

Kids at Home (Discipleship) - Week of April 15th

Acts 2:1-12, 38-41; Jesus Storybook Bible pg. 326-334 (God Sends Help)

1. Gather as a family and watch this video:

If you have kids of all ages encourage them to join in too and do this as a whole family.

If you were not able to watch this video (Jesus' ascension into heaven) on Easter, please watch it first: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>

Then watch this: God Sends the Holy Spirit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M>

2. Read the Scripture listed above.

Allow your child to read aloud if they are able. Take turns reading parts of it. You can also read the pages in the Jesus Storybook Bible if you have preschoolers. Or do both! It can be fun for older kids to compare the two versions. Even if they struggle to be still, push through and do it anyway. You never know what they are picking up!

3. Discussion Questions. Talk with each other and answer together. Feel free to skip questions if you think they are over your child's head.

- Where were Jesus' followers at the beginning of the story? (they were all together in one place, in a house in Jerusalem)
- Why were there so many people meeting in Jerusalem? (there were many devout Jews who had come from all over to celebrate a festival)
- What happened to the believers and what did they see? (v. 2-4; a wind shook the house, they saw flames that didn't burn, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit)
- Can you imagine what it would be like to suddenly be able to speak Spanish, or Mandarin, or French, or Russian? Do you think speaking new languages surprised Jesus' followers?
- Why do you think God gave them this special gift? (so that the many people in Jerusalem could hear the Gospel and understand!)
- Who is the Holy Spirit? (He's a who, not a what! A "person" of God in the Trinity—Father, Son, Holy Spirit. You can talk with your kids about the limit of our understanding of who God is. It can be confusing that God simultaneously exists as all three. Each One is 100% God. Some have tried to use examples like a PB&J which has three parts—bread, peanut butter, and jelly—but this metaphor breaks down because they are just parts, not the whole. Others have compared the Trinity to H₂O—ice, water, vapor—but God doesn't switch back and forth between the Three. Ultimately we can't know HOW God exists in Three Persons, just that He does!)
- How does the Holy Spirit help believers today? (gives wisdom and strength, helps us believe, convicts, makes us more like Jesus, bears fruit—see Gal. 5:22-23)

4. Pray.

- Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. For children who are not yet believers, ask Him to convict them and help them to believe.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the right words to share the Gospel with others—even if it's not in another language! 😊
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to make you more like Jesus

5. Worship. Listen, sign along, and dance to the songs below:

Holy Spirit - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42jNyvxqyJg>

(If your kids are really into motions, here is a video with motions to this song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QvunZKzLIIs>)

Praising - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bn8xgk4YLF0>

Scripture Memory

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized,
 (two thumbs up, then turn hands sideways)
 every one of you,
 (point around the room)
 in the name of Jesus Christ
 (touch your palms with your middle fingers – the sign for Jesus)
 for the forgiveness of your sins.
 (hold one hand flat and brush it off with the other)
 And you will receive the gift
 (hold your hands out like you're holding a present)
 of the Holy Spirit.
 Acts 2:38
 (hold hands like a book)

Weekly Activities

These activities are for you to use as needed throughout the week. They are not designed to use all at once unless you want to!

Coloring Sheet – The Day of Pentecost

Holy Spirit Flame Headbands

- When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, it looked as though they had flames on their heads but were not burned. Color and cutout the flames on the last page or make your own, then attach to construction paper to make a flame headband.

Holy Spirit Fire – Object Lesson (adults supervision required -- must do with caution)

- Do this activity outdoors if possible! 😊
- <https://www.futureflyingsaucers.com/pentecost-object-lesson/>

Minute to Win It Game

- Game: Stack Attack - <https://youtu.be/lwbXsv4Ry5A>
- Clock: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6Zmo5Q0AZ0>



