



The Spirit on the Church

June 5

Acts 2:14-24

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Why did God appear as fire and wind? Where else in the Bible does God appear through fire or wind? Recap these stories and connect them to Pentecost.
- Using Peter's speech, share the good news of salvation. It is important to know the stories we've been learning about so we can get to know Jesus, but it is even more important to understand that he did these things because he loves people and wants a relationship with all of us!
- Talk through 1 Peter 2:4-10. Talk about what it means to be a priest. Tie what Peter teaches here back to Acts 2.
- Skit idea: Have a talk show with Peter as the guest. He's nervous about leading the church. Then the host, who is God, declares "you get the Holy Spirit!", first to Peter, then to the whole congregation.

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- The Holy Spirit is God, and is the way that God speaks and acts in the world right now. What are some ways that you see God at work in the world right now?
- We believe that God speaks to everybody that believes in him; we don't have to see priests or go to our pastors to talk to God for us. How do we as a church hear from and talk to God?
- What does it mean to be a chosen people?
- What does it mean that it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Jesus? Why does that matter?

At Home Connections

- Read through 1 Peter 2:4-10 with your family. Talk about what it means to be priests, a chosen people and/or living stones. Create a memorial together that serves as a reminder for your family that you are part of God's chosen people and are called to declare his praises.
- Set up a wind chime or pinwheel in your yard. Pray that God would use this to remind you of God's presence in your life as the Holy Spirit.