



The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-42

Story Context for Leader:

Jesus had told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. About 120 people gathered together. They prayed together and were in total agreement about everything they did. They also selected Matthias to replace Judas as one of the apostles.

Bible-Telling Story

The Holy Spirit

On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples suddenly heard a loud noise. It sounded like a violent storm from heaven, and it filled the room where they were praying. They saw what looked like fire, which separated and settled on each of them. Instantly, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and started to speak in many different languages.

People from all over the city heard of this and gathered to see what was happening. Among them were Jews who had come from all over the world. Each of them heard the followers of Jesus speaking in their national language.

They said, "These men don't speak our language. They are from Galilee. Yet we are hearing them speak in our home language!"

Others shouted, "They are drunk."

Peter's Sermon

Peter stood up and spoke to the crowd. "Listen to me. These men are not drunk. The prophets of old talked about this. They said that God would pour His Spirit on common people.

"You saw the miracles of Jesus, still you crucified Him. You nailed Him to the cross! You put Him in the grave, but it was impossible for you to keep Him there.

"We are witnesses to the fact that God raised Him from the dead. We have seen Him, and know that He is alive.

"Jesus is now sitting at the right hand of the Father in heaven, but He has sent us the Holy Spirit. This is what you are seeing.

"Understand what I am saying. You crucified Jesus, but God made Him Lord and Christ!"

New Believers

The people cried out, "We know what you are saying is true. So what should we do?"

Peter said, "Repent, and we will baptize you in the name of Jesus. Once you have forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit will fill you."

Those who received the message were baptized, and the number of believers was increased by about 3,000. They stayed together and learned from the apostles and each other.

The apostles performed miracles and did wonders. The number of believers increased every day. They dedicated themselves to prayer, eating the Lord's Supper, and fellowshiping together.

The Holy Spirit

hand next to ear – shake hands up high
bring hands down and out wide
loud noise – storm from heaven – filled the room

fingers like fire – fire on top of head
hand to mouth
looked like fire – settled on each of them
talked in different languages

hand behind ear – shrug with hands out
people heard their language
“These men can’t speak our language”

fingers to mouth like drinking
“They are drunk”

Peter’s Sermon

point to self – thumb over shoulder
hands pouring
“We are not drunk – prophets of old – pour out Spirit”

hands out from eyes – touch palms
as you hold them out to both sides
“You saw the miracles of Jesus – you crucified Him”

moving hands up – hands out from eyes
“rose from dead – we are witnesses”

point out – point up
“You crucified Jesus – God made Him Lord”