

BIBLE LESSONS

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LESSON 8: WE'RE NEVER ALONE

AIM: To show that children can know that God, through the Holy Spirit, is with us everywhere and all the time, therefore we need never be afraid or lonely.

OPENING IDEA: Ask the children if they have ever been to the beach and seen the tiny shells (barnacles) that cling to the jetty or boats or rocks. Ever tried to pick them off? It's almost impossible except with a proper scraping tool. Barnacles can even



attach themselves to fish, they use a type of glue and once this tough glue hardens, the barnacle is so hard to remove that it becomes a part of the jetty or boat or fish. God is like that, but even better. When we belong to Him, He sticks to us forever. He becomes a part of us. The Bible says that He will never leave us. Sometimes friends or even our family go away, but God will never do that.



MEMORY VERSE: "God has said, 'I will never leave you; I will never abandon you'." (Hebrews 13:5). (Abandon means to give up, to desert, to drop, to leave with the idea of never returning.)

The words of the Memory Verse may be written on dove shapes, or glue small shells to a card or draw shell shapes onto a card, etc.

STORY: THE HOLY SPIRIT

Discuss with the children incidents in their life when they have felt afraid or alone.

As Jesus was growing up in Nazareth, He lived with his family and worked as a carpenter. During that time, God was preparing Jesus to leave home and travel from town to town, telling everyone about God and healing the sick.

Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, was also living for God by telling the people to confess their sins and to be baptized in the river, to show that they were truly sorry and wanted to wash away all the wrong things from their lives and live for God.

Now, God did not want Jesus to be out in the world on His own. He wanted to be with Jesus all the time, just the same as He loves us and wants to be with us always. So He sent Jesus down to the river to be baptized by John. Jesus had not done anything wrong and did not have to have sins washed away, but He wanted to show everyone that He was living God's way. When Jesus came up out of the water, God sent His Holy Spirit to Jesus in the form of a dove. God said, "This is my own dear Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:17). God wanted Jesus and everyone else to know that He loved Him and would be with Him wherever He went.

(Explain to the children that Jesus did not have a house during the three years ministry, but He ate and slept wherever He could. He trusted God to provide. Get the children to imagine what it would be like if they had no house to go home to after they left school each day.)

The Holy Spirit stayed with Jesus all the time. He helped Him to do what was right, to heal the sick, bring dead people back to life, to die on the cross and to come back to life again. Jesus made a promise to all those who love Him (John 14:16).

