



## Year 1—Quarter 3: God the Holy Spirit

### The Day of Pentecost

**Jesus said to expect this:** Jesus had told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for this “baptism of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:4 & 5)

We read in Acts chapter 2 about how all the disciples were assembled when a violent wind came, “tongues of fire” appeared, resting on each disciple, and they began to speak in other languages. Some people who heard them accused them of being drunk.

**Peter before the Day of Pentecost:** Peter was a man with many faults to go with his faith in Jesus. We see him walk on water with Jesus, but we also hear Jesus say to him, “Get behind me Satan” when Peter speaks out of the wrong attitude. Before Pentecost, Peter is the one who denies his friend on the day of Jesus’ crucifixion.

**Peter after Pentecost:** What an amazing change comes over Peter

after he is baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). He preaches a sermon and 3,000 people become Christians. Then Peter steps into leadership of the church and every day people join the Christian community. When a crippled man asked for money, Peter healed him instead, and when a crowd gathers, Peter preaches again. Peter now spoke and acted with authority.

**What we learn from Peter’s Story:** It shows that 1) God uses imperfect people for His purposes and His grace is available to all. 2) Relying on the Holy Spirit brings courage and strength. 3) It also shows us that obedience to the Holy Spirit’s leadings leads to extraordinary experiences.

**Main Point:** The Holy Spirit wants to be a part of our everyday living by helping us to live for God.

### Power Point

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### MEMORY VERSE

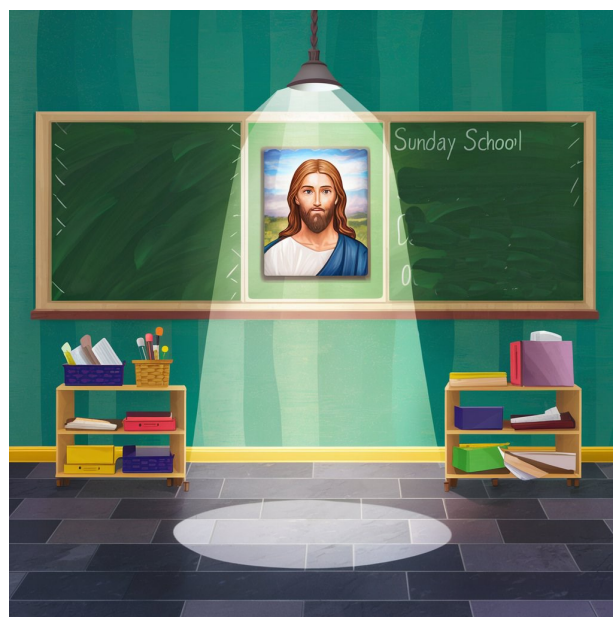
“...in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

### OBJECT LESSON: SPOTLIGHT ON JESUS

**Ahead of time:** Hang up a picture of Jesus in the room and set up a spotlight that is pointed directly at the picture.

**Discuss:** When the students enter the room, speak to them about the Holy Spirit’s role in bringing people to Jesus. Have a volunteer turn off the lights and make sure the room is very dark. Have each student name something about the picture of Jesus that they like. They may mention that they can’t see the picture. Click on the spotlight and then have everyone name something about the picture they like.

**Explain** to them that the Holy Spirit is like the spotlight, pointing everyone to Jesus.



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### Story: Blue Ribbon

#### (Tommy's Journal Entry for July 3)

I turned twelve today, I had a great party and got some nice gifts, but tonight my mind is not on parties or presents. I am praying that the Holy Spirit will help me earn the money I need for summer camp in August.

I only have ten dollars saved. I will be earning fifty dollars this week at the fair by collecting money from cars as they park in a friend's pasture near the fairgrounds. That gives me my registration fee, but still leaves \$150. For me it may as well be a thousand.



Have you ever earned a blue ribbon? (*Show the blue ribbon.*) I never have. Amy told me this morning that she was going to win a blue ribbon for me for my birthday. She and her horse, Sundance, competed in the barrel race competition at the fair today.

Amy is seven and which puts her in the “Little Wrangler” class for the under eight-year-olds. She has been riding Sundance every day and practicing running the barrels every Saturday at our neighbor's horse farm to prepare for the competition. I prayed for her to win and she did. She came in first place.

I am concerned about my brother Aaron. I think he is feeling left out. He always acts a little depressed when it's my birthday or Amy's and that's probably because we are getting a lot of attention (and gifts). Also, he hasn't been able to go to the fair yet because Mom said he had to finish one more test in math. (Sometimes there are disadvantages to being home schooled.) But Aaron finished his test today and so now he gets to go with us to the last day of the fair tomorrow.

Two summers ago Aaron and I were baptized in water at a spot in the river that runs through our farm. Aaron was seven and I was ten. Mom invited some of our friends and our grandparents. We all had a big picnic. Pastor Lovelace and Dad baptized us both.

Then, that summer at Kid's Camp I experienced a different kind of baptism. It was what the Bible calls being baptized in the Holy Spirit. And I also received my prayer language. One thing that Aaron told me last week was that he is praying to be baptized in the Holy Spirit when he goes to Kid's Camp in two weeks.

At our family prayer time Dad said he got some good news. When the construction company that is rebuilding the bridge over the Molalla River asked folks to recommend a good mechanic around here who could fix one of their diesel engines, people said, “Scott Jensen at Riverview Farm. He repairs all of our tractors when they break down.” I am always amazed at how God answers our prayers. The flood that washed the bridge out made more expenses for our family, but because of the bridge being repaired, my Dad will earn more than enough money to make up for it.

Thank-you God.

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# Take-Home

## Summary

### Bible Passage:

Acts 1:4, 5

### Main Point:

The Holy Spirit wants to be a part of our everyday living by helping us to live for God.

### Quiz:

**Q:** How did Peter change after Pentecost?

**A:** He had more power and authority.

**Q:** Who gives the gift of the Holy Spirit?

**A:** God the Father (Acts 1:4)

**Q:** On the day of Pentecost, what sound did they hear?

**A:** A violent wind

**Q:** At Pentecost, what appeared on their heads?

**A:** Fire flames

### The Role of the Holy Spirit in Kids Lives:

- To help them connect with Jesus.
- To help them see the fruit of the Spirit through the hands, heart, and habits of Jesus.
- To help them change their own hands, hearts, and habits to be more like Christ.

## Explore the Bible

The Bible uses some interesting symbols for the Holy Spirit to show us some of His characteristics:

**Wind** — He is like the wind, powerful and quick (John. 3:8; Acts 2:2).

**Fire** — He is like fire because He purifies us (Acts 2:3 & 4).

**Water** — He is like water because He satisfies our spiritual thirst for God (John 7:38,39).

**Dove** — He is like a dove because He is gentle and will not hurt anyone (Luke 3:22).

**Oil** — He is like oil because He gives healing and illumination/ understanding (Acts 10:36).

## Family Activity

- **The Wind Game:** Use a fan or a blower to simulate the wind, and ask kids to close their eyes and feel the “wind” of the Holy Spirit guiding them.
- **The Still Small Voice:** Have kids sit in silence and listen for the “still small voice” of the Holy Spirit guiding them.
- **The Conscience Game:** Play a game where kids have to imagine making decisions and then reflect on whether they felt a sense of conviction or peace about their choices.

## Apply and Pray

Have a few moments of silence to allow everyone to listen for the inner voice of the Holy Spirit. Ask kids to share if they felt like they heard Him speak to them. Close in a prayer of gratitude for the Holy Spirit as your Helper and Friend.