

PENTECOST

Bible Text: Acts 2:1-21; John 14:25-28

Lesson Focus: The Spirit, who is poured out on us in Holy Baptism, equips Jesus' followers to pass along the good news.

Big Question: God creates, Jesus redeems, but what does the Holy Spirit do?

Key Words: PENTECOST, POWER, HOLY SPIRIT, PROCLAIM

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, we celebrate Pentecost, which is the coming of the Holy Spirit.
-] The word *Pentecost* comes from a Greek word that means 50.
-] Before Jesus left this earth, he promised that he would send an advocate, a comforter, to take his place. The Holy Spirit is that advocate (John 14:26).
-] Although Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit would come, this was also prophesied by the prophet Joel and by John the Baptist (Luke 3:15-18).
-] The Holy Spirit fills believers with gifts like wisdom, faith, comfort, joy, and power (John 14:27).

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] How would you explain the Holy Spirit to someone who had never heard of the Spirit?
-] Can you recall some "Spirit-filled" moments when you know something bigger than yourself was at work?
-] What are some of your gifts of the Spirit? (Check out 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:10-11.)



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 191: How to Share Your Faith with Someone

-] Which of the seven points do you think is the most important?
-] How does being a friend or helping others meet their needs demonstrate the good news of Jesus?
-] In what ways would living out the "fruits of the Spirit" in Galatians 5:22-26 make someone more receptive to your faith?

Here We Stand Student Book page 203: How to Forgive Someone

-] The Christian faith centers on loving, giving, and forgiving as God loves, gives, and forgives. Which is easier—to be forgiven or to give forgiveness?
-] Does one feel better than the other?

LIFE CONNECTION

This week listen to a TV program or watch a DVD or video in a language different from your own. How does it make you feel to listen to something that you don't understand? What would you do to begin to figure out what was being said or done? At the next class, share at least one way we can bridge barriers between people with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Word Search

Fill in the blanks below with help from the Bible references. Then find and circle the words in the puzzle.



1. *Pente* means _____.
2. On the day of Pentecost, it sounded like a _____ wind was blowing (Acts 2:2).
3. The people saw what appeared to be _____ of fire coming down out of heaven (Acts 2:3).
4. Some skeptics thought the believers had been drinking too much _____ (Acts 2:13).
5. Peter told the crowd the prophet _____ had prophesied this event (Acts 2:16).
6. The prophet Joel said young men would see _____ (Acts 2:17).
7. The moon would turn to _____ (Acts 2:20).
8. _____ who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Acts 2:21).

Answers: 1. fifty 2. violent 3. tongues 4. wine 5. Joel 6. visions 7. blood 8. Everyone