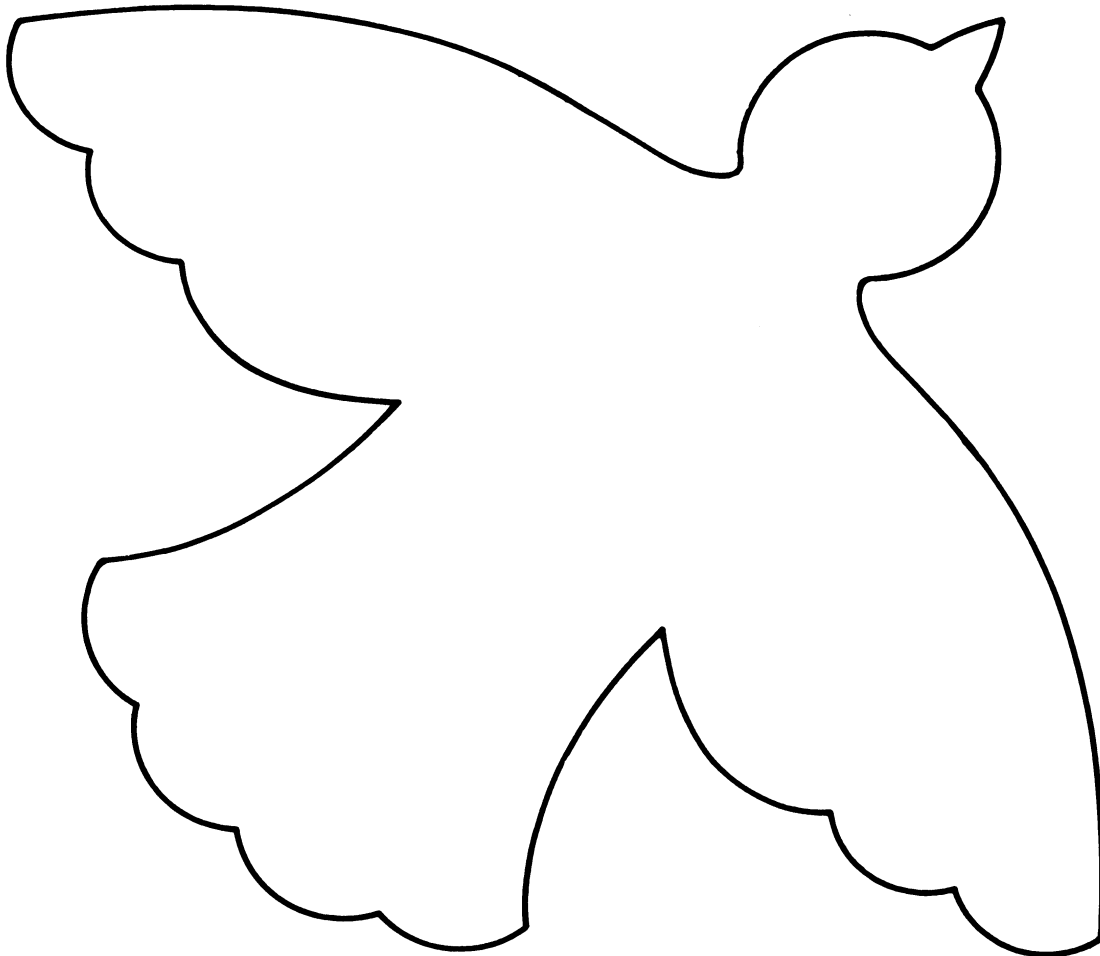
Ask a child to read the verse from the Bible:

“I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper who will stay with you forever.”

At this point, you can take a drinking glass with a few drops of food colouring in the bottom. Ask the children to imagine that the glass is Jesus. Then from another glass pour some water onto the food colouring. Ask the children to imagine that the coloured water is the Holy Spirit. Use the empty glass to represent our lives. Now pour some of the coloured water back into the empty glass. Explain to the children that when we belong to Jesus, we are like the glass of coloured water—the Holy Spirit lives inside us.

Remind the children of the promise that God will stay with us forever. God never forgets or breaks His promises. The Holy Spirit is with us night and day forever.

SONG: Our God is a God who will Never Fail



GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE US



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Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, was also living for God by telling the people to confess their sins and be baptized in the river to show that they were truly sorry for their sins and wanted to wash away all the wrong things from their lives and live a good life for God. Great crowds gathered, and they asked, "What must we do to lead a good life?" John said, "Share what you have with others, do not hurt anybody, and never make false accusations."



Matthew 1, Mark 1, Luke 1, John 1

Now, Jesus came from Galilee to hear the preacher, and to be baptized in the Jordan River. Jesus had not done anything wrong and did not have any sins to be washed away, but He wanted to show everyone that He was living God's way. As soon as John had baptized Jesus, the sky opened and the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove, and the voice of God was heard, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God wanted Jesus and everyone to know that He loved Him and would be with Him wherever He went. The Holy Spirit stayed with Jesus all the time. He helped Jesus to do what was right, to heal the sick, to bring dead people back to life, to die on the cross and to come back to life again.

Jesus made a promise to all those who love Him ... "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (the Holy Spirit), who will stay with you forever (John 14:16).

