

Yr 2 Pentecost Sunday Lesson, Acts 2:1-11

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, who are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of life. Come and dwell within us. Cleanse us of all that defiles us, and O Good One, Save our souls

Find it at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy Pew book, in “Beneath the Mantle of your Mercy” prayer book Pg. 80, or print it from the Poster PDF.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Instead of the Gospel reading (John 7:37-52, 8:12), we focus on the story of [Pentecost](#), in the Epistle - [Acts 2:1-11](#) Click here to read it on Pg 357 in The Paraclete Bible for Kids. You can also watch it here with the children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtokHQOmFu0>

Lesson: The Holy Spirit gives us courage, wisdom, joy, and hope.

Last week we learned about the ascension of Jesus. *Do a quick review of the story.*

Even though Jesus told them they would not be alone maybe they worried that Jesus wouldn't send them a helper. They went to a room to celebrate [Pentecost](#) which was a special Thanksgiving day for the Jewish people, but they hid because they were scared of people in the Roman government and of the Pharisees who didn't like them.

Close your eyes and imagine how amazing it must have been when the Holy Spirit came! Like wind and fire! What happened after the Holy Spirit came to them? They became brave! They could speak to everyone in their own language! When people are filled with the Holy Spirit they can do incredible things!

Remember some of the [gifts of the Holy Spirit](#) that we talked about in the Ascensions lessons. The Holy Spirit can help us with these things too, but we have to welcome Him. We always remember the God loves us too much to force us to do things. He wants us to welcome him out of the love in our hearts.

When we are scared, worried, or nervous or when we don't know what to say to other people, we can pray to the Holy Spirit to help us. Because we are Christians, we can be filled with the Holy Spirit just like those early Christians. We can pray for the Holy Spirit to help us. Remember the special prayer that we prayed at the beginning of today's lesson? It is called the prayer to the Holy Spirit. The priest says it at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy to welcome the Holy Spirit to be with us. *To reinforce this prayer, you might want to pray it again with the children.*

At Pentecost it is our tradition to decorate our church with greenery. The rustling of the leaves on the trees reminds us of the Holy Spirit who came like wind. We know that that the Holy Spirit is the “giver of life” and green is symbolic of life. When grass or leaves are green, we know that they are alive!

Craft: Pentecost Pinwheel

In Church: Look for the greenery that has been placed in and around the church. Think about how the Holy Spirit is in the grass and trees, people, and fills all of creation! He is there even though we can't see Him.