

Power and Light

Theme

The power of the Holy Spirit

Object

A flashlight and batteries. (A small LED is recommended.)

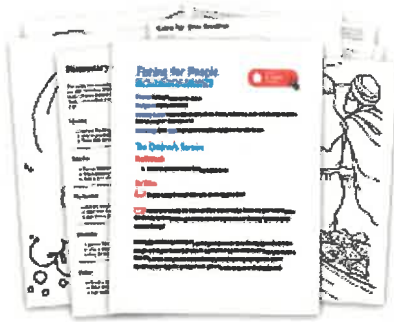
Scripture

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Do you know what special day this is? This is Pentecost Sunday. It's the time when we remember that before Jesus returned to heaven, he promised that his Father would send a helper — the Holy Spirit — to live inside of those who follow him. He promised that the Holy Spirit would give them the power to do great and mighty things.

It happened just as Jesus said it would. On the day which is called Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. The Bible tells us that there was a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place where the disciples were gathered. Then, there were flames of fire that appeared and rested upon each of them. When these things happened, the disciples were filled with power and began to preach and teach about Jesus. They were able to do things that they had never done before because of the power of the Holy Spirit in them.

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This morning I have brought a flashlight to help us understand just how important the Holy Spirit is. The flashlight is not very large, but it sure puts out a bright light, doesn't it? I have several of these flashlights around the house. There is one in the kitchen, another in the family room, the bedroom, and the bathroom. If the electricity goes off and it is dark, these flashlights help me find my way around the house. They provide an emergency lighting system.

What do you think gives this flashlight the power to light up a room? Of course, the flashlight has a battery inside that gives it power. Without that power inside, the flashlight just doesn't work. That reminds me of the way the Holy Spirit works in our life. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Our Scripture lesson today tells us that on the day of Pentecost people were filled with the Holy Spirit so that they could do mighty things as the Spirit gave them the ability. It is the same power of the Holy Spirit that enables you and me to let our light shine in the world. Just as a flashlight must have batteries to give it power, the Holy Spirit is our source of power to live for Jesus.

Heavenly Father, thank you that you have sent us the power of the Holy Spirit. Please fill us up each day with the Holy Spirit that we would have the power to live for Jesus and let his light shine in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Interactive Group Activities
by Carol Williams & Charles Kirkpatrick

Sermon Title: "The Power and Light"

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

FLASHLIGHT HUNTING: Before class time, the teacher will hide slips of paper in a room that will be darkened during the HUNT. The children will use a flashlight to find the slips of paper with words from today's lesson, such as follow, heaven, Spirit, Holy, power, light, Jesus, speak, etc. If time permits, one child can use the flashlight to find one slip of paper and then hand the flashlight to the next child to find a paper and continue until all the children have had a chance to use the flashlight.

BALLOON FILLING: Give each child a balloon. The children will blow up their balloon and hold it tight until all of the balloons have been filled. When all of the children have filled their balloons, the teacher will give a signal and ALL balloons can be let go to FLY all around the room. Explain to the children that on Pentecost, the followers of Jesus heard the sound of a mighty rushing wind.

HOLY SPIRIT SHAKER: Give each child can be given a small plastic water bottle to be filled with popcorn kernels, rice, or dried beans. Use markers to decorate the bottle with words from today's lesson. Orange and red strips of tissue paper may be glued or taped to the bottom of the bottle to represent flames. The children can shake their bottles as they run a race together.

HOLY SPIRIT PINWHEEL: Let the children make a simple pinwheel using the [template](#) provided. After the pinwheel is completed, let children run and watch their pinwheel move with the wind - or place them in front of a fan. Discuss the fact that even though they can't SEE the wind, they know it is there because they see the pinwheel moving. Compare that to the Holy Spirit moving in our life. ([Simple Pinwheel Template](#))

FLAME KITE: Provide the children with orange and red construction paper on which they may draw or trace and cut out flames to place on kite shaped cut out made of poster board. This can be a group activity as children add the flames, the string and words from today's lesson about Pentecost! Hang the kite in the class room.

PENTECOSTAL POWER POSTER: Using large cut out letters, tape letters spelling HOLY SPIRIT on a poster. Let the children decorate the poster with words from

today's lesson and add pictures or stickers for a more exciting poster to be remembered!

