



The First Pentecost

30



Tell everyone
what He has done.



The disciples waited in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit, just like Jesus had told them to. On the Day of Pentecost the disciples heard a sound like a big windstorm. Suddenly flames like fire sat on the head of each disciple. The Holy Spirit filled the hearts of all the disciples. They were all able to speak in other languages.

People from all over the world were in Jerusalem. They heard the noise. They came to see what had happened. The disciples preached to these people. When the people heard them speak, they asked, "How do you know our languages? You are from Galilee. But we are from Asia, Egypt, and Rome. What has happened?"

Peter explained, "God

has given us His Holy Spirit. Here's why: God sent Jesus to earth. Jesus told about God's love and forgiveness. He helped people with His miracles. But you killed Him on a cross. Three days later God raised Him to life again. We saw Him with our own eyes. Today He sent His Holy Spirit to us. That is why we can speak in your languages. Now we can tell you that Jesus is the Savior sent by God."

The people felt sorry. So they asked, "What can we do?" Peter told them, "Be sorry for your sin. Believe in Jesus and be baptized, and your sins will be forgiven. You will also get God's gift—the Holy Spirit." About 3,000 people were baptized that very day.

Parents: Talk about people who help your child. Name people who help you. Explain that Jesus gives us a special helper—the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes to us as we hear God's Word. He comes to our hearts and gives us faith in Jesus. He makes our faith stronger, and He gives us faith to live as God's child. What does it mean to live like a child of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to think (*place both hands on your head*), to say (*place both hands beside your mouth as though shouting*), and to do (*extend both hands out*) everything in Jesus' name and for God's glory.