

# The Day of Pentecost

Filled with the Holy Ghost

1st - 3rd Grade  
Lesson 1

Before Jesus left this earth, He told His disciples to go back to the city of Jerusalem. He told them He was going to send someone to help them. Ten days later, Jesus kept His promise. It was on the Day of Pentecost.

## Feast of Pentecost

God told His people to have three feasts every year (Deuteronomy 16:16). All of the men of Israel were to go. The Feast of Pentecost was held when the Jews began to harvest their crops. Every person had to bring an offering. The amount of the offering depended on how much God had blessed them. This feast was a time to thank the Lord for helping the crops to grow.

This Day of Pentecost was very different from all the rest. God did something very special this time.

## Power of Pentecost

The disciples and other believers were together in a house. Suddenly, they heard the sound of “a rushing mighty wind” (Acts 2:2). Then God’s Spirit showed Himself like flames of fire and sat on each one of them.

For the first time since God created Adam and Eve, His Spirit came to live in the hearts of His people. We can read in the Bible about times when God’s Spirit helped people. God’s Spirit helped Gideon win a battle (Judges 6:34). God’s Spirit helped Samson kill a lion with his bare hands (Judges 14:6). King Saul (I Samuel 10:10) and King David (II Samuel 23:2) spoke God’s Word by the help of God’s Spirit. These people did not have God’s Spirit living in them. God’s Spirit just helped them do a special job.

But now, God’s Spirit lives in the heart of everyone who is saved. As soon as a person asks Jesus to save him, God’s Holy Spirit comes in to stay (Ephesians 1:13). Have you asked Jesus to save you? If you have, His Holy Spirit lives in you. He will never leave you.

God did something else on this special day. He let the disciples speak in different languages. They didn’t have to study a different language to learn it first. God’s Spirit is the One Who helped them.

## Lesson of Pentecost

Why did God help them speak in these languages on the Day of Pentecost? Acts 2:5-8 tells us.

*And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language... And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

