

This Week *Westworth Kids* are learning about

The Holy Spirit



READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Holy Spirit

from Acts 2:1-21.

On Pentecost the Spirit brought the good news of Jesus to people in every language.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Pentecost
- Tongues
- Jerusalem
- Astonished

Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The season of Pentecost is the longest season of the church year. It lasts until Advent begins.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 502-503

Spark Bible pages 1204-1205

Family Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for sending down the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Give us hearts to feel the Holy Spirit's presence every day. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What did the Holy Spirit look like? (fire) Feel like? (wind) Sound like? (voices of the people)
- 2 Do you know someone who speaks a different language than you do? Do you ever have a difficult time communicating?
- 3 It can be difficult to communicate in a place where people don't speak your primary language. Think about people who are new to our country and community and might have a hard time communicating. What are some ways we can help those people in their daily lives?
- 4 Do you know any words in another language? Share some of them with each other.



Eye Spark

Observe the wind this week. Take time to watch how it moves through the trees and the grass. See how it blows through your hair and clothing. Visualize the Holy Spirit blowing around you, surrounding you.



Ear Spark

Listen for other languages being spoken around you this week. Ask God to bless those who speak them.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Pentecost marks the birthday of the Christian church when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. Birthdays aren't complete without birthday cake! Make or buy cupcakes and place "trick" candles on each one. Sing "Happy Birthday" to the church. When you try to blow out the candles, explain that the candles are like the Holy Spirit. The flames of the candles will not go out, just like the Holy Spirit will never leave us!

For younger kids

Create reminders of the Holy Spirit's presence in your home by making luminaries for outside your doorway. You will need a brown paper lunch bag, sand, a votive candle, scissors and masking tape. Create a few cross shapes from the masking tape and stick them to the inside of the paper bag. Fill the bag with 3 inches of sand and secure a candle in the center of the bag. Parents should light the luminaries with a stick of spaghetti or long match. (If you can't light flames, use battery-powered candles instead.)

For older kids

Use your computer to go to biblegateway.com. Do a "quick search" of Acts 2:4 in English and read it aloud. Now change the version of the passage to one in a different language and attempt to read it aloud. Figure out which word means "spirit" in the new language.

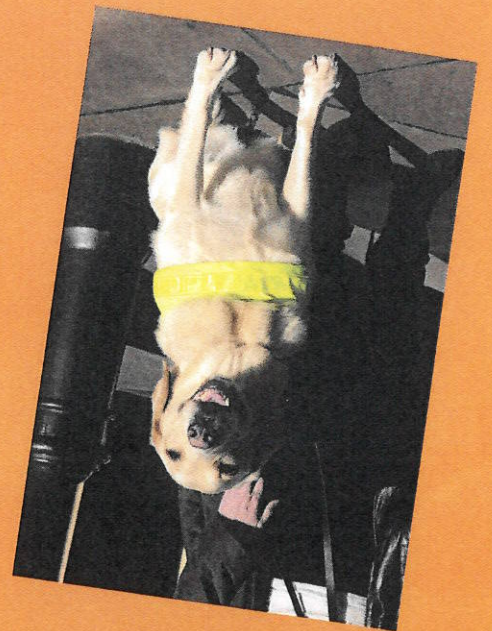
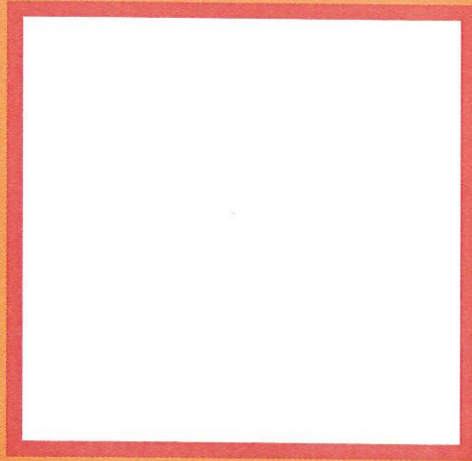
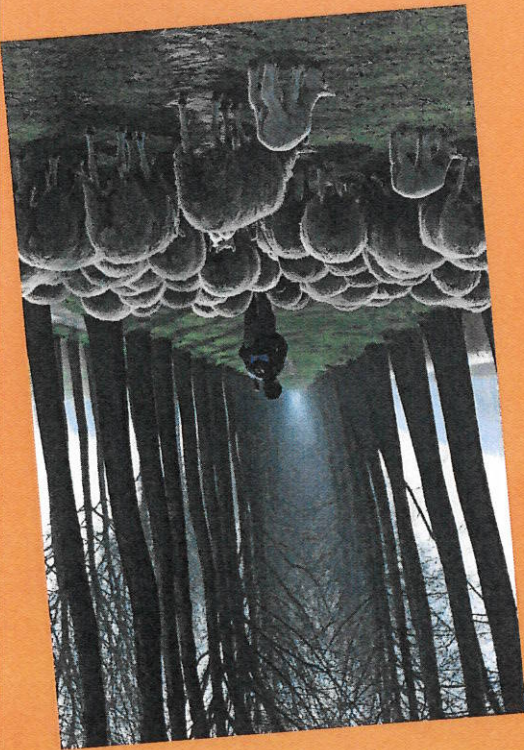