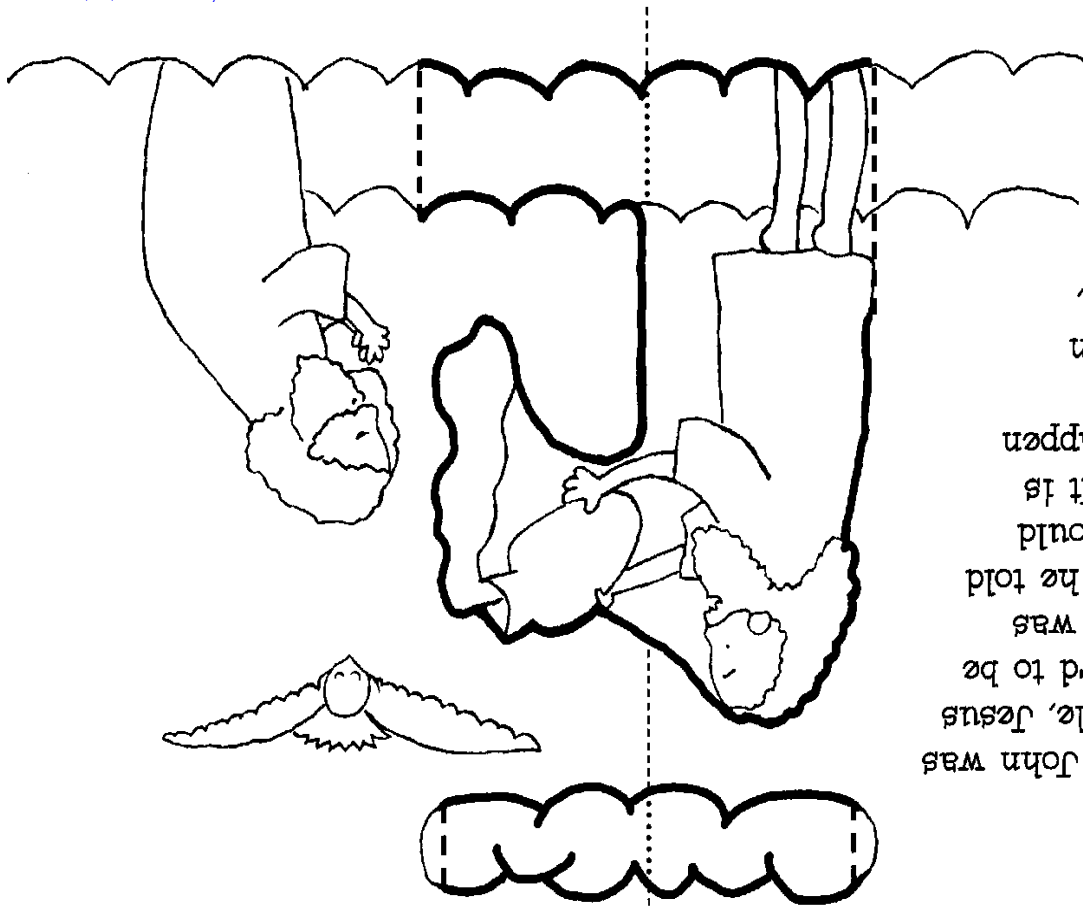
God kept His promise and sent His Spirit who stays with us day and night

The SPIRIT of GOD

Join up the dots. When John baptised Jesus in the river Jordan what was seen above them? (A d _ _ _ _ .)

You can find this story in Matthew chapter 3, verses 13-17.





One day, as John was baptizing people, Jesus stepped forward to be baptized. John was surprised and he told Jesus, "You should baptize me." "It is supposed to happen this way," said Jesus. As John baptized Jesus, a white dove came down from heaven.

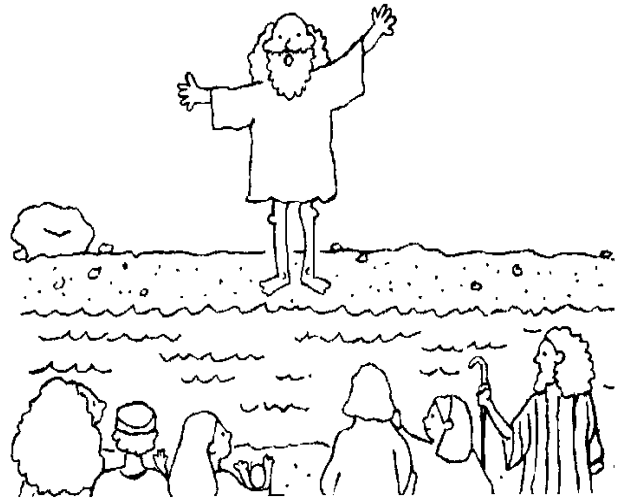
TO MAKE A 3D CARD: Colour the pictures, cut along dark black lines and fold on dotted lines.

The Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:1-16

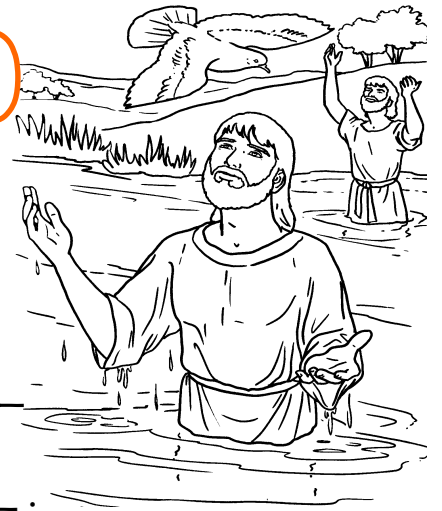


The voice of God said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."



Jesus had a cousin named John who lived in the desert. He prayed all day and told people that the Son of God was coming. "Get ready," he told them. "Be baptized with water." He baptized many people to get them ready for Jesus' coming.

The SPIRIT of GOD



At the baptism of Jesus, all three Persons in the Godhead were present. Their names are

God, the _____ , God, the _____
and God, the _____ .

What did God say about His Son as Jesus came out of the water? (Mt 3:17)

When we follow Jesus in the waters of baptism we are showing that we are
s _____ for our sins and want to o _____ Him.

Jesus went all over the countryside telling people about G _____ and
h _____ the sick.

But Jesus was never alone. The H _____ S _____ was
always with Him. And He promises to be with you forever, too.

When the Spirit comes to live within us we need never be a _____
or a _____ as He is with us f _____ .

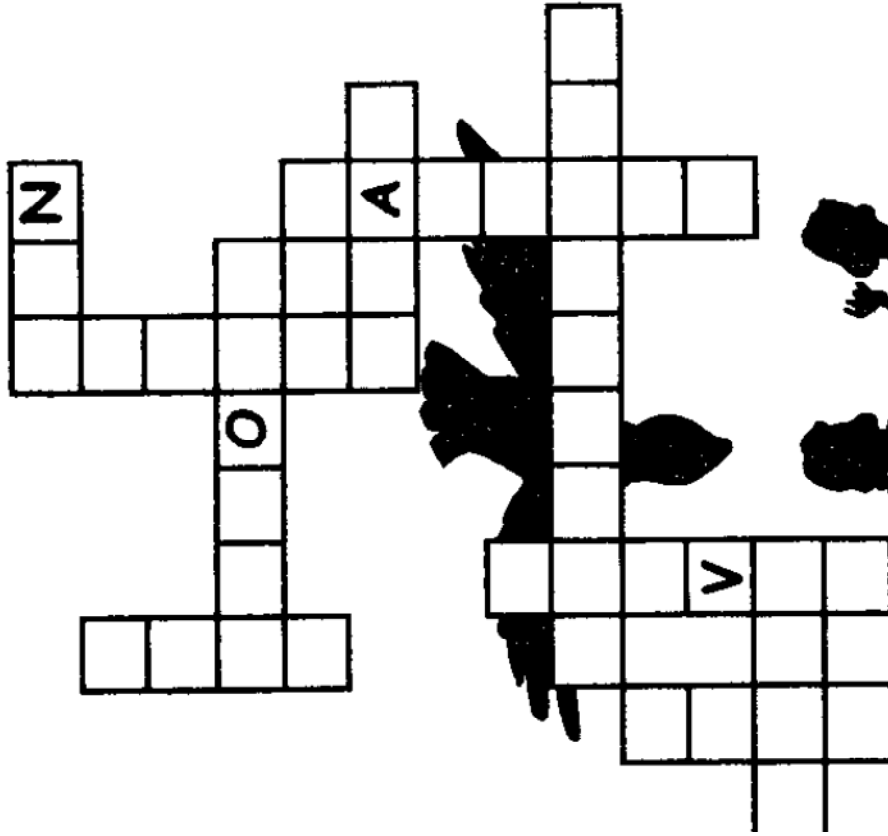
Read the story in Matthew 3:13-17

SON OF GOD

JOHN 1:32-34, KJV

USING THE UNDERLINED WORDS BELOW, FILL IN THE BOXES ON THE NEXT PAGE.

