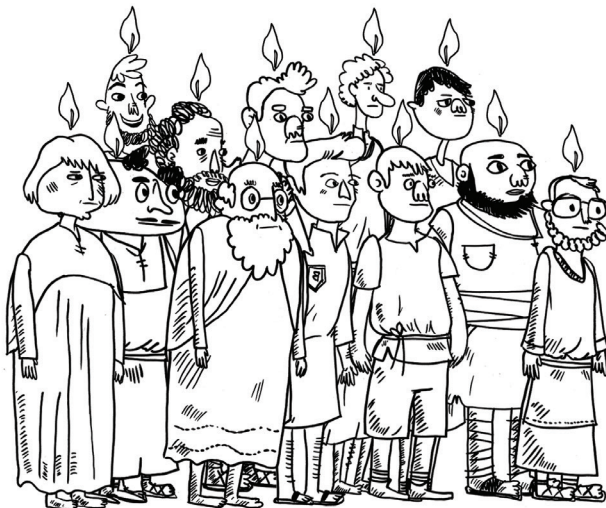


Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, 36-42



As the disciples were gathered in a house, the Holy Spirit blew through, filling the room. A flicker of flame appeared on each disciple, and they were able to speak in many foreign languages. All the people in Jerusalem could hear and understand the disciples in their own language. Peter declared the fulfillment of a prophecy and called everyone to repent and be baptized.

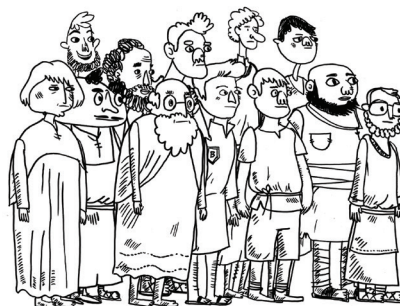
Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



The **Holy Spirit** rested on each disciple, appearing as a flame, letting them speak and understand the crowd's many languages.

Pentecost has been celebrated as the church's birthday since the second century. According to Jewish tradition, it was also the day that God gave Moses the law.



The **disciples** waited in Jerusalem after Jesus' ascension because he said they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit there (Acts 1:4-5).

About the Video

The disciples gathered in a home, and the Holy Spirit, blowing like a mighty wind, rushed through the house. The Holy Spirit appeared like flames over their heads, and the disciples could speak and understand many languages. A crowd gathered to listen to the disciples, and many were baptized.

- What did the Holy Spirit cause to happen?
- What do you think the flames felt like?
- What other languages have you heard?

Try This!

Do an Internet search to learn the word *spirit* in as many different languages as possible. Make a poster of all the words you find.

Prayer

Dear God, we celebrate your presence. Move through us, and with us, and in us, as we live together as your church. Happy Birthday to the church everywhere! Amen!