

Kids' Chronicle

The feast of Pentecost

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It was the day of the feast of Pentecost, and all the disciples and others who believed in Jesus were together in a meeting room. The weather was calm, and the room was quiet as the people prayed or talked in low voices with each other. Then, without warning, a powerful wind came out of the sky. It was so loud no one could hear anything except the wind, and it blew into the house where the disciples had gathered.

Tongues of fire appeared in the room as the wind continued to blow. The flames separated and rested on everyone who was in the room. Immediately the people were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to pray and rejoice in different languages as the spirit enabled them. The house was filled with happy voices and the howling of the wind.

The noise attracted a huge crowd of spectators. Jerusalem was filled with many visitors and Jews who lived in other areas but who had returned for the Pentecost celebrations. They were amazed at what was happening. A man from one country heard the disciples praying in his language, while a man standing next to him, who was from a different country, heard them praying in his own language.

"Are not all these people who are

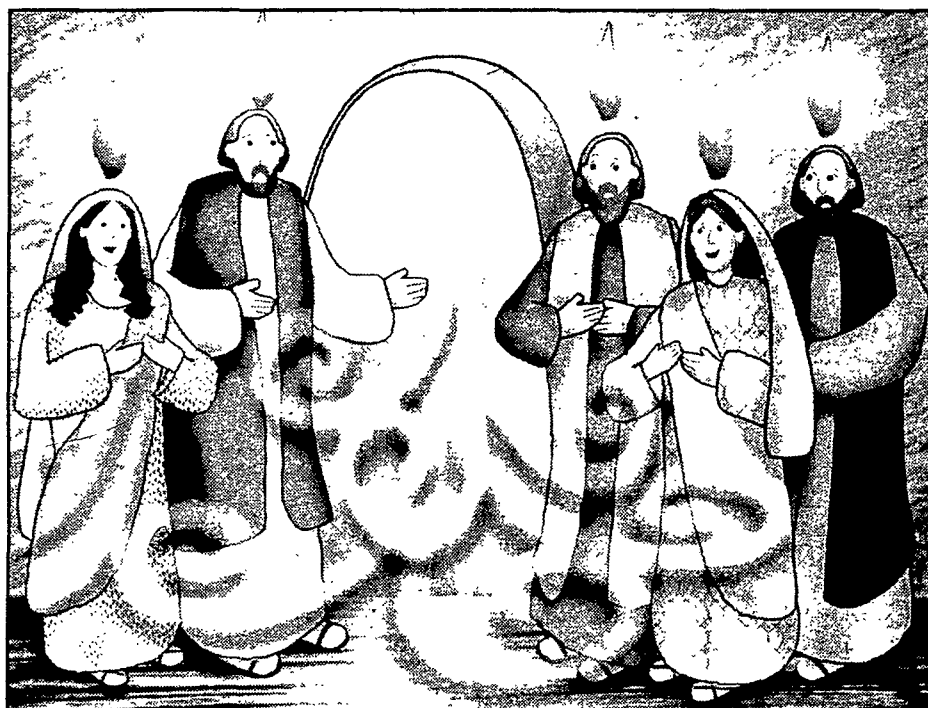


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speaking Galilean? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are both Jews and converts to Judaism, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

"What does this mean?" someone asked.

There were those in the crowd who

did not think the marvelous occurrence was because of the Spirit of God. "They have had too much new wine," they said.

Peter was present and he, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He came out of the house to talk to the people who had gathered outside. He spoke loudly in order to be heard over the rejoicing of the people inside of the house.

"You who are Jews," he said, "indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. These people are not drunk as you suppose. This is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 'God says, I will pour out a portion of my spirit and I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below.'"

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Q&A

1. What noise did the disciples hear before the Spirit came?
2. What did the people outside the house hear?

Bible Accent

Before Jesus ascended into heaven after his resurrection, he told his disciples, "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

The disciples did wait in Jerusalem, and the Holy Spirit arrived with a miracle like nothing anyone had ever seen before. This happened on the day of Pentecost, which was an Old Testament festival that celebrated the "first of the wheat harvest" (Exodus 34:22). This festival of thanksgiving was held 50 days (the meaning of the word "Pentecost") after the first day of harvest. The coming of the Holy Spirit was so important that the Catechism of the Catholic Church calls it the beginning of "the age of the Church, during which Christ manifests, makes present, and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his Church until he comes."

St. Germanus

St. Germanus (sometimes called Germain) was born in France in 496. He received formal religious training for much of his life, and he became first an ordained priest and then the bishop of one of the suburbs of his hometown of Autun.

When the see of Paris became open, King Childebert promoted Germanus to the position. In spite of his new prominent status, Germanus continued to live simply and was always feeding and caring for the poor and unfortunate people of his community. The king was so impressed by the compassion and generosity of Germanus, that he, too, began to help the poor, and he helped to finance new religious establishments. Germanus established a church in Paris with a monastery, which became the burial place of the royal family. The church was named for Germanus after his death. We honor Germanus on May 28.

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Bible Trivia

What is the word that means the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

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Puzzle

On the blanks write the words that are missing from the following phrases from Mass prayers. Answers on page 9.

1. Lord, have mercy. _____ have mercy.
2. _____ to God in the _____.
3. _____ of heaven and earth.
4. Christ has died, Christ is _____.
5. _____ of God, you take away the sins of the world.
6. Lead us not into _____.