

## Filled with the Holy Spirit

(based on Acts 2:1-4, 38-39)

Jesus' friends were waiting. Jesus had promised that the Holy Spirit would come. But when would it happen? They prayed and waited. They wondered and waited. They waited and prayed and wondered.

*I wonder, "How long did they wait?"*

Soon it was time for the festival of Pentecost. People came to Jerusalem to celebrate and give thanks to God for the first harvest of grain in the season. Jesus' friends met too. They sang songs, and they said thank you to God.

Suddenly, something amazing happened. The disciples heard the sound of a mighty wind rushing through the room. The whole house was filled with the wind. It howled and roared and bellowed. The sound was deafening.

*I wonder, "What did the wind do to the room?"*

After the wind, came the fire. It touched the disciples. It looked like fire but did not burn. It was the Holy Spirit. Jesus' friends were filled to overflowing with God's love and power. It was incredible!

People in the streets heard the noise of the wind and flames.

"What's happening?" they cried.

Peter came out and told them the story of Jesus.

*I wonder, "What did Peter tell them about Jesus?"*

"What should we do?" the people asked.

"Change the way you live!" Peter told the crowd. "Follow God's way of love like Jesus did. Then the Holy Spirit will fill you as well."

It was a very exciting day. Lots of people heard the good news and became followers of Jesus too. Jesus' friends never forgot that exciting day. They told the story over and over. No one would forget the day that the Holy Spirit came.

