

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” Luke 24:49

Celebrating Pentecost!

In obedience to Jesus’ command, the apostles and some of His disciples, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, gathered together in an upper room in Jerusalem to pray and wait. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4).

It was no accident that God chose this day to pour out His Spirit. There were people from many nations in Jerusalem that day to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, a festival of harvest that came fifty days after Passover. When they saw and heard what was happening to the followers of Jesus, they began to ask questions. Peter stood up and boldly declared the Word of God. “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call” (Acts 2:38-39).

That very day 3,120 were added to the church!

Some of the last words that Jesus spoke to His disciples were, “But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Only the baptism of the Holy Ghost can change our old nature and make us new. God’s Spirit dwelling within gives us the power to be witnesses and live overcoming lives in this world and will save us when Jesus comes back for His church!

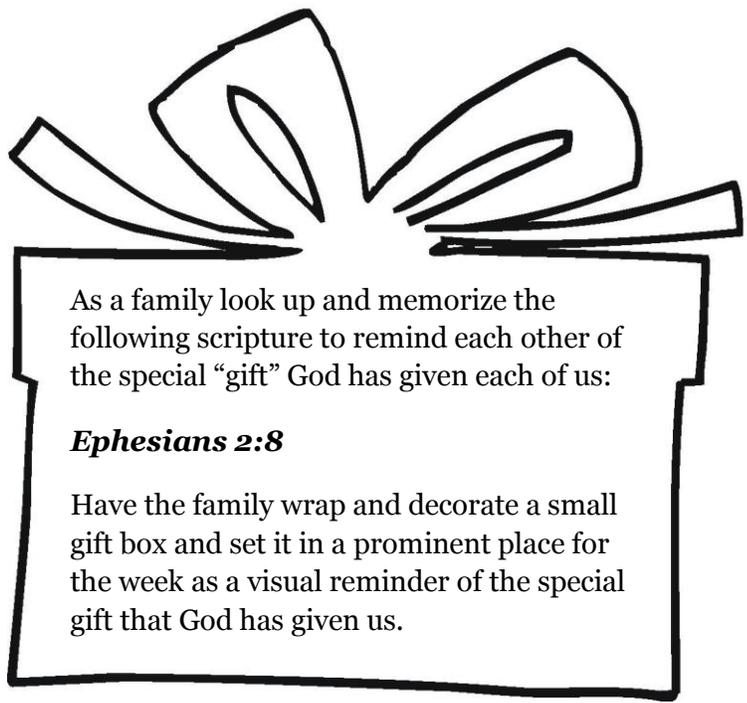
Family Prayer: Lord, thank You that the promise of Your Spirit is still for us today. Let me be a witness to those who have never received this precious gift. In Jesus’ Name, amen.



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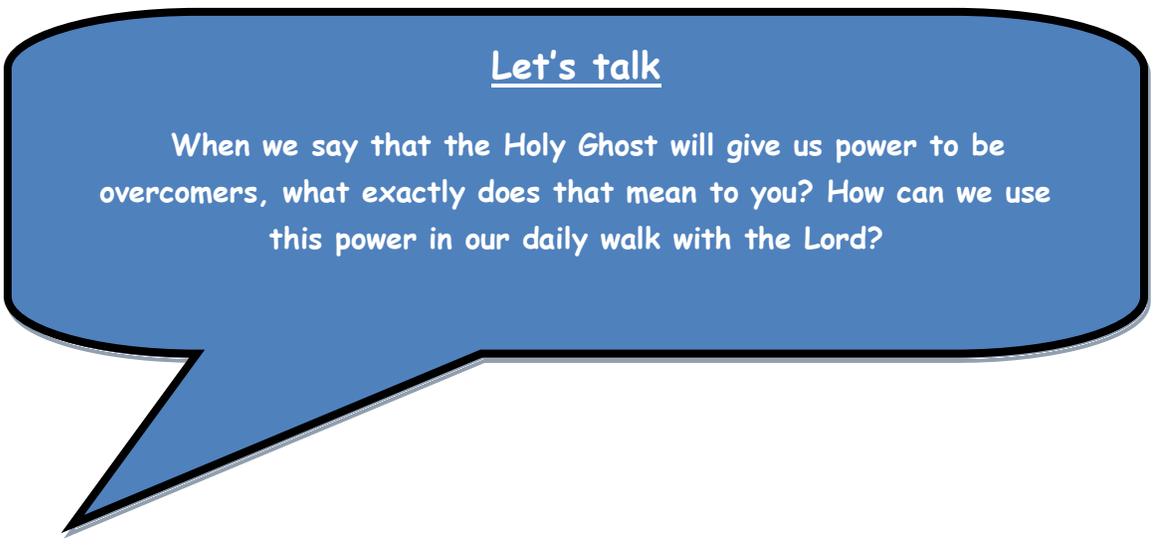
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As a family look up and memorize the following scripture to remind each other of the special "gift" God has given each of us:

Ephesians 2:8

Have the family wrap and decorate a small gift box and set it in a prominent place for the week as a visual reminder of the special gift that God has given us.



Let's talk

When we say that the Holy Ghost will give us power to be overcomers, what exactly does that mean to you? How can we use this power in our daily walk with the Lord?



This week during family prayer time put an extra emphasis on praying for the emigrants to our country. Maybe God has brought them to this nation so they can hear the truth just like those who were gathered together in Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

The outpouring of the Holy Ghost was first experienced in Acts, chapter two, but there are many other examples. Examine the passages of scripture below and answer the questions.

Acts 8:5-17

- Who preached to the people? _____
- What nationality were the people? _____
- Who came from Jerusalem and prayed for the people to receive the Holy Ghost? _____

Acts 10:1-48

- Who was praying to God every day? _____
- What city was he from? _____
- What preacher did God send to this man? _____
- Were this man and his household Jews? _____ What were they? (vs.45) _____

Acts 19:1-7

- Who preached to these men in Ephesus? _____
- How had they been baptized? _____
- Were they re-baptized? _____ How? _____
- What was the evidence that they received the Holy Ghost? _____

Hidden message

The gift of Pentecost

Unscramble each of the clue words from the devotion.

Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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Celebrate the Gift of Pentecost

