

PENTECOST

New Testament Lesson #119

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he told the apostles not to leave Jerusalem until they were “clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49). When the day of Pentecost arrived, the apostles and other followers of Jesus assembled. Suddenly the sound of a strong, rushing wind filled the house. Then they saw something that looked like tongues of fire resting on each person. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they became able to speak in languages that they had never learned.

Jerusalem was filled with Jews from many nations who had come to celebrate the feast. When they heard about the apostles’ speaking in other languages, they crowded around to hear. They were amazed and perplexed to hear their own languages spoken by men from Galilee. While some marveled, wondering what this meant, others made fun of them by saying they were all drunk.

Peter stood up with the 11 and explained that they were not drunk, but that God was fulfilling the promise he had made in the prophecy of Joel.

Peter continued to teach about Jesus, saying that God had enabled Jesus to perform miracles and signs, and that the people had rejected him and handed him over to be killed. Peter told them that God knew this would happen but that Jesus had been resurrected because it was impossible for death to hold him. When the people heard Peter’s words, they were very sorry for the wrong they had done and asked Peter and the other apostles what they should do.

Peter replied that they should repent and be baptized. That day, 3,000 were baptized. They began to spend their time learning from the apostles, sharing their material goods and eating and praying together.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

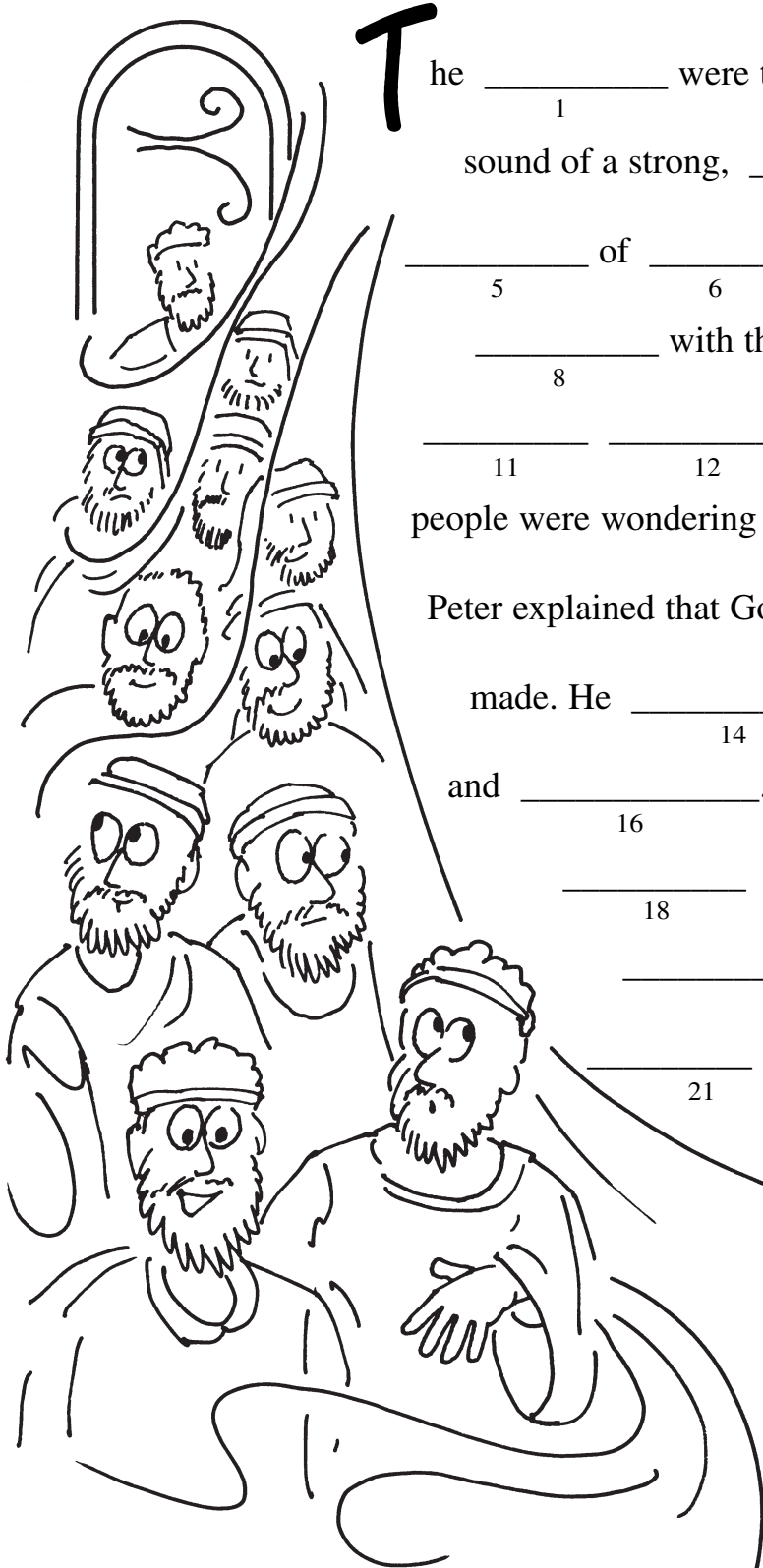
- Baptism with the Holy Spirit was spoken of by John the Baptist in Matthew 3:11, and is a fulfillment of the promise in Mark 16:17-18 and Luke 24:49.
- Peter’s speech mentioned prophecies from Joel 2:28-32; Psalm 16:8-11; and Psalm 110:1.
- “Pentecost” was also called the “Feast of Weeks.” It was the 50th day (*pente*- = 50 in Greek) after the Passover, or after a “week” of weeks (7 x 7 = 49) had passed. The law defining it is found in Leviticus 23:15-21.
- The significance of “50 days” is that it was the amount of time that passed between the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt and the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai.

