



The Day of Pentecost 28 May, 2023

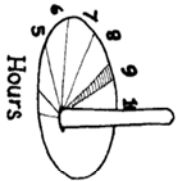
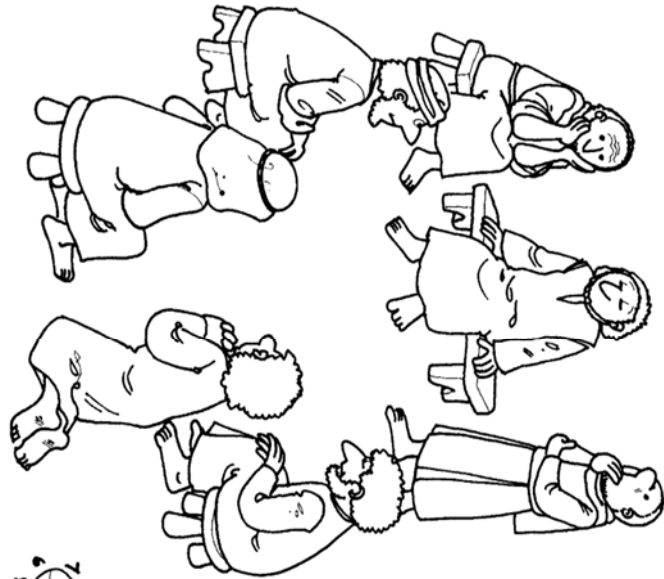
Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them

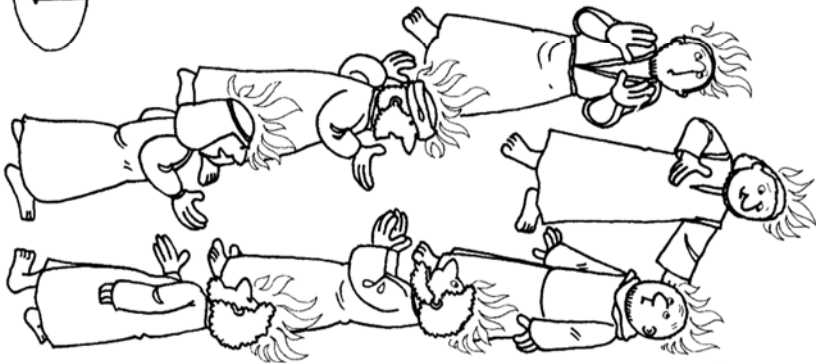
Father, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit. Even though we can't see him, we are thankful that we can hear him speak to our hearts, feel his presence in our daily lives, and see him moving us to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

Pentecost

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Find this story in Acts 2

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Word Search: *John 20:19-23 (CEV)*

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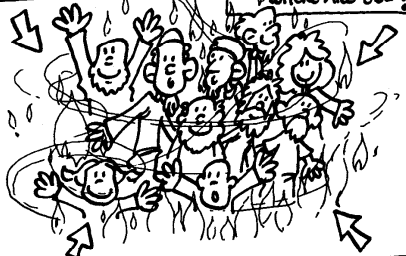
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THEY WERE EXPECTING GOD TO ACT. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

THEY WERE WHERE JESUS HAD TOLD THEM TO BE, AND DOING WHAT HE HAD TOLD THEM TO DO - (WAIT AND PRAY) WHERE ARE YOU?



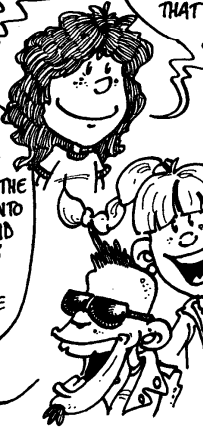
THEY WANTED THE PRESENCE OF THE REAL GOD MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. DO YOU?

THEY MADE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO GOD. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

AT OUR CHURCH WE ALL PRAYED IN SILENCE. THERE WAS A WONDERFUL SENSE OF GOD'S PEACE. THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS MOVING THERE, IN SUCH GENTLENESS AND LOVE.

