

Let anyone: 31 May – 6 June 2020

**Bible time**  Acts 2.1-21

The Church welcomes the Holy Spirit.

### Life today

Before you read today's passage, talk about a time when you may have been somewhere you couldn't understand what was going on. Possibly a different country where a different language is spoken, or a new place or experience where you didn't know what to do. Who revealed what was going on, to you? How does this help you understand the experience of the visitors in Jerusalem?

Read the story together then explore it using these questions.

### Question time

- What are the physical signs of the Holy Spirit in this story?
- Where do you see the Holy Spirit at work today?
- If the Holy Spirit is for everyone, how can we share this with the people that we know?

### Activity time

- **Share it!**  
Use some craft materials to create a card to send, film a video message, or simply write a text, to share some good news with someone you know and love. Could you share something of Jesus' good news in your message?
- **Learn a language**  
There are many resources online to help you to learn a new language together, this could be a language of a family member or a friend, the language of a country you would like to visit or perhaps British Sign Language. Challenge one another to see how many different languages can you learn to say 'Jesus loves you'.
- **Fill us up**  
As you begin each day, as you share breakfast together, gather together to pray and ask for the Holy Spirit to fill you up – just as the food for breakfast is fuelling you – as you go about your business for the day, so that you would live for God in all you do.

With the sound of a whirlwind it came, rushing into the house where the followers of Jesus were gathered. There was a commotion and flames as the Holy Spirit came, resting on each of the disciples like a tongue of fire.



As it whooshed into the room, the Spirit filled them all with foreign languages, and the disciples spoke in words they didn't understand. Inspired, and with words gushing out of them, they went out into the streets.

It was the festival of Pentecost and Jerusalem was full of Jews from all over the world. When the disciples came out into the street, the crowds heard them speaking the message of Jesus in their own languages. They were amazed. 'How can this be?' they asked. 'All the followers of Jesus are from Galilee, but we can hear their message loud and clear in words we understand.'

Not everyone was impressed, though. Some listeners sneered, 'These people are drunk.' Peter, still filled to overflowing with the Spirit's power, stood up in front of all the people.

'We are not drunk,' he said. 'It's only nine in the morning. No, you are seeing and hearing what the prophet Joel spoke about in the Old Testament.'

Peter continued, 'Joel said, "God will pour his Spirit on all people; children will prophesy and adults will see holy visions. The Spirit is for everyone, men, women and children; there will be signs in heaven and on earth, and these will be the last days. Everyone who calls on the Lord's name shall be saved."'

Like a fiery whirlwind it came, and the Spirit breathed new life into the followers of Jesus.

**Pentecost** a Jewish harvest festival.

### Prayer time

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your power so that we may share the good news of Jesus with everyone in a way they can understand. Amen.