

# Pentecost

## Acts 2: 1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians - we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

### Some things to think about...

How do you think the disciples were feeling when they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

Why did they get the gift of speaking different languages? What did God want them to do?



## Activity

With your Mini Vinnie group, complete "The Spirit of Pentecost" activity.

## Teacher's Notes

Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus had ascended to heaven. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity with God, the Father, and Jesus. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, and awe. Catholics pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that they need to do God's work e.g. courage to speak.

On the evening before His death, Jesus assured His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to enlighten them and provide them with everything they needed to spread the Good News. At the time, they didn't fully grasp the meaning of His words. However, on Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit arrived like a rushing wind and came to rest upon the apostles gathered in the Upper Room. Filled with the Holy Spirit's power, they gained understanding and immediately set out into the streets to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church.

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