Practice letting God's Spirit guide you.
Pray before making decisions during the day.
How did things turn out?

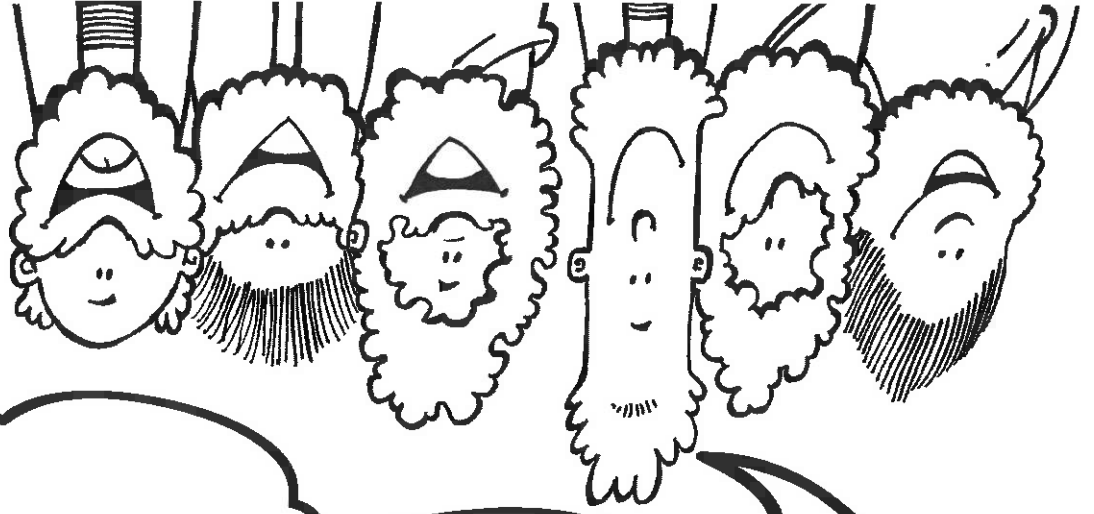
FAITH on the GO!



Guide Me Today
Put yourself on the path. How does God's Spirit guide you?



