

Week 33 Family Letter

God Gives the Gift of the Holy Spirit: Pentecost

(Acts 2:1-13)

Jesus' friends walked to Jerusalem. Many, many people walked to Jerusalem. Many, many people walked a long, long way to get to Jerusalem. People traveled from all over to get to Jerusalem.

A sound like a mighty rushing wind traveled from heaven. It filled the house where Jesus' friends were sitting. Flames of fire landed on Jesus' friends, but the flames didn't hurt them. They started talking differently. They could talk in many different languages. The people who traveled from all over knew what Jesus' friends were saying!

The Holy Spirit came to the disciples! The Holy Spirit is God. He helped them. He gave them power. Jesus' friends told everyone they could about Jesus, our Savior. They walked and walked all over, so people who lived everywhere would hear the Good News. We can walk, drive, float, or fly to many places so that many people will know that Jesus has saved all the people in the world.

Bible Words

Go into all the world.

Mark 16:15

Dear Family,

Let your child point to the flames above the disciples' heads. Ask them if they know what it is, and provide a yellow, red, or orange crayon to color the tongues of fire.

The fire showed that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit came to visit (but He never leaves).

The Holy Spirit visits us too, by the preaching of the Word of Christ, that is, by the Gospel. It is by the Gospel that He enters and stays in our hearts and strengthens our faith. He gives us power to go and visit other people and tell them about Jesus, our Savior.

The Pentecost story was about traveling—people walking, wind moving from place to place, and the Holy Spirit entering hearts. Talk about where you might travel this summer. Whom will you visit? How will you get there? Have fun teaching your child about forms of transportation. Know that God has promised to be with you wherever you go and to send His angels to watch over you. But also know that the Holy Spirit goes with you, helping you to go into all the world to show and tell Jesus' love. Read the story on page 423 of *The Story Bible* together.

