

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Timeless Truth: The Holy Spirit helps God's people to spread Jesus' love.

Bible Basis: Acts 1:2–11; 2:1–6, 23–24, 32–33, 43–47; 8:4–8; 9:1–9, 17–19

Key Verse: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this. —Acts 2:4, NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 28: "The Holy Spirit"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 28 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child experience the Bible story through the senses. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

God gives his people the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can live inside me.

TABLE TALK

- **Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem. What do you think they did while they waited?**
- **What did God give his people?** (*God gave his people the Holy Spirit to live inside of them.*)
- **Who can receive the Holy Spirit?** (*Everyone who believes in God*)

LIVING FAITH

When the Holy Spirit came, the disciples heard a strong wind and saw the Holy Spirit come in tongues of fire. Let your child paint pictures of wind and fire using homemade paint. Get unsweetened powdered drink mix in a variety of flavors so you can have many colors. Using a muffin tin, pour a different drink mix into each muffin cup. Add one tablespoon of water to each cup. Stir with a paint brush. As your child paints and can smell the flavor of the drink mix, talk about what the disciples might have seen, heard, smelled, tasted, and touched when the Holy Spirit came to live inside God's people.

EXTRA MILE

The Holy Spirit gave Jesus' disciples the power to speak in other languages. Teach your child a few words in another language. Even if you do not know another language, you can find the words and pronunciations online. You might want to teach words like hello or goodbye, numbers, or the sentence "Jesus loves me."

Waiting is not usually very much fun. Find fun things to do while you wait places this week. Play "I Spy" or use *The Story Preschool Trading Cards* to review the stories your child has learned.

The Holy Spirit can live inside of us. Look at books about animal homes to see what animals live in.

Use these motions to help your child remember part of the key verse.

All of them (*Hold your hands out wide.*)

Were filled (*Bring your hands up from your waist to over your head.*)

With the Holy Spirit. (*Take your first two fingers on your right hand and take them across left palm toward fingers with both palms face up.*)

Acts 2:4 (*Open hands like a book.*)