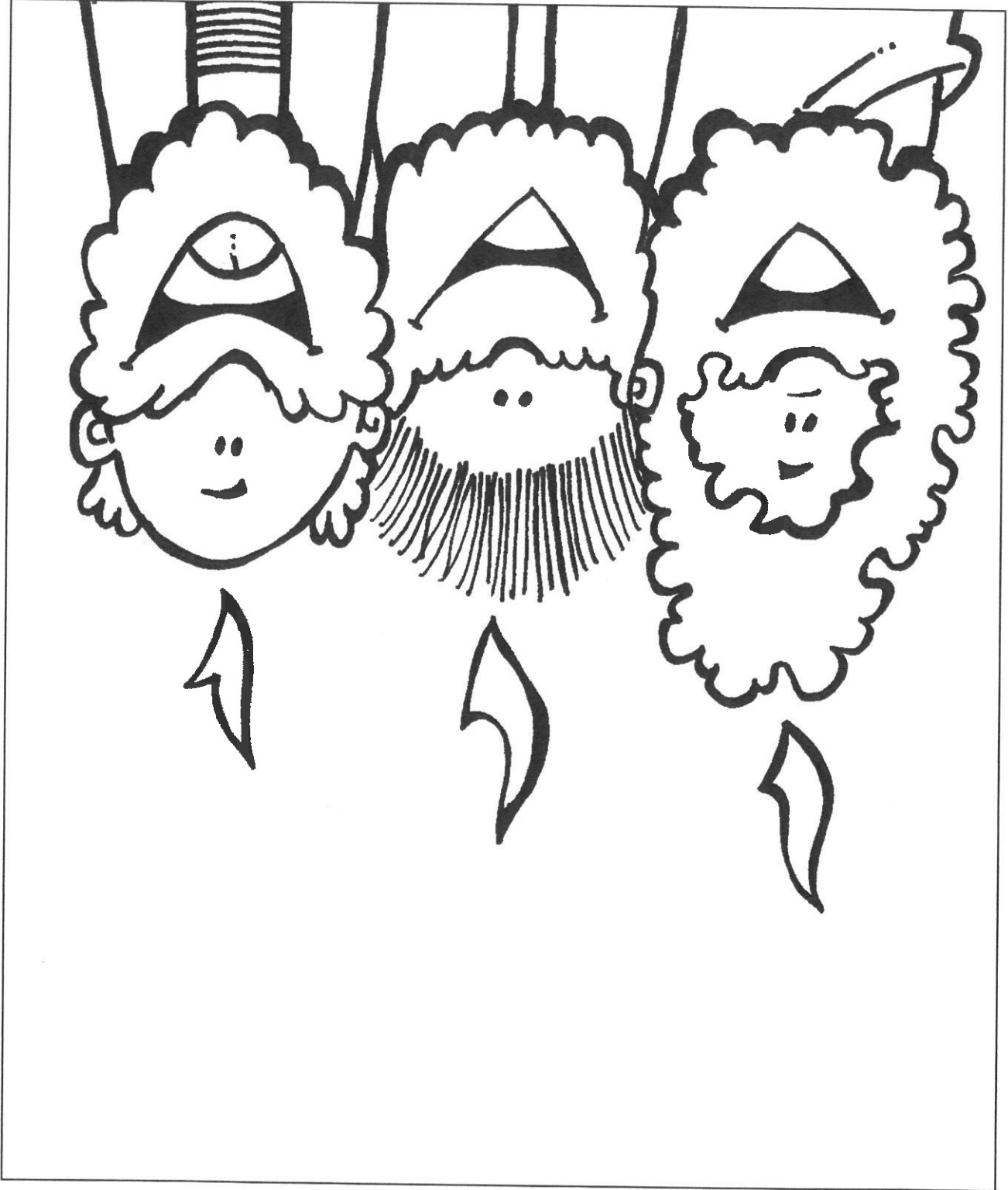
Who Guides Me?
What do these guides do? Who else guides you?



Talking and Talking...

When the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, they began to talk to other people about Jesus. What do you think they were saying? Write a message for these disciples.

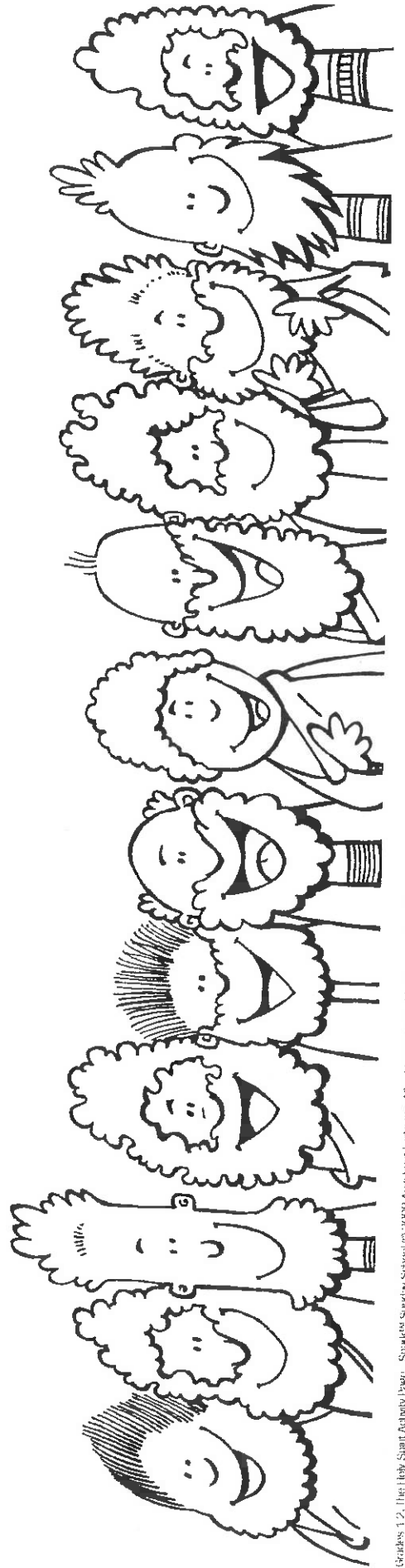
The Holy Spirit had come, just as Jesus promised!



