

# Kids' Chronicle

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## Jesus sends the gift of the holy spirit

"Do you think that the special helper that Jesus promised is down there in that crowd?" Thomas asked.

Jesus' followers were together again in the same house where they had celebrated Passover just a few weeks ago. They came here every day to wait for this gift of the Spirit.

Peter chuckled. "I think they are ordinary people from Egypt, Rome and Greece who have come for Pentecost."

Thomas was still impatient. "How will we know when this Spirit comes?"

"Jesus said that our hearts would be filled with great peace," John replied.

"It's still not the same without Jesus," Matthew added doubtfully. "I've heard that there are plans to arrest His followers."

"How can we preach about the new kingdom if we end up in jail?" Andrew asked.

"All that Jesus promised will happen," Mary Magdalene said calmly.

"Yes," Peter agreed. "If we think about Jesus, then we won't worry."

When they started to pray, they heard a strong wind roaring. It felt like a tornado was happening right in the room.

"Look, fire!" Matthew cried. "But nothing is burning up!"



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They were still puzzling when the fire separated into tiny flames and settled over their heads. Suddenly, they started praising God in many different languages.

"Hey, what's going on up there?" people shouted from the street. "We've called the fire department."

Peter rushed down to the crowd and everyone else followed. The people were amazed when they heard the apostles speaking in each of their own languages.

"It's a miracle!" some of them exclaimed, but others disagreed. "These people are simple Galileans. They must be drunk!"

When Peter heard this comment, he said, "God has done this miracle so that you will believe in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Our religious leaders had him crucified, but Jesus overcame both sin and death by his resurrection."

The people were stunned to silence at first. Finally, someone asked, "What should we do now?"

"Become a follower of Jesus and you, too, will receive the gift of the Spirit to show you how to live," Peter told them.

That day more than 3,000 people decided to join the new church. Even the apostles were overwhelmed when they saw the Holy Spirit's effect.

Read More About It: Book of Acts, Chapter 2.

### Q & A

1. How were Jesus' followers different after they received the Holy Spirit?
2. What can you do instead of worrying when you are afraid?

#### King Solomon's Wisdom



"A person who lacks self-control is like a city whose walls are broken down."  
Proverbs 25:28

#### Talking to God

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for sending your Spirit to guide my life.

"O Lord, teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground."

Psalm 143:10

Congratulations to Kristin Weilert, age 9, a fourth-grade student at Sacred Heart School, Rochester. She is the winner of the \$50 Savings Bond for the best essay in the May Kids' Club contest. Her essay is reprinted below.

May essay question: Jesus promised to be with you always. Besides the Holy Eucharist, in what other ways do you meet Jesus in your daily life?

Besides the Holy Eucharist, the other ways I meet Jesus in my daily life are when I pray, when I go to Church and when I was baptized. Even when I'm just sitting up in my room, I know He's with me. Most of all, I know He's in my heart. He's with me when I'm lonely and frightened. When I'm lost or when I can't find my way, I also know He's guiding me. Jesus is with me when I'm doing a hard test. He'll be with me when I die. He will always be with me.

## Kids' Club

Win a \$50 Savings Bond!

How have you been helped in your own life by Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit?

Write an answer of 100 words or less. Include your name, home address, telephone number, school and grade. The winner will earn a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Winner will be notified by phone; the essay will be printed in an upcoming edition of Kids' Chronicle. Send your entry to: Cindy Bassett, c/o Catholic Courier, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

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"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."  
(Galatians 5:22-23)

Find these fruits of the Spirit in the word search. The words may run in any direction. Answers on page 13.

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