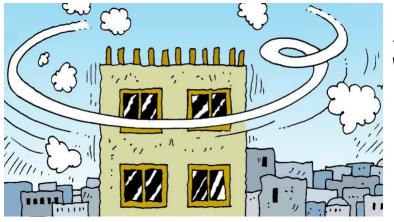
The Coming of The Holy Spirit Acts 2: 1-13



Before Jesus returned to heaven, he told his friends to wait for the promised Holy Spirit. Jesus said that John baptised with water but His disciples would be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

So, his friends waited together in an upstairs room in Jerusalem, just as Jesus told them to do.



Suddenly, they heard a noise like a rushing wind. It was God's promised Holy Spirit!



They were all filled with the power of God's Holy Spirit. They could see what looked like flickering flames on top of their heads. They felt just as if God was right beside them.



The flames burnt really brightly above their heads. The flames danced in the air but miraculously they did not get burnt. Their hearts were overflowing with God's love and they praised God with great joy.



Amazingly, Jesus' friends found that they could talk in any language, straight away, without learning it! The Holy Spirit made them brave too and excited and they wanted to tell everyone about Jesus and how amazing he is!



They went outside into the streets of Jerusalem where they found many Jewish people from other countries. They were from countries like Egypt and Iran and Arabia. They were amazed because Jesus' friends were able to tell them about Jesus in their own languages. The people were amazed and confused. Some people made fun of Jesus' friends; saying they had been drinking too much wine.



The Holy Spirit coming into Jesus' friends was the beginning of something very, very exciting. It was when the church began, and the church is still in action today two thousand years later. Many, many people believed in Jesus and became his friends because of that day.

"But the Holy Spirit will come to you. Then you will receive power. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world." Acts 1:8

You see children, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to his friends. Jesus said that when he went away, the Holy Spirit would come and live inside us. The Holy Spirit is the power of God. When we say yes to Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live within us and powers us up for our Christian life. The Holy Spirit is often symbolised as a dove as well as fire.

We can ask Jesus to be our forever friend, and he will send us his Holy Spirit to help us to live for Him.

## Dear Jesus, I want to be your friend. Please fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to live for you.

## Video links

<u>The Coming of the Holy Spirit read by Heather</u> (5mins) <u>Saddleback Kids - Jesus and the Holy Spirit (3mins)</u> The coming of the Holy Spirit (3mins)

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