The Holy Spirit

Faithful Flames

It's the day of Pentecost! Draw a flame of fire over each disciple's head to show that the Holy Spirit is with him. Then color the whole picture.



Acts 2:1-21

The **spirit** comes to people of every language.

You're Not in Kansas Anymore

Take Your Daughter to Work Day. It's the first year Mariah gets to go to this. She's isn't quite sure about all the specifics of what her dad does, but he often comes home with powdered sugar on his tie, so she knows there are donuts involved. Even if shadowing him gets boring, she gets to skip school for an entire day with no homework.

After a meeting at his office (where she immediately spied the powdered donuts), Mariah, her dad, and one of his coworkers Alejandra drove to a part of the city Mariah had never seen. It was like being in a foreign country: store signs were in different languages and the scents blowing out of restaurants didn't smell like the fast-food chains where she lived. On the crowded sidewalks, it was confusing to hear so many voices speaking words she didn't recognize.

Over the next few hours, they went to several homes and met many nice people. Mariah was surprised at how comfortable her dad seemed, greeting people in phrases she didn't understand. Her dad could speak other languages? She didn't know this! The woman with them was translating longer conversations. Her dad wrote things down on official-looking files. She guessed it was important for people to hear things in their own language, whatever her dad was saying.



I wonder...

- If you can feel the Spirit being poured out on you.
- What it was like to suddenly speak a new language.
- What the people said about God's deeds of power.

Where'd you say you're from?

The winds of the Spirit blew part of Acts 2:1-21 onto your leaflet, but everything landed out of order. Can you unscramble the words below? There's a hint above the two groups of words.

These groups of people were known as...

sabr

rhansip

mlatsle

sdeme

Callisnae

smCaet

And others came from these places...

adeul

more

ilpyahPam

apdcCaqip

lypgE

osPun

mayrGf

piMeaqaonst

iyalb

siaA

Acts 2:21

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Memory Verse



On the day of Pentecost, the Jews gathered to celebrate the Festival of Weeks. Read about it in Deuteronomy 16:9-12.

Look it up!



Fun Facts

The language you learn as a child is called your **mother tongue**.

More than **6,909 languages** are spoken in the world today.

Around **533 languages** are spoken in North America, but some only by a handful of people.

The **top five languages** of the world are Chinese, Spanish, English, Arabic, and Hindi.

At 1.2 billion, **Chinese** users total more than the next top four language speakers combined.

Every year, there are **fewer living languages**—those still in use.

No Matches Required

Check out the tongue of fire below. Follow the cutting directions. Hang it at home on a light or a fan as a reminder that you have been touched by the Spirit of God too. Then get moving!



