

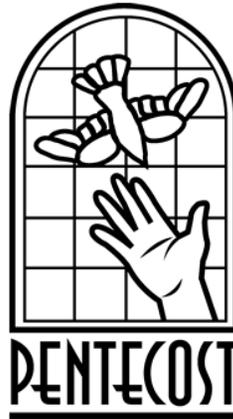
*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*



May 20, 2018

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (30)
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

We've Got the Spirit!
Object: None



Today is Pentecost Sunday. It is a day that we remember and celebrate a very special event in the early days of the church. Let's look at today's Bible lesson and see what Pentecost is all about.

When Jesus told his disciples that he was going to return to heaven, he promised them that he would ask the Father to send another helper to be with them. That was a wonderful promise that Jesus gave his followers, but the disciples weren't really sure exactly what that meant.

After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the Bible tells us that his followers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, they heard a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind. Next, they saw what appeared to be tongues of fire that came to rest upon the heads of each one of them. The Bible tells us that they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other languages. Everyone there could understand what was being said regardless of what language they spoke.

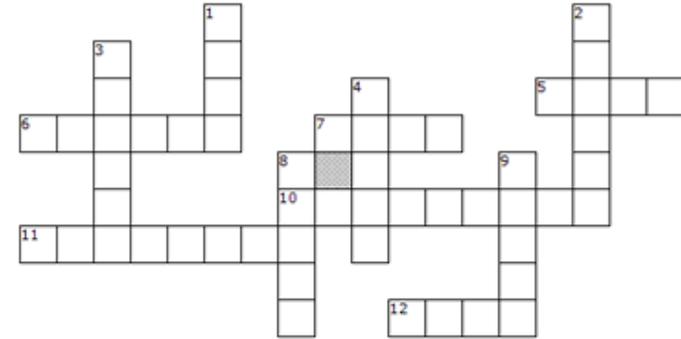
What is really amazing is that the Holy Spirit didn't come that one time and then go away. The Spirit still lives in the hearts of Christ's followers and the Spirit is with us here today. The Holy Spirit guides us in the decisions we make each day. He is the comforter who calms our fears and fills us with hope. The Holy Spirit speaks to us through the Scripture and helps us to understand what we read.

Heavenly Father, we are thankful to you for sending the Holy Spirit to live within us and to be our comforter, teacher, and guide. 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. Make something to be full
6. To be totally surprised
7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
10. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
11. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
12. A destructive burning

DOWN

1. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
3. The place where God lives
4. Something that can be heard
8. To say words, to use the voice
9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED

HOLY SPIRIT SHAKER: Give the child a small plastic empty water bottle to be filled with popcorn kernels, rice, or dried beans. Use markers to decorate the bottle with words from today's lesson. Orange and red strips of tissue paper may be glued or taped to the bottom of the bottle to represent flames. The children can shake their bottles to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