POWER SNACK: FRUIT (of the spirit) snack! Cut up bite-sized pieces of many types of colorful fruit. (strawberries, grapes, kiwi, oranges, cantaloupe, honey dew, etc.)

Song: "Spirit of the Living God"

[Words and Music \(pdf\)](#)

[MP3 Accompaniment Track](#)

Song: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

[Words and Music \(pdf\)](#)

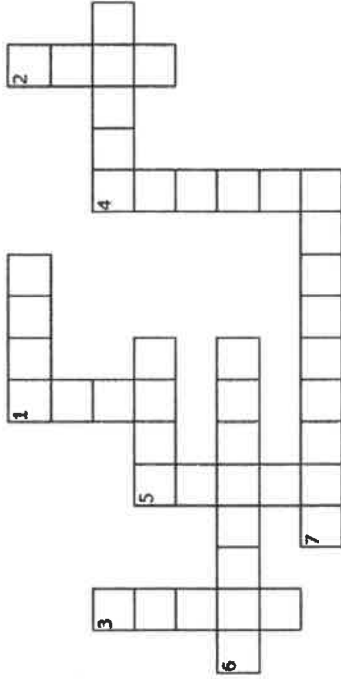
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Crossword Puzzle



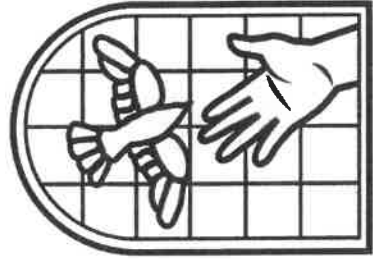
ACROSS

1. A destructive burning
4. Something that can be heard
5. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
7. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles

DOWN

1. Make something to be full
2. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
3. To say words, to use the voice
4. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
5. A building which people live in

FILL	HOUSE	SPEAK	WIND	LANGUAGE
SOUND	SPIRIT	PENTECOST	HOLY	FIRE



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Children's Worship Bulletin

The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Word Search Puzzle

X T O B P P H W G H X U E X I
 T G T F Z J V J Y I O C G M B
 Y B H J P X I L P F F U Z Z X
 L L E L E J O Z J M D E S I W
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PENTECOST	FILLED	HEAR	HOUSE	WIND
HEAVEN	FIRE	TONGUES	LANGUAGE	OTHER
DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK

Your Church Name
Any Town, Anywhere

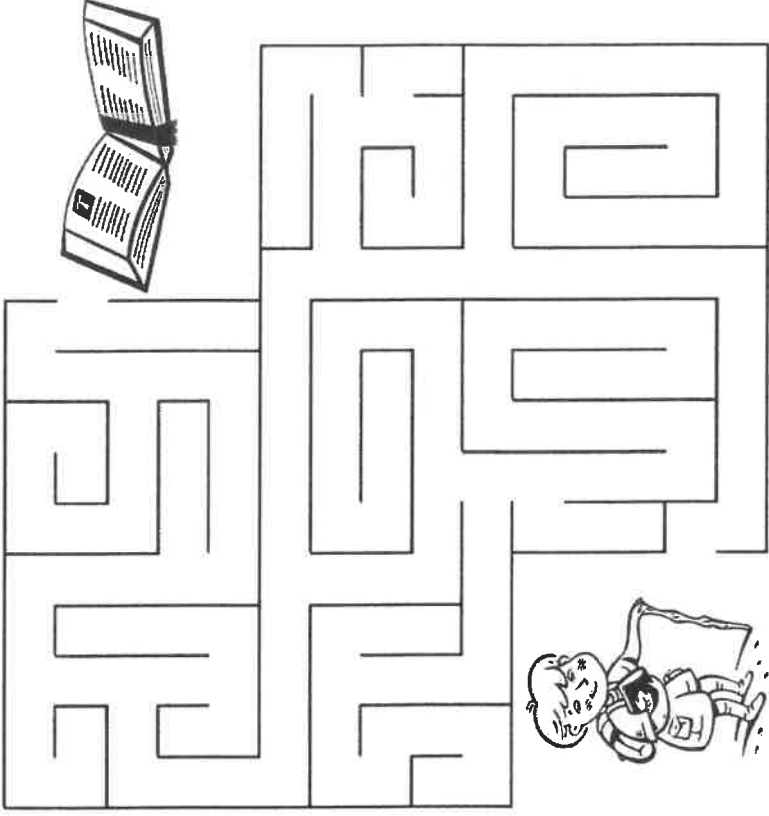
Coloring Page



The Day of Pentecost
Acts 2

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Maze Puzzle



But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,
he will guide you into all the truth.