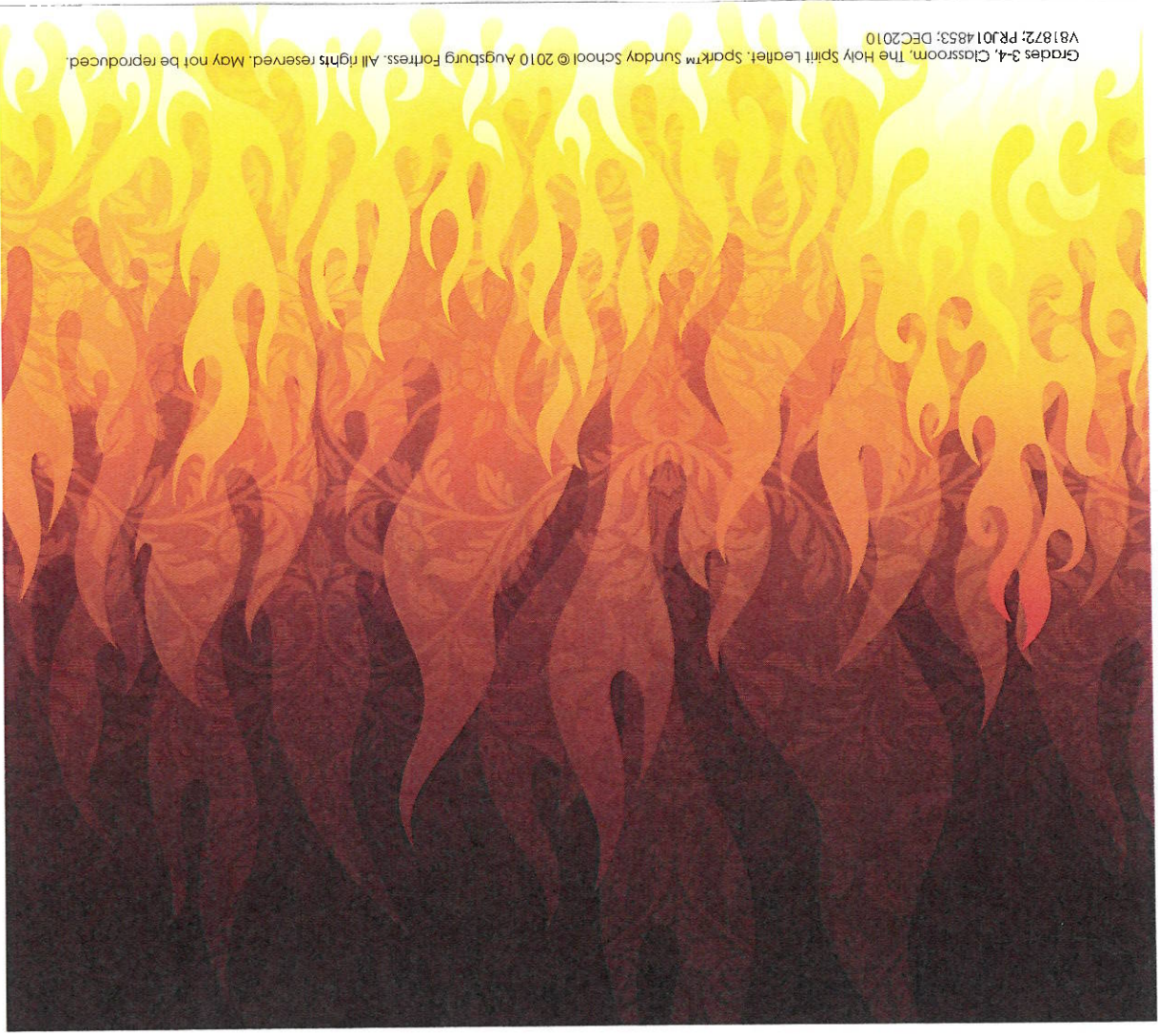
Ask a non-English-speaking neighbor how to **greet** someone in his or her language.

Ask your pastor in which languages the Bible were originally written.

Risk your oldest relatives about your family's ethnic backgrounds.

Look online to learn how to **introduce** yourself in sign language.

Ask a parent to **plan** a family meal at a foreign restaurant or **cook** something exotic at home.



Grades 3-4, Classroom, The Holy Spirit Leaflet, Spark™ Sunday School © 2010 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced. V81872; PRJ014853; DEC2010

Christian codes

On Pentecost, many people heard all the disciples talking in different languages. It must have sounded like they were talking in code. Crack the code below to discover their message!

