

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Holy Spirit

from Acts 2:1-21.

On Pentecost the Spirit brought the good news of Jesus to people in every language.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Pentecost
- Tongues
- Jerusalem
- Astonished

Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The season of Pentecost is the longest season of the church year. It lasts until Advent begins.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 502-503

Spark NRSV Bible pages 1204-1205

Family Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for sending down the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Give us hearts to feel the Holy Spirit's presence every day. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What did the Holy Spirit look like? (fire) Feel like? (wind) Sound like? (voices of the people)
- 2 Do you know someone who speaks a different language than you do? Do you ever have a difficult time communicating?
- 3 It can be difficult to communicate in a place where people don't speak your primary language. Think about people who are new to our country and community and might have a hard time communicating. What are some ways we can help those people in their daily lives?
- 4 Do you know any words in another language? Share some of them with each other.



Eye Spark

Observe the wind this week. Take time to watch how it moves through the trees and the grass. See how it blows through your hair and clothing. Visualize the Holy Spirit blowing around you, surrounding you.



Ear Spark

Listen for other languages being spoken around you this week. Ask God to bless those who speak them.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Pentecost marks the birthday of the Christian church when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. Birthdays aren't complete without birthday cake! Make or buy cupcakes and place "trick" candles on each one. Sing "Happy Birthday" to the church. When you try to blow out the candles, explain that the candles are like the Holy Spirit. The flames of the candles will not go out, just like the Holy Spirit will never leave us!

For younger kids

Create reminders of the Holy Spirit's presence in your home by making luminaries for outside your doorway. You will need a brown paper lunch bag, sand, a votive candle, scissors, and masking tape. Create a few cross shapes from the masking tape and stick them to the inside of the paper bag. Fill the bag with 3 inches of sand and secure a candle in the center of the bag. Parents should light the luminaries with a stick of spaghetti or long match. (If you can't light flames, use battery-powered candles instead.)

For older kids

Do an online search of Acts 2:4 in English and read it aloud. Now change the version of the passage to one in a different language and attempt to read it aloud. Figure out which word means "spirit" in the new language.



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