



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

The Birth of the Church

Take Home Point:

Holy Spirit, fill me up and send me out.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: How did the Holy Spirit show his presence and power to the disciples on Pentecost? *(The Holy Spirit came as wind and tongues of fire that rested on the disciples' heads. Then they were able to speak in languages they did not know and became bold to share the good news of Jesus.)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: In this week's lesson, children made a flying glider from a drinking straw and loops of paper. Let them demonstrate how it works and compare it to the flight of an ordinary drinking straw. If these flying contraptions aren't available, make your own paper airplane. Compare its flight ability with an unfolded piece of paper. It should be no contest. In the same way, God can fill us with his presence to send us out—like the straw glider or paper airplane. Let's investigate how he fills us up to send us out!

READ THE BIBLE: Read Acts 2:1-15, 29-41 about the early Christian church and Pentecost from an easy to understand translation.

KEY VERSE: Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you. Then you will be my witnesses to testify about me in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Describe what happened on the special day we call Pentecost. What suddenly happened that was out of the ordinary? *(Acts 2:1-3. There was a sound like a blowing wind and there were tongues that looked like fire that came to rest on each believer. God was showing that his presence, as evidenced by the fire, would now be dwelling in the lives of his followers.)* What impossible thing happened when the tongues of fire came to rest on each believer? *(Acts 2:4. They began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability.)* Why do you think it was important for the disciples to be able to speak in different languages? *(It showed God's power, but it also showed that God wanted the message to go to all different kinds of people. "For God so loved the world...")* Were the disciples bold and brave before this happened? *(No.)* What changed? *(The Holy Spirit filled them up and they became bold witnesses for Jesus.)*

Are you doing all that Jesus would want you to do in your life to witness for him? Who do you think God might be sending you to talk to about Jesus or to show God's love? If God were to send you today, what would he tell you to do or say?

PRAYER POWER: Have every family member think of at least one person the Holy Spirit might be sending him to share the love of Jesus. Pray for these people.

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Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Make a family art project. Draw a heart with rings around it as if it were in the center of a target. This reminds everyone that God's target for us is to send us to people who need to experience his love and hear the message of Jesus. Write names of people you know who need a special measure of God's love on those rings. It will be your job to help share God's love and witness to those people. Pray for them and watch how God will make a way for you to share his love. Post this on your refrigerator as a reminder.