5/22/5/18/25/15/14/5/ 23/8/15/

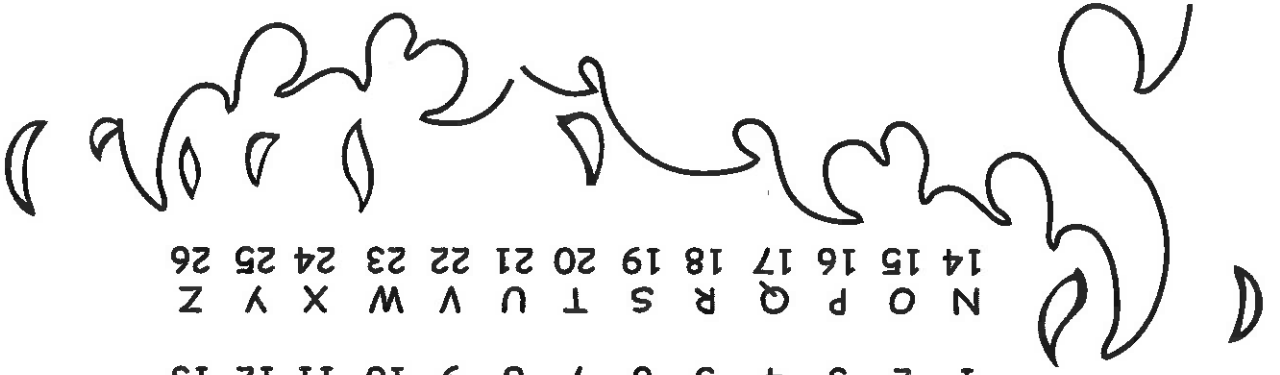
3/1/12/12/19/ 15/14/ 20/8/5/

14/1/13/5/ 15/6/ 20/8/5/

12/15/18/4 19/8/1/12/12/ 2/5/

19/1/22/5/4

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26



Christian codes solution

On Pentecost, many people heard all the disciples talking in different languages. It must have sounded like they were talking in code. Crack the code below to discover their message!

5/22/5/18/25/15/14/5/ 23/8/15/

3/1/12/12/19/ 15/14/ 20/8/5/

14/1/13/5/ 15/6/ 20/8/5/

12/15/18/4 19/8/1/12/12/ 2/5/

19/1/22/5/4

E V E R Y O N E W H O

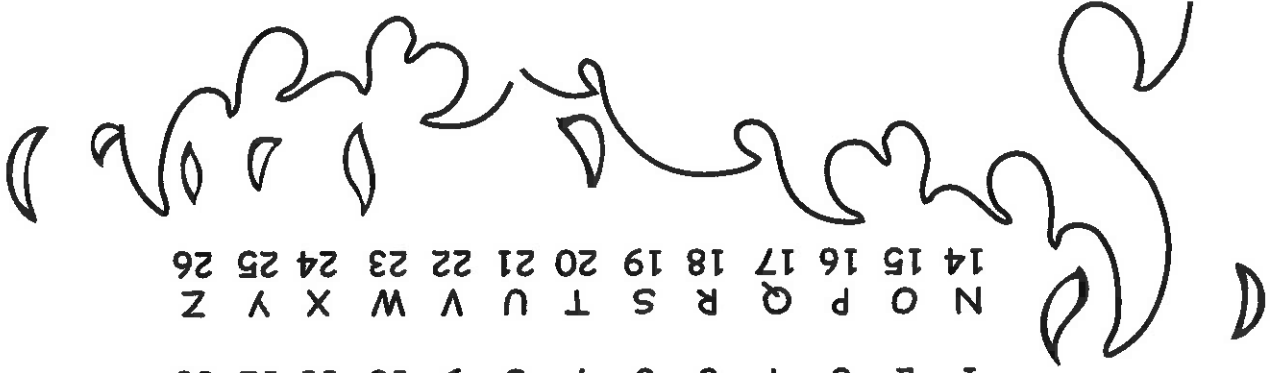
C A L L S O N T H E

N A M E O F T H E

L O R D S H A L L B E

S A V E D

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26





The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-21, 36-42

The Holy Spirit fills believers with power.

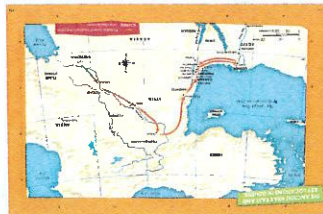


When do you feel powerful?

Grades 5-6, Classroom, The Holy Spirit Lesson, Spark, Activate Faith © 2010 sparkhouse. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced.

Tongue Trip

Match the 11 lands and/or inhabitants from the Holy Spirit story to the place on the map on pages M1 and M2 in your Spark Bible.



1) **Parthians:** Parthia was a region of present-day northeastern Iran. Among their accomplishments, the Parthians invented a primitive battery.

2) **Medes:** These people lived in lived northwestern portions of present-day Iran. It's possible they named themselves for Medea, from Greek mythology.

3) **Elamites:** Their civilization sprang up east of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Their language, Elamite, was the official tongue of the Persian Empire between the 6th and 4th centuries B.C.E.

4) **Mesopotamia:** Also known as the "Fertile Crescent," formed by the Tigris and Euphrates and former home of the Babylonian Empire.