"AND JOHN BARE RECORD, SAYING, I SAW THE SPIRIT DESCENDING FROM HEAVEN LIKE A DOVE, AND IT ABODE UPON HIM. AND I KNEW HIM NOT: BUT HE THAT SENT ME TO BAPTIZE WITH WATER, THE SAME SAID UNTO ME, UPON WHOM THOU SHALT SEE THE SPIRIT DESCENDING, AND REMAINING ON HIM, THE SAME IS HE WHICH BAPTIZETH WITH THE HOLY GHOST. AND I SAW, AND BARE RECORD THAT THIS IS THE SON OF GOD."



THE HOLY SPIRIT

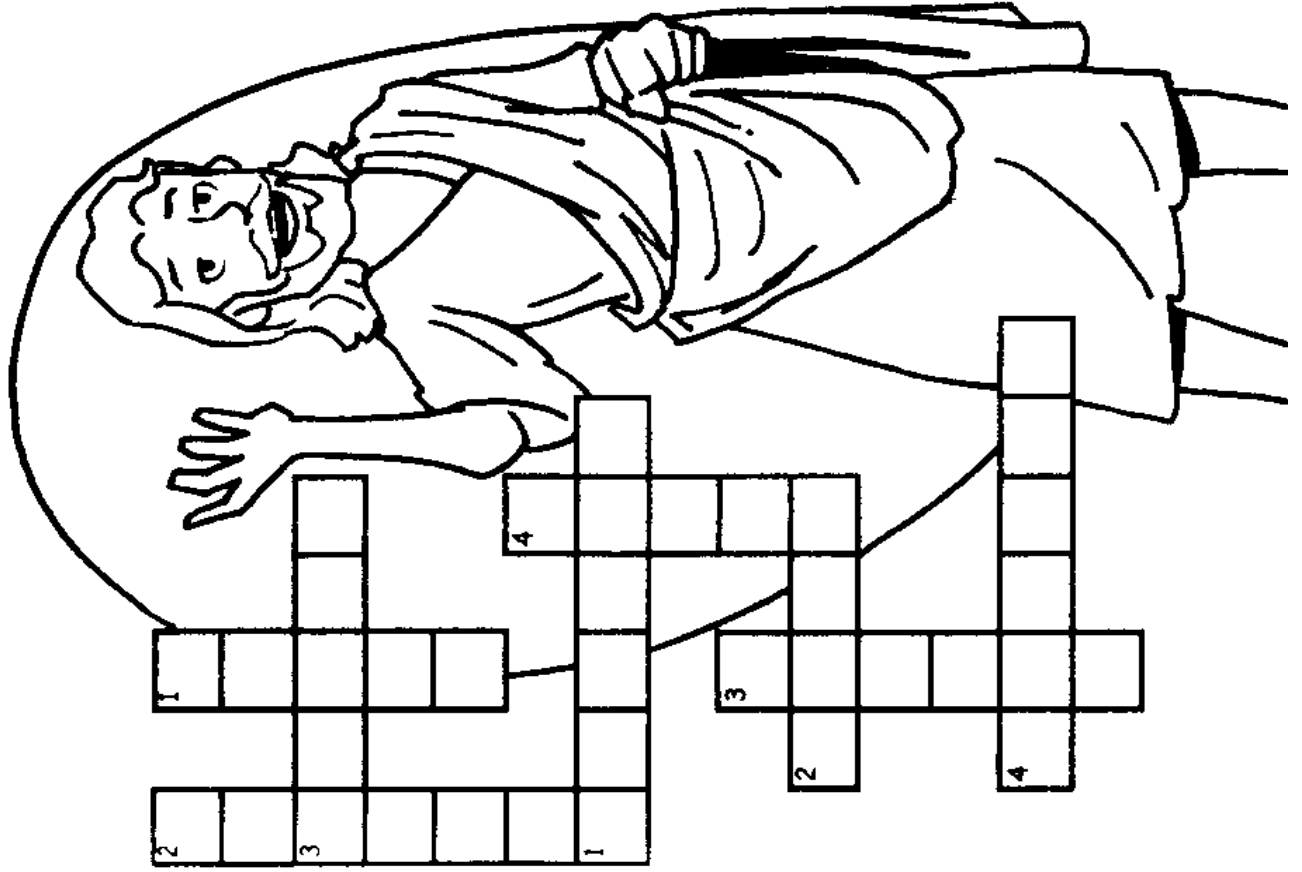
FROM: JOHN 14:25-31

ACROSS

1. "ALL THIS I HAVE _____ WHILE STILL WITH YOU."
2. "THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY _____, WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS."
3. "_____ I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE YOU."
