

PENTECOST STORYTELLING OUTLINE:

- Remember our Bible Story last week: Jesus was saying goodbye to His disciples. But He told them He wouldn't leave them alone. He promised that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to be WITH them always and everywhere. Then He went up in the clouds.
- Jesus told them to FIRST wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come and THEN go into the whole world and tell everybody the GOOD NEWS: how Jesus died to set them free from sin and death and rose again to give them life forever!
- The disciples waited for 10 days. **(Invite the children to finger count to ten: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)**. They were waiting altogether in a room. Then on the tenth day, three amazing things happened.
- FIRST, they HEARD something strange. **(Put your hand to your ear and listen while making the sound of the wind)**. It was the sound of the wind blowing inside the house. But wait a minute, does the wind blow INSIDE a house? NO, it blows OUTSIDE a house! WHAT was happening?
- SECOND, they SAW something strange. **(Wiggle your fingers on top of your head)**. It was tongues of fire on top of each head. But it was not burning them. It was a safe fire. Does fire flicker on people's heads? NO, it flickers on candles. WHAT was happening?
- THIRD, they SPOKE strange words! **(Put your index fingers to the sides of your mouth and move them alternately forward and back...sign language for TALK)**. The words were new languages! Can people talk in languages that they have never learned? NO! WHAT was happening?
- Does anybody know what was happening (put up a quiet hand)?
- THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME! The Holy Spirit was stirring them up with His power! The Holy Spirit blew like the wind inside a house. The Holy Spirit flickered like a fire on their heads. The Holy Spirit spoke through them in new languages.
- JESUS kept His promise. The Father sent the HOLY SPIRIT.
- Now the disciples were ready to go into the whole world and tell everyone the GOOD NEWS about JESUS! They were ready to go in God's mighty power.
- The Holy Spirit is here with us, too. He will never leave us. He will help us.
- Who is the Holy Spirit? Remember, God is three persons in ONE GOD. God the FATHER, God the Son JESUS, and God the HOLY SPIRIT... 3 in 1 GOD. The Holy Spirit is the invisible Spirit of God. He is God with us. He is our friend, our helper, our comforter, our guide... GOD WITH US.