

13. Jesus Sends Power From God - school age

Acts 2:1-21

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Getting Started

- What is a counselor?
- What are some other words (synonyms) for counselor?
- Talk about someone who has been a good counselor to you.

In John 14:16, Jesus says, "I will pray to the Father and He will give you another counselor that He may be with you forever". Different translations use different words for counselor (advocate, helper, comforter, teacher) but they are all referring to the Holy Spirit.

- Try one of these Pentecost puzzles from [DLTK-Kids](#).
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EXPLORE

SAY: Today is Pentecost. Do you know what that means? Pentecost comes from the Greek word "pentecoste, which means 'fiftieth day'. Pentecost Sunday is celebrated fifty days after Easter each year.

Fun Facts:

- It is historically related to the Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot (shuh-VOO-oat)
- The festival happened 10 days after Jesus ascended into Heaven.
- Jesus told his disciples they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, Acts 1:8)
- The primary languages in Jerusalem at the time were spoken Greek or an Aramaic dialect. Because of the festival, people from many different nationalities were in Jerusalem – so one could hear many different languages spoken in the city.
- Jesus had how many disciples? Judas betrayed him and was no longer one of the 12. While the disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit, they elected a new 12th member, Matthias.

Jesus' disciples waited 10 days before they received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We're probably all experienced having to wait for something. Has

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there been a time in your life that you knew you were getting a gift you wanted but had to wait for it?

- [Watch the video story.](#)

Discussion:

- What does the word Pentecost mean?
- Why were the disciples in Jerusalem?
- What did it sound like in the room that the believers were gathered in?
- What unusual sight happened in that room?
- Who filled the believers? (The Holy Spirit)
- Peter addressed the crowd telling them about Jesus. How had Peter changed? (remember what he did after Jesus was arrested?)
- What happened after Peter talked to the people?
- Why is Pentecost called the birthday of the church?

God kept His promise and He sent the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. To help us understand what the Holy Spirit was going to do for all believers, remember the verse above from John. 14:26 "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." Discuss what that means.

God the Holy Spirit would teach believers how to live lives that please God the Father. When believers read God's Word, the Holy Spirit helps them to understand what they are reading. God speaks to believers through His Word.

Since that time so many years ago every person who has believed in the Lord Jesus has received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. We don't see flames of fire resting on our heads or hear loud wind noises but we do receive the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live lives that please God.

Ask yourself; "Do I live a life that tries to please God?" If you have been saved you will want to do what pleases God. Believers cannot live lives to please God without the power of the Holy Spirit living inside of their

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heart. If you ask God to help you live a life that pleases Him, the Holy Spirit will give you power to do the things you know you need to do.

Prayer: Dear God, help us to allow your Holy Spirit to give us the power to do the things we know will please You. Let us see your power in our lives this week as we trust you each day. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Daily Challenges:

Choose one or more of these three options to do this week.

- Spend time listening for the Holy Spirit this week. When you think you hear the Spirit leading you, follow the leading!
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would help guide you to help someone this week by saying the right words to someone – words that person needs to hear.
- Just as the Holy Spirit helps us, we can help others. Ask your parents how you can help this week – whether it's doing an extra chore, helping with your siblings, or helping in some other way they come up with.

Pinwheels – Craft

There are so many different craft involving wind. Personally, I love pinwheels but if you like wind socks, twirly whirly or something else, go for it! This craft comes from [One Little Project](#).



- Supplies: paper cut into 6" x 6" squares, wood skewers, a glue gun, small beads, sewing pins, a thumb tack, needle nose pliers and scissors.