

## Children and family talk for 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

*Hello everyone, it's good to have you with me as we explore more of the Bible together and praise God. We will start today by singing;*

**Sing to the tune: *You are my sunshine***

**The love of Jesus, the Holy Spirit,  
come now upon you, and every day.**

**I pray you know, friend, the love of Jesus,  
and let him guide you each step of the way.**

Our Bible reading today is from Acts 2 verses 1 to 21.

**W**ith the sound of a whirlwind it came, rushing into the house where the followers of Jesus were gathered. There was a commotion and flames as the Holy Spirit came, resting on each of the disciples like a tongue of fire.

As it whooshed into the room, the Spirit filled them all with foreign languages, and the disciples spoke in words they didn't understand. Inspired, and with words gushing out of them, they went out into the streets.

It was the festival of Pentecost and Jerusalem was full of Jews from all over the world. ✪ When the disciples came out into the street, the crowds heard them speaking the message of Jesus in their own languages. They were amazed. 'How can this be?' they asked. 'All the followers of Jesus are from Galilee, but we can hear their message loud and clear in words we understand.'

Not everyone was impressed, though. Some listeners sneered, 'These people are drunk.' Peter, still filled with the Spirit's power, stood up in front of all the people.



'We are not drunk,' he said. 'It's only nine in the morning. No, you are seeing and hearing what the prophet Joel spoke about in the Old Testament.' ✪

Peter continued: 'Joel said, "God will pour his Spirit on

all people; children will prophesy and adults will see holy visions. The Spirit is for everyone, men, women and children; there will be signs in heaven and on earth, and these will be the last days. Everyone who calls on the Lord's name shall be saved.'"

Like a fiery whirlwind it came, and the Spirit breathed new life into the followers of Jesus.

Acts 2.1-21

Now let's sing again; **We believe in God the Father**

We believe in God the Father,

Maker of the universe,

And in Christ His Son our Saviour,

Come to us by virgin birth.

We believe He died to save us,

Bore our sins, was crucified.

Then from death He rose victorious,

Ascended to the Father's side.

*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all.*

*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all,*

*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all,*

*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all.*

*Name above all names,*

*Name above all names*

We believe He sends His spirit,  
On His Church with gifts of power.  
God His word of truth affirming,  
Sends us to the nations now.  
He will come again in glory,  
Judge the living and the dead.

Every knee shall bow before Him,  
Then must every tongue confess.

Chorus.

Graham Kendrick. SoF 572 Copyright C 1986 Kingsway's Thankyou Music.

## Let's talk about our Bible verses

*You may remember that we have talked about Jesus leaving His special friends and last week we spoke about how Jesus spoke to God and asked God to look after His friends and all those who believed in him, because Jesus was going back to be with God in Heaven.*

*Now we hear how God fulfils that request from Jesus. The Holy Spirit comes down to be with each of the believers. This is a wonderful time –the Spirit comes in a whooshing wind, it appears like flames on each of them and they are filled up and begin speaking in all sorts of languages that they didn't know before. Can you imagine what that must have been like?*

*Of course, there were people around who didn't believe what happened and thought they were drunk. There will always be people who refuse to believe what's right before their eyes, but that doesn't mean as friends of Jesus that we should stop trying to tell people about Jesus and God's love for them.*

*The Holy Spirit came to stay with the believers and from then on, they were able to spread God's brilliant news far and wide with courage and strength of faith. As Christians we too can be filled with God's Spirit and know the strength of having God with us.*

*Let's talk to God now:*

Loving God,  
when your Spirit fills us,  
we know what it is to live life to the full.  
Help us to spread your good news of God's love for all

**Amen.**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands together on the Amen)

The children's activity sheet from roots:

[23-may-activity-sheet.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](http://rootsontheweb.com/23-may-activity-sheet.pdf)