



How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's Glory.

Week 2: August 18, 2024

Bible Story Point: God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit.

Key Passage: But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

The Holy Spirit Came (Acts 2)

In Acts 2, we find the fulfillment of Jesus' promise from Acts 1:8. Jesus' followers devoted themselves to one another and to His mission, and we can observe their unity in the first verse of this passage. They experienced the power of the Holy Spirit together as a church body unified by more than mere proximity.

What was the significance of the Holy Spirit's arrival on the day of Pentecost? How did His presence lead to the furtherance of Christ's mission? Many devout Jews traveled to Jerusalem to observe the harvest festival as usual, but the Holy Spirit offered new meaning to their celebrated traditions of old. On this day of celebrating God's provision through the old covenant, Pentecost now signified the new covenant made possible through faith in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit's presence meant that Jesus kept His promise to provide comfort and help. His provision came as His Spirit fell upon them in this new, tangible way. With visions of fiery tongues and the sound of rushing wind, the room where the followers expectantly gathered was filled with a stirring like never before.

Jesus declared they would receive power through His Holy Spirit, and their identity as His witnesses was forever secured. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ's followers broke down barriers to communicate the gospel in languages they had never spoken before. What a mighty act of God through such a miraculous feat! His people were empowered to declare His magnificence in these new languages of praise.

Help your kids see that Jesus' followers are to speak His praises just as they did in this story. The day of Pentecost points to who Christ is: the Savior who seeks out the lost and breaks down barriers. Explain how the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, too, when we trust in Jesus. The faithfulness of Christ's people on the day of Pentecost led thousands to come to faith. May we, too, be just as eager to live on mission and communicate the gospel just as faithfully.

- Where were the Jewish people worshipping? In Jerusalem
- What were they celebrating? Jewish Harvest Festival
- How did they know the Holy Spirit came? Fire rested on their heads, and they could understand all the languages spoken.
- Did everyone believe it? No
- What happens when you receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior? You receive the Holy Spirit.
- What does receiving the Holy Spirit mean? You receive the whole portion of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives you the power to overcome sin and the full power to live out God's plan for you.
- How do you live in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for giving you the power to live for Him. Ask God to show you how to tap into His power daily.

Wednesday Night: AWANA CLUB PARENT MEETING 6PM in RM 202 (Childcare in Gym)

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief Sundays:

Preview for **Sunday, August 25**

The Holy Spirit Changes Us (Galatians 5)

- Who wrote the book of Galatians? Paul
- What has Christ done for us? Set us free
- What do we *not* need to keep or do anymore? Keep the Jewish Law (over Jewish 600 laws)
- What are the fruits of the spirit? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Upcoming Activities:

August 18	1st Graders receive a new Bible in Sunday School
August 19	Mom's Bible Study - Monday's @ 9AM Childcare Available
August 21	Parent Meeting for Awana Clubs 6PM in RM 202
August 28	Awana Clubs Begin Wednesday Night Meals Begin – Sign up online at actonbaptist.com
September 5	Pickle Ball and Walking 6-8PM (Gym & Track)
September 21	Ladies Craft Event 9AM to Noon
September 30	Golf Tournament for Missions @ Squaw Valley in Glen Rose
October 19	Men's Feast 3 – 7PM
October 31	Trunk N Treat 6 to 7:30PM
November 5	Go Vote
November 17	Church-wide Fellowship Noon
November 28	Thanksgiving

