

Faith at Home Weekly – May 23, 2010

Read: Acts 2:1-21

Consider/Discuss:

1. Read through the passage again. This time allow the children—and young at heart—to act out verses 1-4.
2. How would you have responded to or felt when this event took place? Fearful? Confused? Excited?
3. Consider the properties/characteristics of wind and fire. Why do you think God chose these elements to usher in the Holy Spirit?
4. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life? Has it been like a dove, a gush of wind, fire...or something else?
5. What was the response of onlookers to the 120 being filled with the Holy Spirit? What does this tell us about how our spirit-led lives should look and how the world might respond to us?

Activity:

Create a Pentecost Candle for Your Family

Freeze water in a large, clean, empty soup or coffee can. Use a hammer and nail to punch holes in the can to create a shape such as a flame, a dove, or a cross.

Empty the ice and dry the punched can.

Place an inch of sand or cat litter into the can to weight it and to help stabilize a votive candle.

Light the candle and watch the design flicker on your walls. Read again the Pentecost story from Acts 2.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for leaving your Spirit with us, to embolden us, to set us on fire, to mobilize us to do your work. Thank you for being a God who is always with us, and leaving us your peace. Amen.