LOTS OF US WERE PRAYING TO GOD TO BE PUT RIGHT WITH HIM. SUDDENLY LOTS OF PEOPLE FELT DOWN AND WORSHIPPED GOD AS IF HE WAS REAL! THE HOLY SPIRIT SORTED OUT MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES THAT NIGHT.

THERE WERE ONLY 4 OF US PRAYING IN A LITTLE FLAT. BUT AS WE WAITED ON GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT FLOODED INTO THAT LIVING ROOM AND WE ALL KNEW GOD'S LOVE AND JOY FOR REAL. IT WAS QUITE A SHOCK!



I WAS PRAYING ON MY OWN. I'D HEARD ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT AND REALLY WANTED TO MEET GOD AS THE DISCIPLES HAD. SUDDENLY I FELT DELICIOUSLY HAPPY AND LOVED AND SPECIAL. IT WAS AMAZING! I WANTED TO TELL EVERYONE - IT'S TRUE! GODS ALIVE!

IF YOU PRAY THIS AND MEAN IT - EVERY DAY, GOD WILL BREATHE ON YOU WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The life-giving power of God which strengthens us and makes us holy.

WHY DID THE HOLY SPIRIT COME IN FIRE AND WIND?

Both these had always been symbols of God's presence. And they speak of power and life, light and warmth, direction and movement.

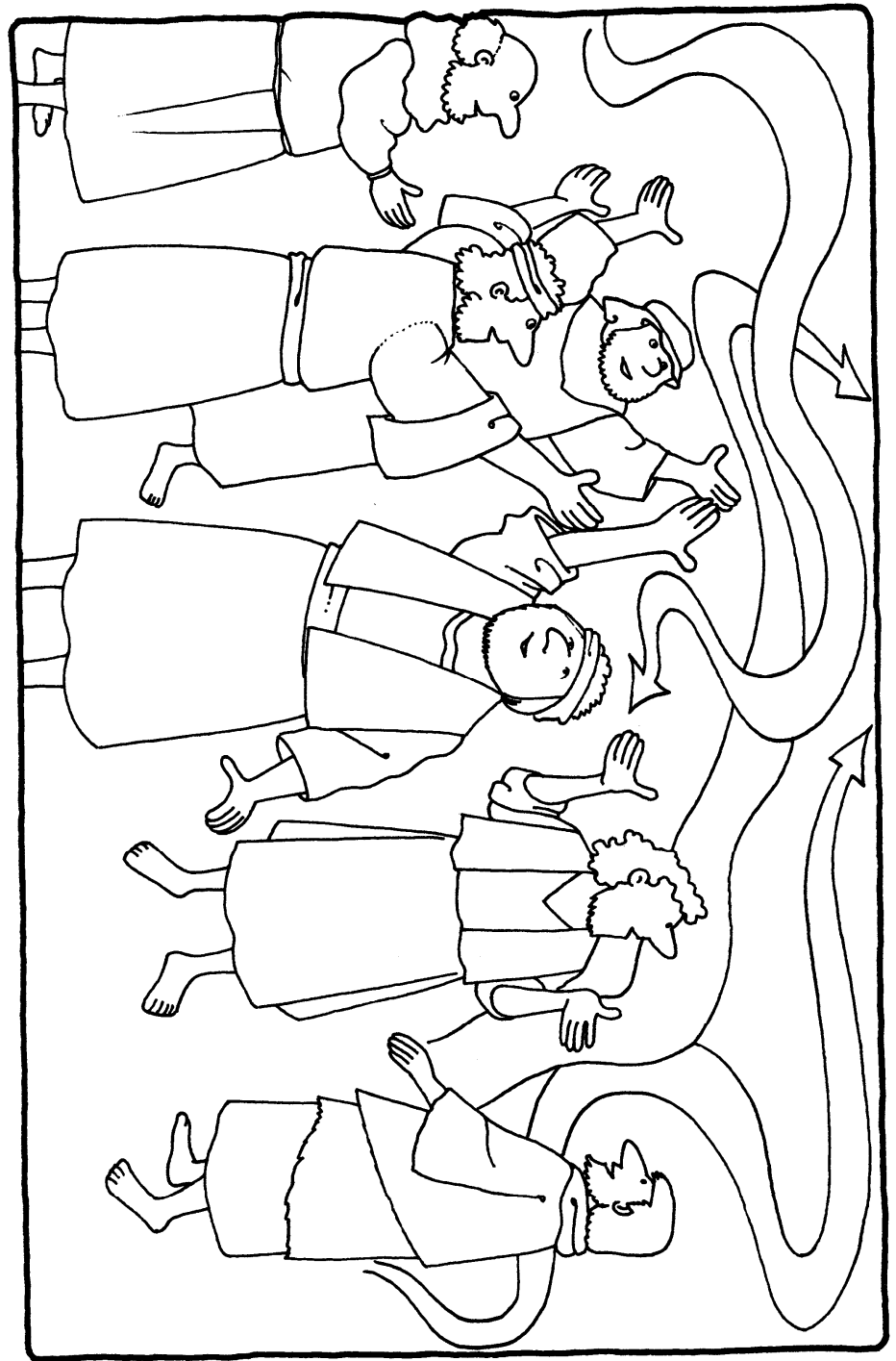
CAN IT COME TO ANYONE?

