



Lesson 26: *The Holy Spirit Came* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- In the 40 days after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples many times, ate with them and taught them many things.
- Jesus promised the disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit who would give them power to do the work of the Kingdom.
- 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 and return to Heaven. He ascended, that means he was lifted up, into Heaven. We call this event the Ascension. Jesus sat down on his throne in Heaven beside his Father and began to rule as the Forever King. However, before He went to the Father, Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promised gift of the 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 through the Holy Spirit. God is a Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus is seated on his throne in Heaven, ruling as the Forever King. God keeps his promises. Jesus wants us to have his Holy Spirit so that we may boldly tell others about him. The Holy Spirit of God can help us 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 are baptized, and follow Jesus.)

- For how many days did Jesus appear to the disciples after he rose from the dead? (40 days)
- What is the Ascension? (The day (after the 40 days) when Jesus was taken up to Heaven. There he sat down on his throne beside his Father and began to rule as the Forever King. Optional comment: The church celebrates the Ascension every year, 40 days after Easter)
- 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 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)