



God's Spirit Unifies (Ascension and Gift of the Holy Spirit)

Acts 1:1-11 ; 2

Lesson 1 - June 2, 2019

Did You Know?

- Prior to Pentecost, God's Spirit was *with* people but did not reside *within* them because of sin.
- Jesus' death and resurrection allowed us to be forgiven from sin, making it possible for His Spirit to live within us.
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit served as a unifying force for the new church.
- The Holy Spirit brought the church together and allowed them to practice loving one another as Jesus had commanded.

Connect as a Family

Ask your children to discover how to say "Hello" in a different language. Then gather as a family and allow each person to say "Hello" in that language. Share that there are approximately 6,900 different known languages in the world at this time. Read **Acts 2:1-13**. Explain that the people in this part of The Big God Story heard the wonders of God being explained in their own languages. When we ask Jesus into our lives, we receive the Holy Spirit. Pray together, thanking God for sending the Holy Spirit to unify us and give us the power to declare His wonders.

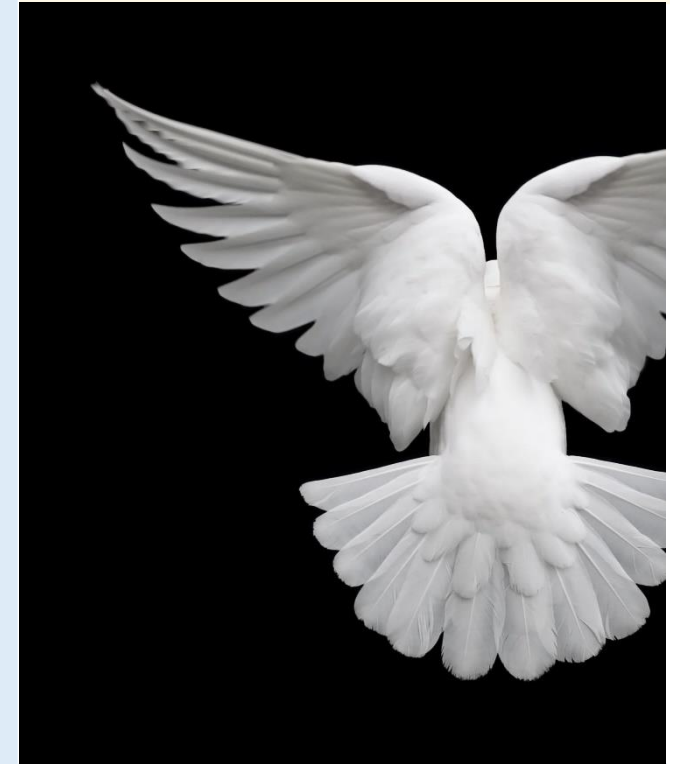
Questions for Discussion:

- What happened after the disciples received the Holy Spirit?
- How did the Church model God's love for one another?
- How can we show love to others?

Remember Verse

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8



Blessing

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you feel the comfort and joy that comes from being unified with other believers through the power of the Holy Spirit.