

ACTS 2:1-41

PENTECOST

Spring 2020 Session 14



As Christians we celebrate Pentecost as the "birthday of the church." Pentecost originated as a Jewish festival. Pentecost was one of three pilgrimage feasts celebrated when Jews gathered in Jerusalem. Jesus had told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

It was a time of uncertainty for Jesus' followers. It is likely they were anxious and scared. During this time of waiting in Jerusalem, the disciples and other followers of Jesus were celebrating Pentecost.

While they were celebrating, the Spirit arrived. The Spirit arrived sounding like a violent wind and appearing like tongues of fire. Jesus promised to send the disciples a helper and now it had arrived.

The excitement surrounding the arrival of the Holy Spirit attracted a crowd. Not everyone in the crowd was immediately convinced of the Spirit's presence. Some joked they were witnessing the effects of strong wine. Spirit-filled Peter responded to this accusation and began to preach. About 3,000 believers were baptized that day.

The Spirit did not just come to the disciples, but to each person gathered there. The Spirit empowered God's people and gave them courage to continue to spread the good news about Jesus.

The concept of the Holy Spirit is sometimes a difficult one for children and adults to understand. It is OK to admit to your children that you don't have all the answers. Mystery is a part of faith.



Pentecôte heureux!

Kontan Lapannkot

Pentecost Sona

Frohes Pfingsten

Gelukkig Pinksteren

Figure out the saying and what the languages are above~

