

# Pentecost/Endowment Day



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—Acts 2:1–21 adapted

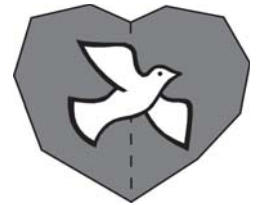
## Tongues of Fire

Read the story of Pentecost from Acts 2:1–21 and *The Children's Illustrated Bible*. Discuss: What does the word “Pentecost” mean? (Based on the Greek word for “fifty,” Pentecost was established by God through Moses—Leviticus 23:15–21—as a celebration of the Jewish Festival of Weeks, a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the Passover. It was a time to thank God for the first wheat harvest of the year. People had gathered for this celebration when the Holy Spirit came.)

How did the Holy Spirit come? The Holy Spirit came with such power that it was like a tongue of fire and mighty wind. Because of God’s power, the people were able to speak in languages that all people gathered understood. Have the kids name some languages they have heard of. Ask if anyone can speak a second language, and let them say a few words.

Peter prophesied that God would send the Holy Spirit to everyone who believes. But we must be ready to receive the Spirit. (Take out a heart made before class—filled with scraps of paper—and open carefully for scraps to fall out.) If we have a lot of bad feelings in our hearts, we don’t have room for God’s Spirit. Have the kids name types of “junk” we could have in our hearts. We are blessed when we receive that Spirit from God. Have kids name some ways we are blessed. Everyone has a choice: to fill their heart with “junk” or to have room for God’s Holy Spirit.

Kids may also make hearts that open up with a dove inside.



## Tongues of Fire Wind Socks

Listen to the music “Spirit of the Living God.” Discuss: What did the lyricist mean when he wrote, “Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me”? When we have the Holy Spirit, our lives are changed. We become like the disciples. Like new people, following God’s ways and telling others about Christ’s church, we are “on fire” to spread the gospel just like the disciples did.

Make wind socks to catch the spirit: Tape construction paper into the shape of a tube. Tape or glue crepe paper streamers around the bottom of the tube. Add a paper dove to the tube. Punch holes and add a string handle. Play “Spirit of the Living God” while the kids try out their wind socks by holding them in the air and walking slowly around the room.



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**Write three ways you are blessed on the flames below.**

