

At Pentecost, the promise of Jesus was fulfilled when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. We recall these events so we can understand how we, too, have the Holy Spirit and should share the Gospel with one another.

Introduction ideas

Try your hand at some language fun! Pick a foreign language, and learn some new words in it. Learn about the culture and people who speak that language, too.

- Light some candles.
- Have a windy race...Using a straw, see how fast you can blow a ping-pong ball or pompom from one side of a room to the other!
- Fill a balloon with air...let it go and see where it lands! With multiple people, see whose balloon can reach farthest across the room.

Message: Last week we heard about Jesus' ascension, when he went back to Heaven. Before he went, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, and that promise was fulfilled at Pentecost and that is what our Bible story is about today. Pentecost reminds us of God's power, and of the purpose of the church.

(Choose one of the following) Balloon, pin wheel, hair dryer, candle, lighter or fan)

I want to show you something... *Demonstrate an air-powered item. Wave a fan, blow into a pinwheel, let go of a balloon, blow a hair-dryer, etc.* Wow, did you see that wind? That was cool! Well, maybe you didn't exactly see the wind. After all, we can't see things like air or wind, at least not with our eyes. But we can definitely see what those things do, right?

We see the effects of the wind and how it moves things, and we breathe the air to stay alive, so we know it's important. Today we are talking about something else that you can't see with your eyes, but that has amazing and important impact on what we do. And it was also an important event that happened in the church.

Before Jesus went up into Heaven, He promised the disciples to send them a special helper, the Holy Spirit.

Ten days after the Ascension (fifty days after Easter), it happened. Everyone was waiting together, wondering what might happen. Then suddenly, there was a sound and a big rushing wind (*blow a fan or hair dryer, if accessible*). And there were little tongues of fire that appeared on top of the disciples' heads! (*Hold up a candle if desired.*)

The people were filled with joy and excitement. The Holy Spirit came! The disciples couldn't wait to share the news of Jesus with everyone around them. And another amazing thing happened. There were a lot of people visiting Jerusalem, from several countries. They spoke many different languages, but when the disciples started to speak, everyone could understand them in their own language!

Without studying or taking classes, they could speak in all sorts of languages. Some people didn't quite believe what was happening though, and said that they were drunk. Peter spoke to the crowds and let them know what was happening.

Many people believed, and came to know about Jesus. In fact, some people say that this was the "birthday" of the early church. After this event, people began meeting with one another and sharing, spreading the Gospel good news throughout the world!

And it doesn't stop there. The great news of the Pentecost story is that we, too, can have that power from the Holy Spirit. God lives in us so that all who believe in Him can receive the spirit from Jesus. Our job is to keep spreading the good news, and to keep loving people.

We might not have flames above our heads or speak in different languages, but we can celebrate the church and how God works through it. Church is not just a building or a worship service...it's the body of Christ, called to do His work in the world.

We can love others and shine the light of Jesus all around us. We can be on fire for Him in our hearts, and communicate that through our lives. What a blessing and privilege to be part of something so important! What are you waiting for? Let's share the good news!

Watch a clip of Pentecost or read story from the Bible

[The Holy Spirit Comes \(Day of Pentecost\) - YouTube](#)

[The Events of Pentecost | LEGO stop motion | BHCM Schools Team - YouTube](#)

[Sparks April 15: 42 God Sends help--Pentecost - YouTube](#)

[Pentecost - YouTube](#)

[Pentecost Explained in 3 Minutes \(with puppets!\) - YouTube](#)

Songs: [Psalty: Pow Pow Power To Live God's Way \(With Lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

[Blowing Wind And Tongues Of Flame \(Pentecost\) - Bob Hartman's Rhyming Bible - Lyric Video - YouTube](#)

[HOLY SPIRIT FOR CHILDREN - AYI THE COW - CHRISTIAN SONGS FOR KIDS - YouTube](#)

[Holy Spirit Fills Me Up - Brendon & Cathie Clancy | OKTV - YouTube](#)

Activities: Make a pinwheel or continue with some of the introductory activities.