John 16:13a (NIV)





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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what



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8

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4

SEKPA

5

CDORW

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 4

Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the "Final Answer."

Puzzle Clues

Check your answers by looking them up in the Bible.

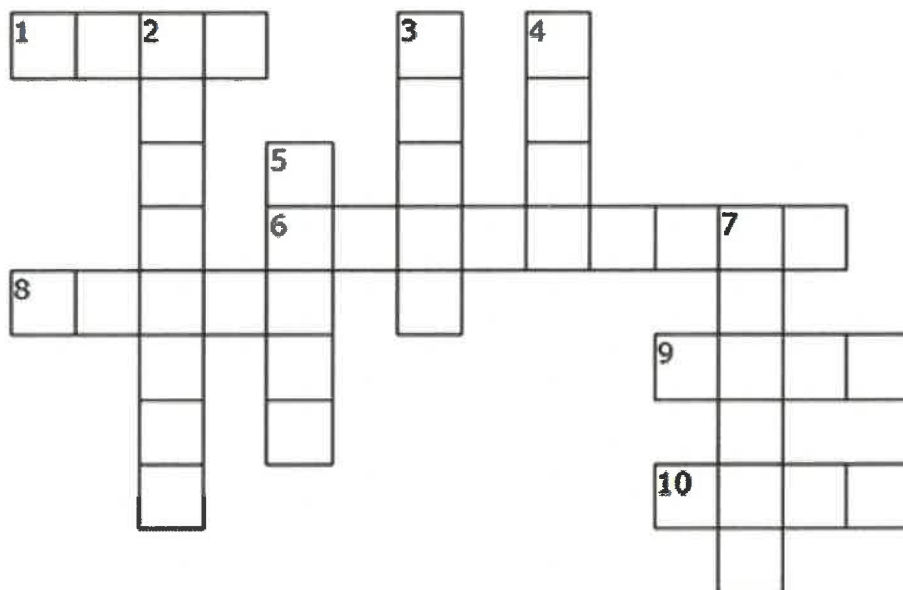
(Clues are from the NIV)

1. A sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from heaven. (Acts 2:2)
 2. They saw what seemed to be tongues of _____. (Acts 2:3)
 3. All of them were filled with the Holy _____. (Acts 2:4)
 4. They began to _____ in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)
 5. Peter stood up and spoke to the _____ of people. (Acts 2:14)
- FINAL ANSWER: All of these events took place on the day of _____. (Acts 2:1)

The Power Source

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-8



ACROSS

1. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
6. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
8. A building which people live in
9. Make something to be full
10. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree

DOWN

2. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
3. Something that can be heard
4. A destructive burning
5. To say words, to use the voice
7. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost

LANGUAGE
SPEAK

PENTECOST
HOLY

FIRE
SOUND

HOUSE
WIND

SPIRIT
FILL

The Day of Pentecost

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Acts 2:1-13 (NIV).



- ___ 1. To say words, to use the voice
A. wind B. sound C. speak D. fire
- ___ 2. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
A. spirit B. language C. speak D. wind
- ___ 3. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
A. speak B. spirit C. heaven D. holy
- ___ 4. Something that can be heard
A. wind B. sound C. language D. fire
- ___ 5. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
A. holy B. heaven C. fire D. speak
- ___ 6. A destructive burning
A. holy B. spirit C. fire D. speak
- ___ 7. The place where God lives
A. fire B. wind C. heaven D. language
- ___ 8. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
A. sound B. holy C. language D. wind

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L F I R E D U X B S I A O S Y
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E X W D N D T A S V X L B E D
D A N O N Y C D W F W F T A L
S I T U L E R K U I K E W K H
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SPIRIT	PENTECOST	HOLY	FIRE	LANGUAGE
SOUND	WIND	TONGUES	HOUSE	HEAVEN
HEAR	DAY	OTHER	SPEAK	FILLED