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The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

Acts 2:1-41



YOUR BIBLE READING

The Holy Spirit helped Jesus' followers share good news across languages.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Sound, a Sign, and Many Languages

Acts 2:1-41



On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' followers were gathered in one place. Suddenly a sound like a strong rushing wind came from heaven and filled the house. Shapes like tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. The help Jesus had promised was coming in a remarkable way.

Luke describes a sound like wind and tongues like fire. He does not say that ordinary fire burned people or that they needed to escape a house in flames. The descriptions help readers picture something unusual without confusing it with an everyday accident. The central event was the coming of the Holy Spirit, and its immediate result was speech that people from different places could understand.

Devout Jewish people from many nations were in Jerusalem. When they heard the sound, a crowd gathered. They were amazed because each could hear the followers speaking in the language of home. These speakers were Galileans, yet people from many regions heard the mighty works of God in their own languages. The gift crossed a barrier that would normally make understanding difficult between people who did not share the same speech.

The listeners wondered what it meant. Some mocked and suggested that the speakers had been drinking. Peter stood with the eleven and addressed the crowd. He explained that they were not drunk and pointed to the prophet Joel's promise about God pouring out his Spirit. The surprising sounds and languages were not without meaning. Peter would connect what the crowd was hearing with the good news of Jesus.

Remember: God's good news can be heard by people from many places.

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Peter Explains the Good News

Acts 2:1-41



Peter spoke about Jesus of Nazareth, whose works had shown God's power among the people. Jesus had been handed over and killed, but God had raised him from death. Peter used the Scriptures to explain that death could not hold him. He spoke as a witness with the others, telling the crowd that the Jesus who had suffered was the one God had truly brought back to life.

The risen Jesus, Peter explained, had been exalted and had poured out the promised Holy Spirit. What the crowd saw and heard was connected with him. The message did not leave the strange signs standing by themselves as an entertainment. It pointed to Jesus as Lord and Messiah. The listeners were invited to understand the event through his death, resurrection, and the gift now given to his followers.

Many listeners were deeply moved and asked Peter and the other apostles what they should do. Peter called them to repent, turning toward God, and be baptized in Jesus' name for forgiveness. He spoke of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise included them, their children, and those far away whom God would call. The response he described was a new direction of life, not merely amazement at a sound.

Those who welcomed the message were baptized, and about three thousand people were added that day. Luke gives an approximate number, not an exact count that must be made larger for effect. A growing community formed around the good news of Jesus. The Spirit's coming had enabled speech across languages, and Peter's explanation had helped people understand what they heard and choose a response to the living Lord.

Pause and think: What could help someone understand and feel included when their language or background differs from yours?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Understanding Can Cross a Language Barrier



Imagine trying to follow an important explanation when none of the words are familiar. You might need a translator, a picture, or someone willing to slow down. The Pentecost listeners heard God's works in the languages they knew. In ordinary life, patient communication can help someone feel included instead of expecting every new person to understand immediately without assistance.

Peter explained the signs rather than leaving the crowd to guess. When something surprises you in a Bible story, ask what the passage itself says it means. Here the sound and languages lead toward Jesus, the Spirit, and a call to turn toward God. The point is not to copy an unusual sound or prove that you can reproduce the same sign.

The promise reached people nearby and far away. You can think about how a community makes room for different ages, homes, and languages. A clear explanation, a translated word, or a welcoming introduction can be small practical helps. These actions do not repeat the miracle, but they can show care for the understanding and dignity of the person beside you.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

The Holy Spirit helped Jesus' followers speak across languages as Peter explained the good news of the risen Lord.

What could help someone understand and feel included when their language or background differs from yours?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What amazed the people from many nations?

2. Who explained what was happening?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Peter explains Jesus' good news, and many are baptized.
- ☐ People hear God's works in their own languages.
- ☐ The Holy Spirit fills the gathered followers.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw people with speech bubbles in several languages, showing shared understanding.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

God's good news can be heard by people from many places.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Acts 2:6-11

A thoughtful conversation

Acts says a sound like wind and tongues like fire; it does not describe ordinary fire burning people. The Jewish crowd comes from many lands. Do not require a child to reproduce a particular spiritual sign.

Activity answers

1. They heard God's works spoken in their own languages.
2. Peter, standing with the other apostles.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Holy Spirit, help us understand one another and share Jesus' good news with care. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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