



Mustard Seed Children's Summary for October 5, 2008

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"God Gives Power"

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-47.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 2:1-17a.

MEMORY VERSE: "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues" (Acts 2:4).

Acts 2:1-17a

- 1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- 4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- 5** And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
- 6** Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
- 7** And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?
- 8** And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
- 9** Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
- 10** Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
- 11** Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
- 12** And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
- 13** Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.
- 14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
- 15** For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
- 16** But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17a And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.

TEACHER'S NOTES ON THE LESSON

Most primaries know of God and Jesus. Few will have a firm grasp of the Trinity, but we need not try to explain the unexplainable. Let us teach the simple biblical facts: God the Father and Jesus and the Holy Spirit together are one God. We cannot understand how that can be, but let us assure the children that God knows and that we can believe Him.

Each Person in the Godhead plays a special role in redemption. Our lesson from Acts 2 focuses on the work of God the Holy Spirit in spreading the gospel.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that the Holy Spirit is the source for both the power and message of Jesus.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. The Spirit is one of the Persons who is God.
2. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to work in each one of His children.
3. The Spirit wants to use each believer to spread the gospel.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Telling the Lesson, find a picture of a Bible-time crowd. With a felt pen make three signs: "God," "Jesus," and "Holy Spirit."

For Helping to Remember, each pupil will need one sheet of pale blue construction paper, crayons, paste, and glitter.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

God's people have not always had church buildings. Did you know that? After Jesus went back to heaven, His friends usually just met together in somebody's house. That is where they were in today's Bible story.

TELLING THE LESSON

Jesus' friends had a job to do. And it was a job they could not do all by themselves. Jesus had said, "Tell everyone in the world the good news about Me" (cf. Mark 16:15). But the world was full of people. (Show the Bible-time crowd picture and leave on display.) Besides, many of the world's people talked in languages His friends did not even know. And then, what if they told the good news but nobody believed them? God knew that telling the world about Jesus was not a job they could do all by themselves. He was going to send them the Holy Spirit. He would do the work through them.

Now remember, God is actually three Persons. The heavenly Father is God. (Display "God.") Jesus is God. (Display "Jesus.") And the Holy Spirit is God too. (Display "Holy Spirit.") The Bible says that together they are one God. Now, we cannot understand that fully, but God says that is the way it is, and He knows. It was the Holy Spirit who would use Jesus' friends to tell the world about Him. (Point to crowd.)

They were all together in somebody's house one morning when they heard a noise. It sounded like a strong wind rushing down from the sky, but it was not wind. And now something that looked like little flames of fire was coming down on each one of them. It was not fire, but it looked like fire.

That is when God the Holy Spirit filled them all. (Point to "Holy Spirit.") Suddenly they were able to talk in languages they had never learned. What in the world was happening? God was making them ready to take the news of Jesus to people even in faraway places. (Point to crowd.)

Now, lots of Jewish people from distant places were in town that week. These people did not know yet what Jesus had done for them. They heard the sound of wind blowing too. They ran down the street toward the place the sound was coming from.

Out of the house came Jesus' friends, all filled with the Holy Spirit. Talking in different languages, they began telling the crowds what God had done. He had sent them a Saviour. It was Jesus.

"What is happening?" the people said. "These men live here. How can they talk to us in all the different languages we speak back home?"

We know what was happening. God the Holy Spirit was working in them. And because of His work, Jesus' friend Peter knew what to do next. Peter told the people, "God is doing this," and then he talked about Jesus. God's Son had been killed, but God raised Him to life again so that all those people from all those different places could have their sins taken away. When Peter finished, they knew what Jesus had done, and now they would take that news to the people back home. Then those people would tell others. And that is just what God wanted. (Point to "God.")

Jesus' friends today have the same job His friends had long ago. We too must tell the different people of the world that there is a Saviour and that Saviour is Jesus.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

The Holy Spirit is still here. He works in us too. (Point to "Holy Spirit.") Missionaries must study to learn different languages today, but He helps them learn. He also makes people ready to listen to the gospel and want Jesus.

