

## Talk About It:

- Do you know any words in another language? What do other languages sound like to you?
  - Ask your grownups if they know any words in another language.
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## Read About It:

Read today's story from Acts 2:1-12\*

Before Jesus went back up to heaven, he told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem because God was going to send them a special gift – the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ten days later, the disciples were obeying Jesus' instructions and were gathered in Jerusalem. There were many other people gathered in Jerusalem, too. Jewish people from all over the world were gathered to celebrate a feast called Pentecost - a time when God's people brought special offerings to God. This celebration happened every year, but THIS year, something amazing happened.

On the day of Pentecost, all the followers of Jesus were meeting together in one place. Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to do this.

The believers gathered in that room had experienced an amazing event! God kept his Promise and sent the gift of the Holy Spirit! The noise caused the Jews visiting Jerusalem to gather and find out what was going on. They were amazed when they could hear the believers from Galilee speaking in their very own languages about the wonderful things God had done.

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, began preaching to the crowd. His speech was so powerful that 3,000 people decided to believe in Jesus! Just like Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to share the good news of Jesus with everyone.

- What do you think it might have sounded like when the Holy Spirit filled the room?
- How would you feel if you traveled to another country and someone was able to talk to you in your own language?
- How do you think the disciples felt when they were able to share the good news about Jesus in many different languages?

\*Adapted from <https://ministry-to-children.com/pentecost-sunday-school-lesson> and Acts 2:1-12, Easy-to-Read Version

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## Sing About It:

The Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to preach about Jesus and the Holy Spirit gives us power too! Get up on your feet and sing this fun song about God's amazing power!

[Power Shuffle](#) (Lifetree Kids, Everest VBS Music Video, Group Publishing)

## Think About It:

- Why do you think the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the ability to speak in other languages about the good news of Jesus?
  - If you were in the crowd that day and heard about Jesus in your own language, what would you have done when you got back home to your country?
  - On this day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to preach, and 3,000 people believed in Jesus! This was the beginning of the church, so sometimes we call Pentecost the church's birthday!
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## Make It:

Work together with your family to bake a cake or cupcakes to celebrate the birthday of the church. As you work together, talk about how the Holy Spirit gives us power to tell others about Jesus and how the Holy Spirit is always with us.

You can even decorate with streamers and balloons and sing "Happy Birthday" to the church.

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## Do It:

The Holy Spirit gives us power to live for God. Because of the Holy Spirit, we have the power to make right choices, obey God, share about Jesus, understand the Bible, and feel God's presence with us. What can God's Holy Spirit empower you to do this week? Here are some ideas:

- What is a hard rule for you to obey at home? Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the power to obey and to do the right thing.
  - Share a piece of cake or a cupcake (from the "Make It" section) with a friend or neighbor. Tell them about Pentecost and how God gave the Holy Spirit to be with us always.
  - Do you know someone who is having a hard time? Make a card for them and write a note about how God's Holy Spirit can bring them comfort.
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## Pray About It:

God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to be with us. Just like the Holy Spirit filled your disciples with power to share about Jesus, your Spirit gives me power to live for you every day. Thank you for giving me the power to trust you. Amen.

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## Memorize It:

We all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done! Acts 2:11