

Lesson 5-31-20

Theme: Pentecost

Story to Read: The First Pentecost

When Luke finished writing his second book, he sat thinking. He remembered friends in the Christian churches he visited with Paul.

"God has done the great things that were promised," Luke said. "It all began a few weeks after Jesus was raised from the dead. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles at Pentecost. I am glad I decided to put this marvelous story at the beginning. I hope the churches will always remember it. Without the help of the Spirit, we can do nothing for our Lord."

He turned back in the big scroll and started to read, "When Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place...."

Jewish people from other nations were living in Jerusalem. They spoke different languages, but they all believed in one God.

What happened that day caused many to gather in a hurry at the scene. There they found the twelve apostles of Christ.

The people shouted, "What are you doing? We heard strange sounds coming from here!"

The apostles told what God had done. A sound like a strong wind startled them, and they saw tongue-like flames. Each of them began to speak in ways they had never spoken before. The Spirit of God was with them.

Everyone was amazed. The crowd knew only the languages of their home countries. But as they listened to the apostles, each one knew what was being said. They began to question one another. Some even said the apostles must be drunk with wine.

But Peter had no doubts. He knew God wanted the good news of Jesus to be shared right away. "Peter preached a great sermon," Luke said. "Many, many others became Christians after hearing him. What he said is here in my book for everyone to read again and again.

We can find Peter's Pentecost sermon in The Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2.

Activities

1. Coloring Sheet – Attached is a Pentecost coloring sheet.

2. Wind Streamers – Use red, white and yellow ribbons, streamers, or strips of paper and tie or tape them onto a ring or ring of paper. Have the children run around with the streamers and imagine what it was like for a strong wind to bring fire to the disciples.