Pentecost

- I. The apostles and other believers were together on the day of Pentecost.
 - A. A sound of rushing wind filled the house.
 - B. Something that looked like fire appeared on every person.
 - C. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke languages they had never learned.
- II. Visitors in Jerusalem for Pentecost heard the languages.
 - A. They were amazed.
 - B. Some thought the apostles were drunk.
 - C. Peter told the crowd that God was fulfilling a prophecy.
- III. Peter kept teaching about Jesus.
 - A. Peter said God was the reason Jesus could perform miracles.
 - B. Peter reminded them that the people rejected Jesus and he was killed.
 - C. The crowd was sorry and asked what to do.
- IV. Peter said to repent and be baptized.
 - A. 3,000 people were baptized in one day.
 - B. The new believers spent time with the apostles and learned about Jesus.

ANSWER KEY:

apostles, Jerusalem, rushing, wind, Tongues, fire, rest, filled, Holy, Spirit, speak, languages, promise, taught, death, resurrection, Repent, baptized, forgiveness, sins, receive, gift, Holy, Spirit



The _____ were together in _____. Suddenly the
 _____ sound of a strong, _____ filled the house.
 _____ of _____ came to _____ on each one. They were
 _____ with the _____. They could
 _____ that they had not known before! The
 people were wondering what this meant ... and what should they do?

Peter explained that God was fulfilling a _____ that He had
 made. He _____ them about Jesus and His _____
 and _____. Peter told the people, “_____ and be
 _____ in the name of Jesus Christ for the
 _____ of your _____. You will
 _____ the _____ of the _____.”

Place the words below
on the correct lines.

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| 13) promise | 22) gift | 12) languages |
| 21) receive | 4) wind | 18) baptized |
| 17) Repent | 7) rest | 16) resurrection |
| 15) death | 3) rushing | 20) sins |
| 23) Holy | 1) apostles | 6) fire |
| 14) taught | 8) filled | 19) forgiveness |
| 5) Tongues | 9) Holy | |
| 24) Spirit | 10) Spirit | |
| 2) Jerusalem | 11) speak | |

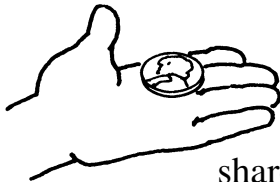
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That day, 3,000 believers were baptized! They began to spend their time together. Here are some of the things they did.

Match the picture with its shadow.



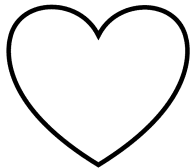
praised God



shared with persons in need



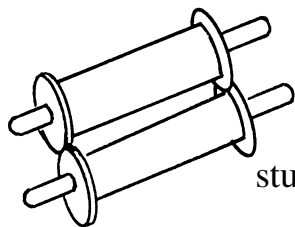
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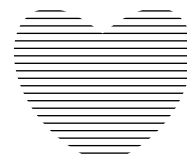
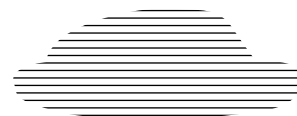
became friends



broke bread



studied and learned



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