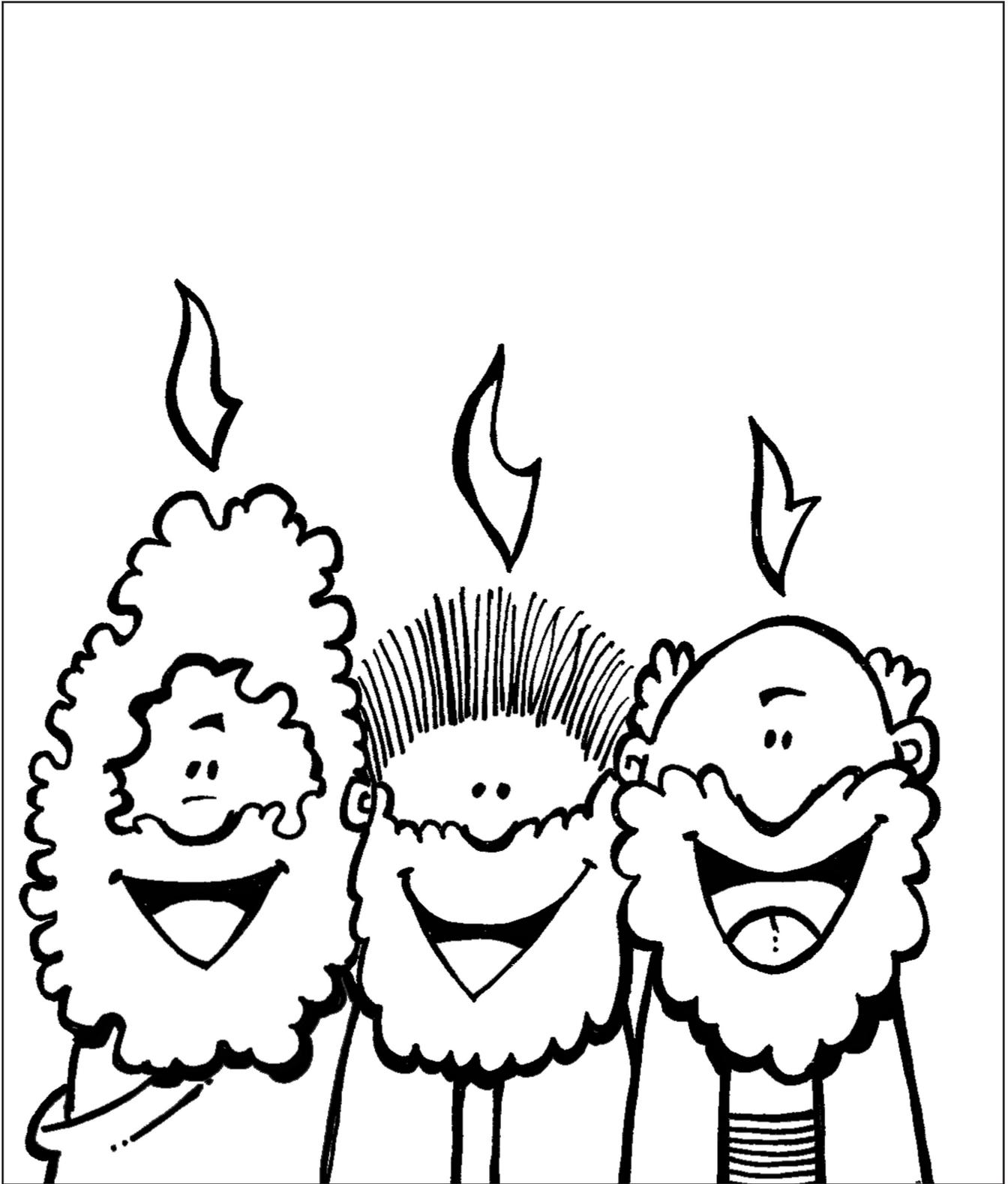


The Holy Spirit



The Holy Spirit had come, just as Jesus promised!

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Holy Spirit

from Acts 2:1-4, 36-42.

God's Holy Spirit fires people up to tell the world about Jesus!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Disciples
- Flames
- Speaking
- Peter
- Wind
- Pentecost

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Christian Church. The gift was God's Spirit, poured out on everyone!

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 502-503

Spark Bible pages 1204-1206

Family Prayer

Say this prayer around a lit candle.

**Thank you, God, for giving us your Spirit.
Help us to do your work in the world, telling
people how much Jesus loves them. AMEN.**

TALK ABOUT IT

Family Conversations

- 1 Can you think of a time when wind did something amazing?
- 2 If you could go back in time, would you have wanted to be at that first Pentecost? Why or why not?
- 3 How do you know when God's Spirit is guiding you?
- 4 Pentecost celebrates different languages and cultures — God loves them all! Play a game in which one person in your family reads the word "Hello!" in different languages. (There are many books and online dictionaries to help with this.) Everyone else can guess what language is being used.



Eye Spark

When you light a candle and see the flame, think of it as God's Spirit hanging out right there with you.



Ear Spark

Next time you hear the wind, think of it as God's Spirit blowing through the world.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Have a birthday party for the Christian Church. Include as many red things as you can, because red is the color of Pentecost. Serve birthday cake, drink red punch, and blow up red balloons. Play games like Pin the Flame on the Disciple's Head. Build a bonfire or fly kites to celebrate the symbols of God's Spirit. Consider making a special gift of time or money to your congregation. Invite others to join you! Don't forget to sing "Happy Birthday!"

For younger kids

Wear red to help you remember God's Spirit is always with you!

For older kids

What do you suppose that first Pentecost looked like? Try your hand at a graphic novel format to show and tell this story.