

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

**DATE:** 12/6/20

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 2

**LESSON:** The Holy Spirit Came



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we talked about Jesus returning to heaven, but He promised to always be with His followers and gave them the Holy Spirit. Today we are going to hear about when Jesus' disciples received Jesus' Spirit.

**Not Strong Enough!** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. *Supplies:* An object in your house that is too heavy for your child to pick up. Parents - Ask your kids to pick up the impossibly heavy object. Encourage them to try 3 or 4 different ways to try to pick it up. After they are fully convinced that they can't pick it up, pick them up with the heavy object at the same time!

**Say** - Today we're learning more about God's Spirit. God sends His Spirit to give us strength for many things in life that we aren't strong enough to do on our own.



## LESSON - THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [The Holy Spirit Came](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**God promised to send His Spirit long ago.** (Kids repeat!)

Like the video said, long, long ago God's prophet, Joel (Joel 2:28), promised that one day God would send His Spirit to live in and with His people. When Jesus came to earth, He promised His disciples the exact same thing that God promised through Joel! His disciples would not be left alone, because God would send a Helper who would come to guide the disciples as they spread the gospel.

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**God sent His Spirit to Jesus' disciples.** (Kids repeat!)

The disciples were all in a room together, afraid of the religious leaders who had just murdered Jesus. The disciples were scared they might be next! But God sent His Spirit to encourage and give them strength. Honestly, it was kinda weird. When the Spirit descended, it looked like little flames of fire hovering over their heads. But that was just a visual picture of the fact that Jesus' Spirit was coming to live in their hearts. This moment is amazing because it's when all of Jesus' promises and the Old Testament promises that God would send His Spirit came true!

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**God's Spirit helped Peter proclaim the Gospel.** (Kids repeat!)

When the Spirit came, He gave the disciples boldness to speak the gospel, wisdom to remember what Jesus taught them, and even the power to speak languages they didn't know! Because they could speak all of these new languages, they used this gift to share the good news of Jesus dying for our sins so we can be forgiven and live with Him in peace forever. And God's Spirit didn't just give Peter new languages and boldness... He also gave Him the exact words to say. God's Spirit moved through those words to help people in the crowd believe in Jesus!

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**God sends His Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus.** (kids repeat)

God promised not to leave His disciples without help, so He sent His Spirit as a gift to all who believe in Jesus! When God calls us to do something, (live for Him, fight sin in our lives, or love our neighbor)... He gives Christians His Spirit to help them do it. We need God's Spirit to believe the gospel, to live the life God designed for us to live and to help make the world a better place.



## RESPONSE

**Sing:** [Life and Godliness](#)  
[Good Good Father](#)

**Pray:** God, You always keep Your promises. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit as a gift for all who believe in You... just like You promised You would! Thank You for giving Christians everything they need to live and glorify You. Help us love others in a way that points them to You. Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What did the disciples hear as the Holy Spirit came upon them? *A sound like a rushing wind [Acts 2:2]*
- How did the people know what Peter said was the truth? *Help kids recognize that the Holy Spirit is the One who helped the people realize what Peter was saying was true and that they needed to be saved. [Acts 2:37]*
- What are all the things God's Spirit helps the disciples with in this story?
  - *He helps them be bold instead of afraid.*
  - *He helps them speak languages they didn't know.*
  - *He gives Peter the words to say as he preaches the gospel.*
  - *He helps people in the crowd believe in Jesus and become disciples.*
- What are the things God's Spirit can help you and me with in our lives?
  - *We need Jesus' Spirit to help us be bold when we're afraid.*
  - *We need the Spirit to give us the words to say to help our friends and neighbors know about Jesus.*
  - *We need God's Spirit to help us believe in Jesus and become Christians.*
  - *We need the Holy Spirit to fight sin in our lives and live for God.*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out. If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com).*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable coloring sheet](#) of Jesus' followers.

**Parent Share** - Tell a story about a time that God's Spirit helped you when you really needed help.

**Home Bowling Alley** - *Supplies: ten empty cans or bottles, a ball*

Use empty cans or bottles to create your own bowling pins. Take some time to decorate them to look like bowling pins or just to look cool. And then line them up in a triangle, stand ten feet away, and enjoy some fun times bowling together in the living room or the yard!