

E26. Pentecost

Acts 2:1-41

Memory Verse

*"But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit."
--John 14:26 (NIRV)*

Bible Lesson

Message: *Let the Holy Spirit guide you.*

The day of Pentecost came. The disciples were all gathered in one place. Suddenly a sound came from heaven. It was like a strong wind blowing. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames separated and stood over person that was there. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in languages they had not known before. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this.

A crowd of people gathered when they heard the people speaking in different languages. There were some very religious Jewish people staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. When they heard the noise, a crowd came and gathered together. Everyone was surprised, because they heard the disciples speaking in their own languages. They were amazed by this. They asked, "Aren't all these people from Galilee? Why, then, do we each hear them speaking in our own native language? We are from different places: Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Capadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near Cyrene, Rome, Crete, and Arabia. But we hear these men speaking about God's wonders in our own languages!" The people were amazed!

But others were making fun of them, saying that they had too much wine to drink.

Then Peter stood up with the other 11 Apostles and explained to the crowd that they had not been drinking wine and that these things that had happened were just as Joel the prophet wrote about (in the Old Testament). Jesus had walked on the earth, performed miracles, been nailed on the cross, was killed by you, and had risen from the dead. Peter reminded the people that they had all witnessed these things. Jesus was now lifted up to heaven and is at God's right side. God gave the Holy Spirit to Jesus, and Jesus has poured out that Spirit on earth. That is what you are hearing.

When the people heard this, they said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter replied, "All of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children. It is also for all who are far away. It is for all whom the Lord our God will choose."

Those who accepted his message were baptized. About 3,000 people joined the believers that day. And they continued to share, to have fellowship, and to pray together.

Talk About It

In today's lesson, Jesus told His Apostles to go and preach the good news about the kingdom of heaven, to heal the sick, to baptize with water and the Holy Spirit, and perform miracles. What a huge task they had before them! The Apostles could not rely on their own power to carry out their mission. But they were given everything they needed, even the power to perform miracles.

Talk with your child and share with him/her that Jesus also has a mission for their life. Jesus is asking them to follow Him and obey His commandments and His teachings. Sometimes this is very hard to do, but we need to remember that Jesus will give us the "power" and strength that we need in order to do these things, if we ask. Talk about it.

