

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

June 4, 2017

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

I Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23



The Power and Light. *Object: A flashlight and batteries. (A small LED is recommended.)*

Do you know what today is? This is Pentecost Sunday. It's the time when we remember that before Jesus returned to heaven, he promised that his Father would send a helper — the Holy Spirit — to live inside of those who follow him. He promised that the Holy Spirit would give them the power to do great and mighty things.

It happened just as Jesus said it would. On the day which is called Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. The Bible tells us that there was a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place where the disciples were gathered. Then, there were flames of fire that appeared and rested upon each of them. When these things happened, the disciples were filled with power and began to preach and teach about Jesus. They were able to do things that they had never done before because of the power of the Holy Spirit in them.

This morning I have brought a flashlight to help us understand just how important the Holy Spirit is.

What do you think gives this flashlight the power to light up a room? Of course, the flashlight has a battery inside that gives it power.

Without that power inside, the flashlight just doesn't work. That reminds me of the way the Holy Spirit works in our life. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

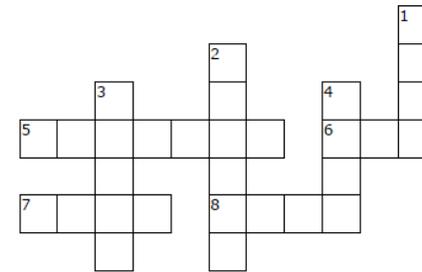
Our Scripture lesson today tells us that on the day of Pentecost people were filled with the Holy Spirit so that they could do mighty things as the Spirit gave them the ability. It is the same power of the Holy Spirit that enables you and me to let our light shine in the world. Just as a flashlight must have batteries to give it power, the Holy Spirit is our source of power to live for Jesus.

Heavenly Father, thank you that you have sent us the power of the Holy Spirit so that we would have the power to live for Jesus and let his light shine in our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

5. To keep from being injured or harmed
6. To be a single unit, object, or living being
7. A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea
8. To speak to God

DOWN

1. To place in the hands of someone
2. To receive something
3. That which belongs to you
4. Deserving special respect or reverence; worthy of worship

PRAY	GIVE	HOLY	PROTECT
ACCEPT	YOURS	WORD	ONE

FLAME KITE: Provide the child with a kite shape drawing cut out of poster board. Have the child trace and cut out flames on orange and red construction paper. Write words from today's lesson about Pentecost on the kite. Attach a tail made of yarn and tape the flames on the tail. Hang the kite in the child's room.



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

ACTS 2

