

# The BIBLE STORY

## Bible Storytelling Tips

## The Holy Spirit Came

*Acts 2:1-4,22-42*

- **Use dramatic dialogue:** When Peter speaks, stand up and speak loudly. Move your hands as you speak, addressing the kids as Peter might have addressed the crowd.
- **Control the environment:** Gather kids closely to give the feel of a crowd as you tell the story.

**On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem. All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven.** It was like a strong rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where Jesus' disciples were staying. **Then tongues appeared like flames of fire, and they rested on each of the disciples. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak in different languages!**

**Peter spoke to a crowd that had gathered. "God pointed out to you Jesus the Nazarene," he said. "You saw the miracles, wonders, and signs God did through Jesus. Even though God planned for Jesus to die, you used lawless people to nail Him to a cross and kill Him. But death did not keep hold of Jesus; God raised Jesus from the dead."**

Then Peter said, "You have seen the truth: Jesus is alive! He went up to heaven to be with God the Father. Do not doubt this." Peter continued, "When you killed Jesus, you killed the Messiah!"

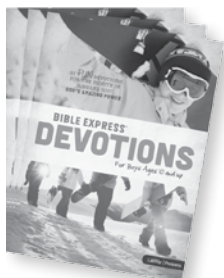
**The Holy Spirit convinced the people that Peter was telling the truth. "What must we do to be saved?" they asked.**

**Peter told the people to repent,** to turn away from their sins and to turn to God. "God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Be baptized in the name of Jesus," he said.

**Everyone who believed Peter's message was baptized. That day, about 3,000 people joined Jesus' followers.** They learned what Jesus' disciples taught, and they met

with other believers every day. They broke bread together and prayed.

*Christ Connection: God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could begin their work to share the gospel with the entire world. God gives the Holy Spirit to those who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit gives us power to do God's work, and He changes us to be more like Jesus.*



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# Count the People

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TGP FAMILY APP

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Fill in the empty boxes with the correct number.

Row 1: 7 men with beards. Boxes:  2  4 5  7

Row 2: 7 women in purple headscarves. Boxes: 1  3   6

Row 3: 7 men with beards. Boxes: 1   4 5  7

**KEY PASSAGE:** Philippians 2:13

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- What does the Holy Spirit do? The Holy Spirit helps Christians.

**BIBLE STORY:**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME**

- The Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers.
- Jesus' friends could speak in languages they did not know.
- Peter told the people that Jesus is the Messiah.
- Three thousand people became followers of Jesus.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What would it have been like to be with Jesus' friends when the Holy Spirit came?
- Why did Jesus' friends need the Holy Spirit?
- How does the Holy Spirit help us?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Research seating capacities of venues familiar to your family. Help preschoolers visualize 3,000 people.
- Attend a church service as a family in a language different than your own.

*Preschool Activity Pages*  
Unit 28, Session 1





# Spot It!

Can you spot the differences between the two pictures? There are 10!



## What Does It Mean?

Follow the paths to discover the meanings of these words.

apostles \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit of God who comes to lives within those who trust Jesus as Savior and Lord

Day of Pentecost \_\_\_\_\_ Those who are sent on a mission, especially each of the 12 men whom Jesus called and sent out to tell people about Himself

Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ Major Jewish feast, also called the Feast of Weeks

The \_\_\_\_\_ came to the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



**God rules.** Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



**We sinned.** Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



**God provided.** Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



**Jesus gives.** Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



**We respond.** Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.