Jesus gives you that same job. You tell others about Jesus by the way you act and talk. Ask Jesus to help you show others His love through your words and actions.

Help each set of children reach Jesus.

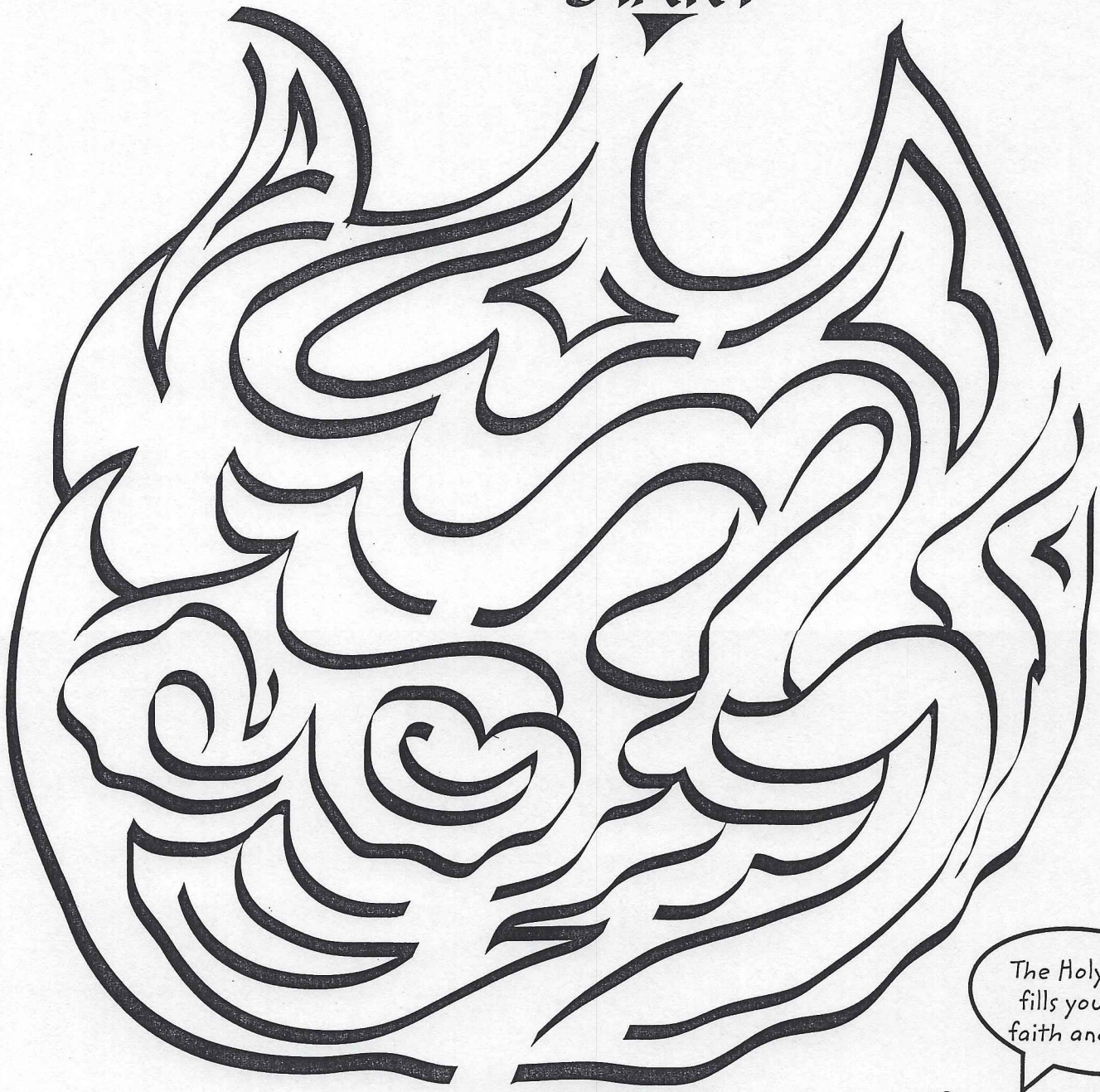


The First Pentecost

God sent the Holy Spirit as flames of fire on the first Pentecost Day. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples speak in many different languages. Everyone in the crowd, from all the different countries, was able to hear about Jesus' love in their own language (see Acts 2:1-13).

Find the path through the flame.

START



END

The Holy Spirit
fills you with
faith and love.