He wants to use *you* to tell others the Saviour has come. (Point to "Jesus.") Will you let Him?

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Have the students fold their art paper to make a book. Print "My Job" at the top of the cover and "Is to Tell" at the bottom. In the middle area let them draw themselves telling someone why Jesus came. Inside they will print "The Holy Spirit Works in Me" and trim the page with paste smears sprinkled with glitter.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues" (Acts 2:4).

"Ghost" here does not have anything to do with dead people or scary stories. "Holy Ghost" is an old-fashioned name for the Holy Spirit.

The verse says the Holy Spirit made Jesus' friends able to talk in different "tongues." This word means "languages." God was making people ready to take the news of Jesus to people who were in faraway places.

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WORD SEARCH God Gives Power (Acts 2:1-17a)

G T E P Q E K P R X J X J S S
F S T P R E T E P O K W E E P
P R O S E L Y T E S O S R U E
N Q F U Q N E L W N C Y U G A
E N I B N N T G D H X A S N K
V D L G O D N E A G H D A O T
A N L D X I R A C U X S L T G
E I E P K F E J C O G Z E Z G
H W D C U Q G D M C S N M L S
H H O L R E H T E G O T A P F
B M P R O P H E T Z W R I L E
T U O V E D J R T O A R D R W
N A T I O N Z E R S I M I S I
R S H O L Y L K W T A F A V N
A O R U O P S I X S Q L M M E

ACCORD
DEVOUT
FLESH
HOLY
JOEL
MOCKING
PENTECOST
PROPHET
SPEAK
TONGUES
WONDERFUL

AMAZED
FILLED
GOD
JERUSALEM
LANGUAGE
NATION
PETER
PROSELYTES
SPIRIT
WIND
WORKS

DAYS
FIRE
HEAVEN
JEWS
LAST
ONE
POUR
SOUND
TOGETHER
WINE

32 of 32 words were placed into the puzzle.

Solution to Word Search **God Gives Power** (Acts 2:1-17a)

+ + + + + + + + + + J + J S S
+ S + P R E T E P O + W E E P
P R O S E L Y T E S O S R U E
N + F U + N E L + N + Y U G A
E + I + N N T G D + + A S N K
V D L G O D N E A + H D A O +
A N L + + I R A C U + S L T +
E I E + K F + + C O G + E + +
H W D C U + + D + C S N M L S
+ + O L R E H T E G O T A P F
+ M P R O P H E T Z W R I L E
T U O V E D J + T O A R D R W
N A T I O N + E R S I M I + I
+ + H O L Y + K W T A F A + N
+ + R U O P S + + S + L + + E

(Over, Down, Direction)

ACCORD (8, 7, SE)
AMAZED (13, 14, NW)
DAYS (12, 6, N)
DEVOUT (6, 12, W)
FILLED (3, 4, S)
FIRE (12, 14, NE)
FLESH (15, 10, NW)
GOD (4, 6, E)
HEAVEN (1, 9, N)
HOLY (3, 14, E)
JERUSALEM (13, 1, S)
JEWS (7, 12, SE)
JOEL (11, 1, SW)
LANGUAGE (14, 11, NW)
LAST (12, 15, NW)
MOCKING (2, 11, NE)
NATION (1, 13, E)
ONE (5, 6, NE)
PENTECOST (4, 2, SE)
PETER (9, 2, W)
POUR (6, 15, W)
PROPHET (3, 11, E)
PROSELYTES (1, 3, E)
SOUND (2, 2, SE)
SPEAK (15, 1, S)
SPIRIT (15, 9, SW)
TOGETHER (12, 10, W)
TONGUES (14, 7, N)
WIND (2, 9, N)
WINE (15, 12, S)
WONDERFUL (12, 2, SW)
WORKS (11, 11, SW)

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