

UNIT 3: LOVE • SESSION 12:

"Pentecost"

ACTS 2:1-41



SHARING LOVE: This week's story is about the birth of the church! The disciples were gathered for the Jewish festival of Pentecost. They were waiting together for the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus told them before he left them would be coming. When the Holy Spirit arrived it sounded like wind and appeared like fire and they all could communicate in different languages with one another. The Holy Spirit did not just come to the disciples but to each person gathered there. The Holy Spirit empowered God's people and gave them the courage to continue to spread the good news about Jesus. **It inspired the people to start a church to share God's love.** We celebrate Pentecost today!



BIBLE STORY: Acts 2:1-41 The disciples were waiting in a house. Suddenly, a sound like wind filled the entire house. The disciples looked around and saw little flames of fire on each of them. It was the Holy Spirit—God's Spirit that would be with them always. The disciples began to speak other languages. They were all surprised. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" People outside the house heard the noises. "What is happening?" the people wondered. Peter told the people: "God has sent the Holy Spirit to us. That is what you have heard." The people listened to Peter. He told them about Jesus. Peter helped the people to believe in Jesus and told them to be baptized. "The Holy Spirit will be given to you!" Peter told the people. The people believed and were baptized.

Take time this week to stop and pay attention and notice God's spirit working in your daily life. The Holy Spirit may be a difficult thing to understand. It is a mystery but essentially it is God's presence in our daily lives. It is a gift that guides us, comforts us and strengthens our faith. It is God with YOU. And a reminder that God gave us all special gifts to share.

Love each other like the members of your family.

Romans 12:10a



Dear God,

Thank you so much for sending the Holy Spirit to encourage us, to guide us and to be a reminder that you are with us. Help us to feel your presence as we go through our daily lives and celebrate the different gifts we each have to offer. And Happy Birthday to the Church! Amen

WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- What do you think the day of Pentecost felt like to the people who were there? Name an emotion they might have felt?
- What would you have done if you had been there on that day?
- Can you speak another language? How important is language for communication? Why do you think God gave this gift to the disciples?
- The Holy Spirit is like the wind or your breath. You can feel it, but you cannot see it. What other things can you sense but cannot see? **Hold out your hand and blow on it. Feel the warmth on your skin. This is a way to remember that the warmth and love of the Holy Spirit is always with you.**
- **Pentecost is the birthday of the church. How do you celebrate birthdays? Why is this important?**
- **What special gifts do you have to share with others?**
- **Can you help us fill up our Community Raiser "Kids Share" coin jar on Sundays? Bring coins to Sunday School. Thank you!!!**

Pentecost

Special Day

Color in each shape containing a dot to reveal the reason Pentecost is a special day for the church.

