

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“Then Peter said unto them, 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.”

Acts 2:38

The Promise Came at Pentecost

Imagine 120 people crowded into an upper room in Jerusalem for several days. Waiting for...what? They were there because of a promise made by their Master several days before. *“...ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”* (Acts 1:8a). Power! Perhaps they felt that was just what they needed after suffering under the strong rule of the Romans for so long. But political power was not what Jesus meant. *“...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 1:8b). Power to be God’s witnesses in a broken and sinful world!

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place,” (Acts 1:4). After being shut into that room for so long there was still no division, no whining about the wait, no fussing that maybe someone had gotten the instructions wrong. In one accord they prayed and waited. *“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

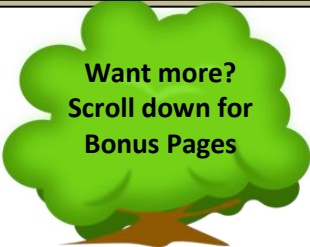
Their patience and commitment paid off! *Everyone* gathered there received the promise of the gift of the Holy Ghost! Not one person was left out. But God wasn’t finished. As the disciples spilled out onto the street still rejoicing in what God had done for them, many others heard the word and received the promise for themselves. That same day about 3,000 were baptized and added to the church, (Acts 2:31).

The soul-saving message preached 2,000 years ago on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem is still for us today! Will you receive the promise?

Family Prayer: *Thank you, Jesus, that You are still pouring out the gift of the Holy Ghost today. Because of Your Spirit I can be a witness in this world and go to Heaven to live with You forever! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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Play a game that teaches unity. One that comes to mind is the three-legged race where the left leg of one participant is tied to the right leg of another participant. For variation, the duo can be facing opposite directions. Have them race to a goal line and then back to the start. This gives each person an opportunity to race forward and backwards. See who is in one accord!

Let's talk

Acts 2:1 mentions that the disciples were in one place and in one accord. Discuss this vital point. Have you ever had to be in a situation where people were required to work together, but there was a spirit of disunity? How does this affect the attitudes and the outcome of a project? Discuss ways that your own personal attitude might improve a situation like this.

This week when you attend church, remember the spirit and attitude the disciples had on the Day of Pentecost. They went expecting something great from God- and they weren't disappointed! Enter the church with worship to God *expecting* to receive something special as He works in your life.



Additional Challenges

Let's take a closer look at the events on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

- What does it mean to be "in one accord?"
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- Why were people in the crowd amazed?
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- What part of the country were the disciples from? _____

- How many nations were represented on the Day of Pentecost? _____

- What did the mockers accuse the disciples of? _____

- Who preached to the crowd on the Day of Pentecost? _____

- How many were added to the church that day? _____

- Who did the Apostle Peter say the promise for?
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- We need to follow the example of the Early Church? What are some things they did after they received the Holy Ghost? (Hint: check out verses 42 & 46)
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The Promise is for YOU!

Puzzle Page

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