

The Holy Spirit Enters

Spread out the underlay. It has a well-defined square in the centre of a larger piece of felt, indicating the borders of the upper room. Place the backstand facing the children, at the end of the room closest to you. Close but do not latch the doors.

Acts 2:1-20 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 On the day of Pentecost all the Lord’s followers were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.

Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem. And when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered. But they were surprised, because they were hearing everything in their own languages. They were excited and amazed, and said:

Don’t all these who are speaking come from Galilee? Then why do we hear them speaking our very own languages? Some of us are from Parthia, Media, and Elam. Others are from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, parts of Libya near Cyrene, Rome, Crete, and Arabia. Some of us were born Jews, and others of us have chosen to be Jews. Yet we all hear them using our own languages to tell the wonderful things God has done.

Everyone was excited and confused. Some of them even kept asking each other, “What does all this mean?”

Others made fun of the Lord’s followers and said, “They are drunk.”

Peter stood with the eleven apostles and spoke in a loud and clear voice to the crowd:

Friends and everyone else living in Jerusalem, listen carefully to what I

Storyteller On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! *Use your hand to burst open the doors of the upper room.* It filled all the house where they were meeting.

Then they saw tongues of fire, and tongue came and rested on each person there. *Bring the dove-and-flames down and clip it over the doors.* The Holy Spirit entered into each of them, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak. *Move the apostle dolls to the edges of the room, facing outward. Leave Peter inside the room, and leave a bit of a gap in the middle of the wall facing the children to move Peter into later.*

There were people from all over the world living in Jerusalem. When they heard the noise, a crowd gathered. *Put the international dolls around the outside of the room outline, facing inward.* They were surprised, because they were hearing everything in their own languages. Some of them kept asking “what does this mean?” Others laughed and said “They are drunk!”

Move Peter forward, right to the edge of the upper room. Peter said in a loud voice “Listen carefully! These people are not drunk! It's only nine o'clock in the morning! But this is what God foretold through the prophet Joel:

“When the last days come,
I will give my Spirit
to everyone.

Story Materials

- Upper Room underlay
- Apostle Dolls (except Judas)
- Holy Spirit flames (made from felt)
- Dove (from Baptism of Jesus story)

Tray, basket or shallow open box to hold the story

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have to say! You are wrong to think that these people are drunk. After all, it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 But this is what God had the prophet Joel say,

“When the last days come,
I will give my Spirit
to everyone.

Your sons and daughters
will prophesy.

Your young men
will see visions,
and your old men
will have dreams.

In those days I will give
my Spirit to my servants,
both men and women,
and they will prophesy.

I will work miracles
in the sky above
and wonders
on the earth below.

There will be blood and fire
and clouds of smoke.

The sun will turn dark,
and the moon
will be as red as blood
before the great
and wonderful day
of the Lord appears.

Then the Lord
will save everyone
who asks for his help.”

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