5) **Judea:** The mountainous southern part of ancient Israel.

6) **Cappadocia:** Now part of central Turkey and once part of the Persian Empire. The Cappadocians of Jesus' time probably followed Judaism.

7) **Pontus:** Located in modern-day northeastern Turkey on the southeastern coast of the Black Sea. Known for its mountainous terrain.

8) **Phrygia:** Part of an old empire that occupied much what is of modern-day Turkey; known for the city Galatia, from where the Bible book Galatians gets its name.

9) **Pamphylia:** Located in the south of Turkey near the northeastern Mediterranean coast. The name translates to "all tribes of Dorians," indicating its Greek heritage.

10) **Cyrene:** An ancient Greek colony in northern Libya on the southern Mediterranean coast, southwest of Crete.

11) **Creteans:** Inhabitants of the island of Crete, south of Greece in the Mediterranean Sea.

Did You Know?

According to the Linguistic Society of America, the Bible had been translated as of 1997 into 2,197 languages. But many, many more languages exist in the world. How many? At least 6,809, according to figures the USA cites from the non-profit organization Ethnologue.

The Holy Spirit-filled disciples cause some observers to sneer, "They are filled with new wine." Turn to pages 1172-1173 in your Spark Bible to find another story about "new wine."



Disciple Talk

What languages did the disciples probably speak, or at least have familiarity with? Here's a quick look at the candidates:

Aramaic: This is the language Jesus spoke as his native tongue.

Hebrew: Spoken by upper-class Jews as a literary and scriptural language, Jesus may have used this in debates with the Pharisees.

Latin: The official language of the Roman Empire, which ruled over the Holy Land at the time Jesus and his disciples lived.

Greek: Many scholars and intellectuals spoke this language, as did Gentiles living around Nazareth.

"P" is for Power Words

The Holy Spirit passage is full of tricky terms, many of which begin with the letter P. Unleash their power—and learn what they mean—by filling them into the blanks below.



The time when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples is today known as _____. After this happened, the disciples spoke many languages. This ability left many residents of Jerusalem wondering what had happened; they were _____. They went out to win over new followers to Christ, including the _____, who were followers of Judaism who had converted to pagan beliefs. When Peter spoke to the crowds, he talked of _____ (or revelations that came from prophets) and _____ (phenomena that are believed to foretell the future).

THE POWER WORDS:

• proselytes • prophecy • Pentecost • portents • perplexed

Who needs power? The people these organizations serve definitely do. Check out the websites for more information on how you can get involved.

Justice for Girls is a non-profit organization that promotes freedom from violence and homelessness, along with social justice and equality for Canadian teenage girls who live in poverty. www.justiceforgirls.org

UNICEF fights for the rights of an estimated 158 million children aged 5-14 who are engaged in child labor. (That's one in six children in the world.) These kids are often victims of violence, exploitation or worse. www.unicef.org/protection/index_childlabour.html

The **Southern Poverty Law Center** deals with all sorts of human rights issues, from the bullying of gay school kids to hate crimes and racially-motivated violence. www.splcenter.org



Empowering the Powerless

Who needs power? The people these organizations serve definitely do. Check out the websites for more information on how you can get involved.

Justice for Girls is a non-profit organization that promotes freedom from violence and homelessness, along with social justice and equality for Canadian teenage girls who live in poverty. www.justiceforgirls.org

UNICEF fights for the rights of an estimated 158 million children aged 5-14 who are engaged in child labor. (That's one in six children in the world.) These kids are often victims of violence, exploitation or worse. www.unicef.org/protection/index_childlabour.html

The **Southern Poverty Law Center** deals with all sorts of human rights issues, from the bullying of gay school kids to hate crimes and racially-motivated violence. www.splcenter.org



Faith on the Go!

Jesus is easy to imagine, so are parts of God, because God speaks throughout the Bible. The Holy Spirit? Not so much. But you can compare the Holy Spirit to wind that blows through your soul. Acts 2:4 (the BMV) talks about the different languages they could speak after the Holy Spirit arrived. How will the Holy Spirit bless you? Pray over it for the next 30 days. Stay alert and don't be surprised if ... you're surprised! The Holy Spirit may bless you when you least expect.