Yes, to anyone who is open to God and expectant, wanting to receive his life and power.

DOESN'T IT KNOCK YOU OVER?

Sometimes! But the Spirit can also come with great gentleness. God loves you. He knows the best way for you.

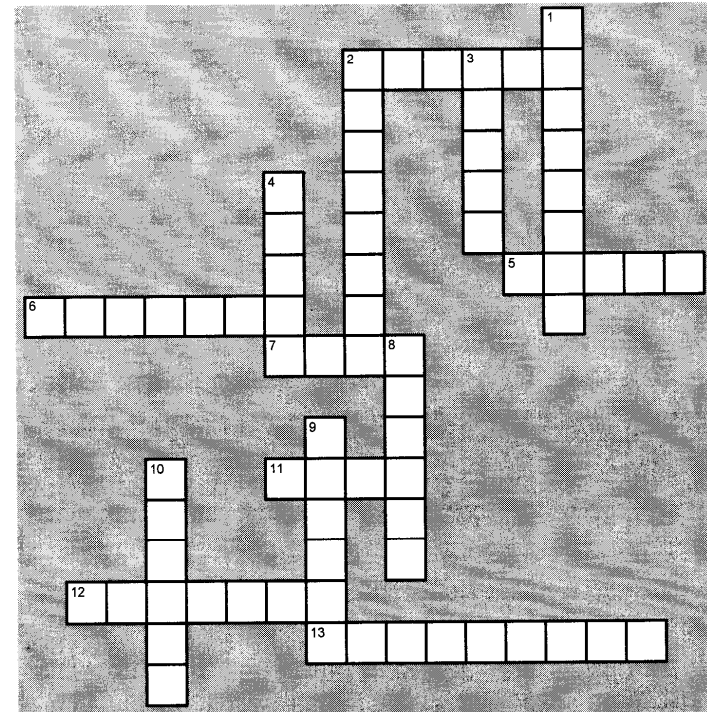
BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD, FILL ME WITH LIFE ANEW, THAT I MAY LOVE WHAT THOU DOST LOVE AND DO WHAT THOU WOULDST DO. BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD, TILL I AM WHOLLY THINE, UNTIL THIS EARTHLY PART OF ME GLOWS WITH THY FIRE DIVINE.





Crossword: John 20:19-23 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.



John 20:19-23 (CEV)

13 across) The _____ were afraid of the Jewish leaders,
8 down) and on the evening of that same _____
9 down) they _____ themselves in a room. Suddenly,
5 across) _____ appeared in the middle of the group.
4 down) He greeted them and showed them his _____
11 across) and his side. When the disciples saw the _____,
3 down) they became very _____.
6 across) After Jesus had _____ them again, he said,
2 across) I am sending you, just as the _____ has sent me.
1 down) Then he _____ on them and said,
10 down) Receive the Holy _____.
12 across) If you _____ anyone's sins, they will be forgiven.
7 across) But if you don't forgive their _____,
2 down) they will not be _____."