

# The Day of Pentecost

Filled with the Holy Ghost

4th - 6th Grade  
Lesson 1

Jesus was on the earth for forty days after He rose from the dead. He spoke with many people and taught them many things. We learned that, right before He returned to heaven to be with His Father, He told His disciples something very important. Do you remember what it was? He told them to go tell other people about Him (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus told the disciples something else before He left. He told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for something special that God had promised. In this lesson, we are going to learn what that special promise was.

*And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

—Luke 24:49

## Feast of Pentecost

*Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty.*

—Deuteronomy 16:16

In the last series, we learned about Passover. Passover was a holiday that the Jews celebrated. Another holiday the Jews celebrated was called the Feast of Pentecost. It was a holiday to celebrate the beginning of harvest. Harvest is when it is time to gather the plants and crops that have grown all through the summer.

At the Feast of Pentecost, everyone was supposed to bring an offering. It was a time to praise God. Ten days after Jesus went back to heaven, the Jews celebrated the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem. Something amazing happened that day that had never happened before and has never happened again!

## Power of Pentecost

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

— Acts 2:1-4

The Bible tells us that everyone was together when suddenly there was a sound “as a mighty rushing wind” (Acts 2:2). It filled the house, and everyone began to speak in different languages.

God filled the disciples with His power that day! Everyone was amazed! Why do you think God did this?

## **Lesson of Pentecost**

Do you remember when we learned about baptism? We learned that baptism does not get us to heaven. Baptism tells other people that we have asked Jesus to be our Savior. Some believe that baptism saves you. Others think that, if you speak in tongues like some men did at Pentecost, you can go to heaven. Still others teach that speaking in tongues means that you are close to God. But these things are not true. In this lesson we are going to learn how the disciples spoke in tongues and why we don't speak in tongues today.

The Bible tells us in I Corinthians 1:22, “The Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom.” When Jesus was on the earth, He performed many miracles. These miracles prove that He was God. Men from many different nations were at the Feast of Pentecost. Those men spoke different languages. The people who came for Pentecost did not know about Jesus. They did not know that He was the only way they could get to heaven. They did not know that He came to earth to save them from their sins. God allowed the disciples to speak in many other known languages so that all of the people present that day could hear the gospel! The Bible tells us that 3,000 people were saved that day! God did a miracle through the disciples so that many people could hear the gospel.

## **Conclusion**

*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

—Mark 16:17:18

The Bible tells us that the apostles and the disciples were able to speak in different languages so that people would know they were from Jesus. Back in those days, the people did not have the Bible like we do. They were not able to read about the life of Jesus. So, God gave some people special abilities so that more people would know about Him. We do not need to have people speak in tongues today. We have the Bible! The Bible is God's Holy Word. It tells us everything we need to know. All we need to do is read it and memorize it so that we will know how God wants us to live and what He wants us to do.