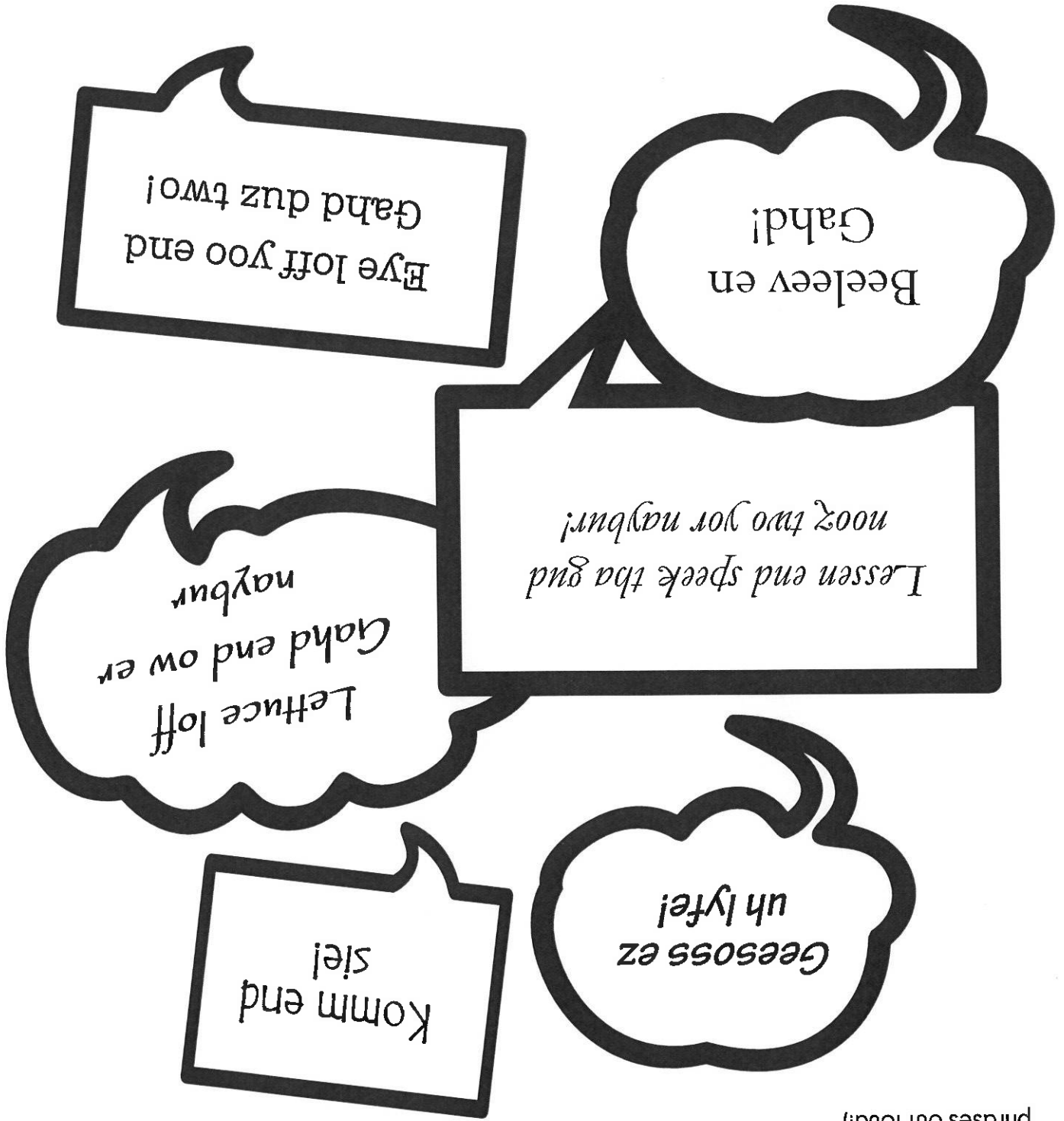
Memory Verse

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4



Mixed up Lang waga

When the Holy Spirit came to the disciples at Pentecost, they started speaking in many different languages. These disciples aren't speaking a different language, though — their words are just spelled wrong! Can you figure out what they're saying? (Hint: try saying these phrases out loud!)



Mixed up Language Solution

When the Holy Spirit came to the disciples at Pentecost, they started speaking in many different languages. These disciples aren't speaking a different language, though — their words are just spelled wrong! Can you figure out what they're saying? (Hint: try saying these phrases out loud!)

