



Pentecost Gifts of the Spirit

Opening Prayer: Loving God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to guide us and to show us how we can love and serve you each day. Amen.

The Story: Acts 2:1-21

- Tell the story from reading it from your bible (be sure it is age appropriate)
- Watch this [Video](#)
- Use this short Story

Fifty days after Easter, when Jesus had been raised from the dead, Jesus' followers were all gathered in one place. Suddenly, a sound surrounded them that was like the rush of a violent wind and it filled the entire house that they were in. As the wind swept around them like wildfire, each person began to speak a different language as a gift from the Holy Spirit. The crowd that was gathered around them heard them speaking different languages and they were confused because they knew that they were all from the same place. They wondered how it had happened and what it meant. Peter, one of Jesus' followers reminded them that one of the prophets, Joel, had told them this would happen. God told them that God would pour out the Holy Spirit upon us and that all would speak of God and spread the message of God. Do you realize that means us too? We are called upon to spread the message of God because the Holy Spirit is in us, just like it was in the disciples! The Holy Spirit has given us each different things that we can share to spread the message of God! I wonder what are some of the things you love to do? What are the gifts that God has given you? (allow the children time to answer)

- Read from the International Children's Bible

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages. ⁵There were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. ⁶When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely amazed at this. They said, "Look! Aren't all these men that we hear speaking from Galilee?" ⁸But each of us hears them in his own language. How is this possible? We are from different places: ⁹Parthia, Media, Elam,



Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near Cyrene, Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and those who had become Jews), Crete and

Arabia. But we hear these men telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!" ¹² They were all amazed and confused. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others were making fun of them, saying, "They have had too much wine." Peter Speaks to the People ¹⁴ But Peter stood up with the 11 apostles. In a loud voice he spoke to the crowd: "My fellow Jews, and all of you who are in Jerusalem, listen to me. Pay attention to what I have to say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you think; it is only nine o'clock in the morning! ¹⁶ But Joel the prophet wrote about what is happening here today:

¹⁷ 'God says: In the last days

I will give my Spirit freely to all kinds of people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your old men will dream dreams.

Your young men will see visions.

¹⁸ At that time I will give my Spirit

even to my servants, both men and women.

And they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show miracles

in the sky and on the earth:

blood, fire and thick smoke.

²⁰ The sun will become dark.

The moon will become red as blood.

And then the great and glorious day of the Lord will come.

²¹ Then anyone who asks the Lord for help

will be saved.'

Activities:

Tongues of Fire Crown- Use the flame template below to make a tongues of fire crown. Learn to say hello in another language and greet others wearing your crown.

SONG: [Hello to All the Children of the World](#)

Host a Birthday Party- Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church. Host your own at home birthday party. You may want to bake a cake or cupcakes, make a sign or decorate with tongues of fire and birthday greetings in other languages. Send us pics of your party!

Closing Prayer: God, Thank you for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Amen

