

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 245: THE DAY OF PENTECOST
ACTS 2:1-41

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other tongues, which means in different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to do this. There were some godly Jews in Jerusalem at this time. They were from every country in the world. A large crowd came together because they heard the noise. They were surprised and very happy because, as the apostles were speaking, everyone heard in their own language. They were all amazed at this. They did not understand how the apostles could do this. They said, "Look! These men we hear speaking are all from Galilee. But we hear them in our own languages. How is this possible? We are from all these different places: Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near the city of Cyrene, Rome, Crete, and Arabia. Some of us were born Jews, and others have changed their religion to worship God like the Jews. We are from these different countries, but we can hear these men in our own languages! We can all understand the great things they are saying about God." The people were all amazed and confused. They asked each other, "What is happening?" But others were laughing at the apostles, saying they were drunk from too much wine. Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles. He spoke loudly so that all the people could hear. He said, "My Jewish brothers and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me. I will tell you something you need to know. Listen carefully. These men are not drunk as you think; it's only nine o'clock in the morning. But Joel the prophet wrote about what you see happening here today. This is what he wrote: 'God says: In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will have special dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit on my servants, men and women, and they will prophesy. I will work wonders in the sky above. I will cause miraculous signs on the earth below. There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke. The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be as red as blood. Then the great and glorious day of the Lord will come. And

everyone who trusts in the Lord will be saved.' "My fellow Israelites, listen to these words: Jesus from Nazareth was a very special man. God clearly showed this to you. He proved it by the miracles, wonders, and miraculous signs he did through Jesus. You all saw these things, so you know this is true. Jesus was handed over to you, and you killed him. With the help of evil men, you nailed him to a cross. But God knew all this would happen. It was his plan--a plan he made long ago. Jesus suffered the pain of death, but God made him free. He raised him from death. There was no way for death to hold him. David said this about Jesus: 'I saw the Lord before me always; He is at my right side to keep me safe. So my heart is happy, and the words I speak are words of joy. Yes, even my body will live with hope, because you will not leave me in the place of death. You will not let the body of your Holy One rot in the grave. You taught me how to live. You will come close to me and give me great joy.' "My brothers, I can tell you for sure about David, our great ancestor. He died, was buried, and his tomb is still here with us today. He was a prophet and knew something that God had said. God had promised David that someone from his own family would sit on David's throne as king. David knew this before it happened. That is why he said this about that future king: 'He was not left in the place of death. His body did not rot in the grave.' David was talking about the Messiah rising from death. So Jesus is the one God raised from death. We are all witnesses of this. We saw him. Jesus was lifted up to heaven. Now he is with God, at God's right side. The Father has given the Holy Spirit to him, as he promised. So Jesus has now poured out that Spirit. This is what you see and hear. David was not the one who was lifted up to heaven. David himself said, 'The Lord God said to my Lord: Sit at my right side, until I put your enemies under your power.' "So, all the people of Israel should know this for certain: God has made Jesus to be Lord and Messiah. He is the man you nailed to the cross!" When the people heard this, they felt very, very sorry. They asked Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives (which means repent) and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you. It is also for your children and for the people who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself." Peter warned them with many other words; he begged them, "Save yourselves from the evil of the people who live now!" Then those who accepted what Peter said were baptized. On that day about 3000 people were added to the group of believers.

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"On the Day of Pentecost the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit"
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MEMORY VERSE:

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..." ACTS 2:4

Review Questions

True or False

1. When the Day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
2. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven that sounded like a mighty rhinoceros, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
3. Then flames like fire were separated and stood over each person there.
4. And they were all filled with the cooked turkey and began to speak in other tongues, or languages.
5. There were some godly Jews in Jerusalem, from every country in the world. When they heard the noise, they all gathered together and were very happy because everyone heard the apostles speaking in their own language.

Questions

1. Everyone was amazed and confused, and wondered how this could be happening, but others were laughing. What did the ones who were laughing think about the apostles?
2. Who stood up and began to speak loudly enough for everyone to hear?
3. This is what he wrote: 'God says: In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions.... What did he say the old men would do?
4. What did Peter say God did to prove that Jesus of Nazareth was a very special man?
5. Where did Peter tell them Jesus was now?
6. How did the people all feel when Peter finished telling them the story about Jesus, and how He died for them, and was raised from the dead? Were they happy?
7. What did Peter tell them they should do when they asked him, "What shall we do?" ?
8. On that day, about how many men were added to the group of believers?

Lesson 245 Activity

Activity for the lesson:

The Shoe Tale

Take a shoe that has been well worn and tell a story about its life explaining all of its marks and wears. You can even put some stickers indicating travel. Grass stains, gum in the sole, a missing heel should all have special significance to this shoe's life. Be sure to give ample time to explain the significance of the foot's relationship to the shoe. For example, the foot put the shoe on and the shoe went and did whatever the foot wanted.

Explain that the shoe is controlled by the foot that wears it, and its marks are evidence of where the foot has taken the shoe. This is like being indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our lives and their markings should be indications of what Jesus has done with our lives, where He has taken us. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to indwell and empower us.

Another fun activity for this week:

Speak My Language

Make pairs of animal names on slips of paper and pass them out to your class. (younger children you can use pictures of the animals to pass out) - When you say go, have the children make only the sounds that that animal would make.

Have the children find their partner, the matching animal sound. Explain that the Jews from all over the known world recognized their own languages on the day of Pentecost. This was very surprising for them because the men speaking their languages could have had no way of learning to speak in these languages. The disciples were indwelt and empowered to do the work of evangelism on the day of Pentecost.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the dynamic power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit; pray that the Lord will baptize each believer in your class with His Holy Spirit. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.