



Objectives: To explain that:

- Jesus promised the disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit who would give them power to do the work of the Kingdom.
- The disciple waited 10 more days for the Holy Spirit.
- One the day of Pentecost, the Spirit came and gave them power to share the good news to all nations.
- The disciples preached boldly and many people repented and believed. People from every nation were beginning to follow Jesus.
- If we follow Jesus, we also have the Holy Spirit who gives us power to live for him and to become like him.

"I Wonder" Questions:

What do you see in this picture? (disciples speaking in many different languages, flames above people's heads.)

I wonder why there seems to be flames above people's heads.

I wonder why there are different languages.

Let's find out more in our story...

Lesson Summary:

Today we learn that the disciples spent 40 days with Jesus after He was resurrected! He appeared to them, ate with them and taught them many things. Then Jesus had to leave. He ascended into Heaven, but before He went to the Father, Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promised gift of his Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost Day, while the disciples were waiting and praying together, a rushing wind was heard and what seemed to be flames of fire appeared to rest on each person's head. The followers of Jesus started praising God, but in languages that they had never heard or learned before! The Holy Spirit came to each believer that day, so that they could have boldness and joy to tell people from many nations and languages the good news of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit now lives inside all believers and disciples of Jesus. Even today, the Holy Spirit gives us the joy and power to share God's message of repentance, forgiveness and Christ's love. The Holy Spirit gives us power to live for Jesus and do the work of the Kingdom. In all of this, God is changing us to be more like his Son, Jesus.

Suggested Questions: What does this story tell us about God? (God can live in our hearts by the gift of the Holy Spirit. God is a Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to have his Holy Spirit so that we may confidently tell others about him. The Holy Spirit of God can live inside his people and they become more and more like Jesus. **What does this story mean for us today?** (We too can have the Holy Spirit and all the promises of God if we believe, repent and follow Jesus.)

- What were the disciples doing in Jerusalem? (Jesus instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit)
- How did the Holy Spirit come to them? (They heard a rushing wind and saw tongues of fire and they spoke in different languages)
- Why did the Holy Spirit give the disciples the gift of different languages to speak? (So that people in Jerusalem could understand and believe in Jesus)

Bible Memory Verse:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."(Acts 1:8a - ESV)