

READ:

Acts 2:1-18

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came upon a special few people who God chose as prophets, priests, leaders, or kings. The day of Pentecost, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, arrived with three signs - the sound of a mighty wind, tongues of fire over each head, and speaking in languages that were not learned. One sign from the day of Pentecost still occurs today when a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit. That sign is speaking in tongues that have not been learned. On the day of Pentecost, three thousand people came to faith in Christ.

CONNECT:

The Holy Spirit gives us power to know Jesus better, to help us understand God's word and to witness. Before you sit down with your children, find several battery operated items in your home and remove the batteries without your family's knowledge.

During the conversation, encourage them to try to use the different items and help them figure out why they aren't working. These items need their power source. When they have their power source, everything changes! In the same way, the Holy Spirit is our power source and changes everything for us!

BLESSING:

Look your children in the eye, call them by name and speak these life-giving promises of God to them:

May God fill you with the power of His Holy Spirit. May He give you power to know Him more, power to understand His word, and power to be His witness everywhere you go!

DISCUSS:

Why do we need the Holy Spirit?

How does God empower believers to disciple to all nations?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to start conversations about how "God's Spirit Changes Everything" in your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE:

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

John 11:25-26a

Divide your family into two teams. Write this verse on paper and cut it up so there are one or two words on each piece of paper. You will need one set of these for each team.

Use a laundry basket and rolled up socks to race to shoot hoops. When a basket is made, that team will be rewarded with another word from their verse. Once a team gets all the words, they must assemble their verse and say it out loud. The team that finishes first, wins!