4. "DO NOT LET YOUR _____ BE TROUBLED AND DO NOT BE AFRAID."

DOWN

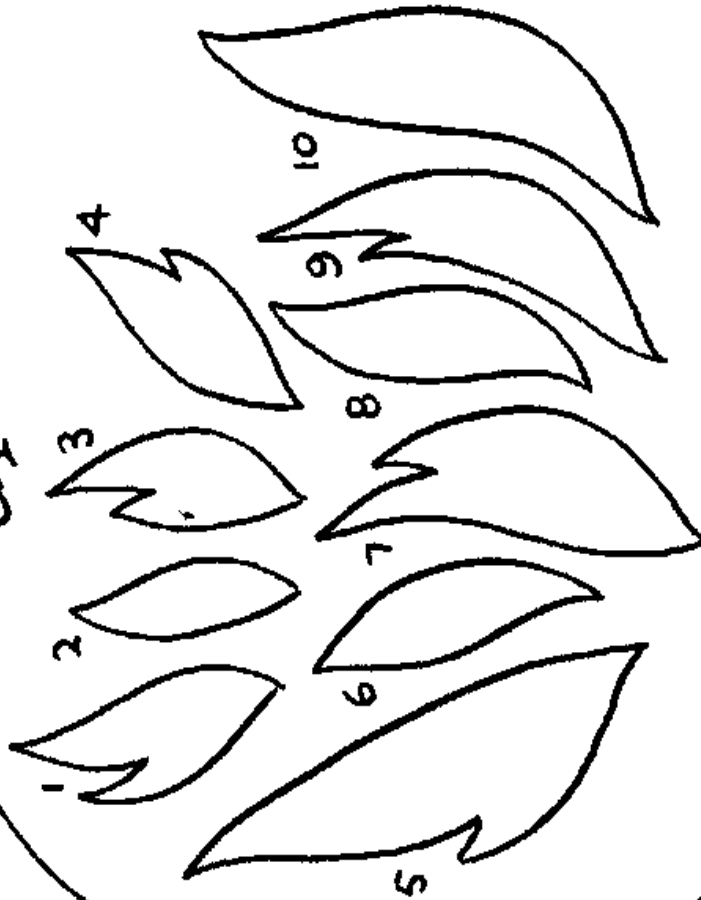
1. "YOU _____ ME SAY, I AM GOING AWAY AND I AM COMING BACK TO YOU."
2. "I HAVE TOLD YOU NOW BEFORE IT _____"
3. "BUT THE WORLD MUST LEARN THAT I LOVE THE _____"
4. "COME NOW; LET US _____"













The SPIRIT of GOD

ANSWER: Holy Spirit

What came upon the apostles....



at Pentecost?

- ① 1st letter of 
- ② 3rd letter of 
- ③ 4th letter of 
- ④ 3rd letter of ... 
- ⑤ 1st letter of 
- ⑥ 2nd letter of 
- ⑦ 3rd letter of 
- ⑧ 2nd letter of ... 
- ⑨ 2nd letter of 
- ⑩ 8th letter of 

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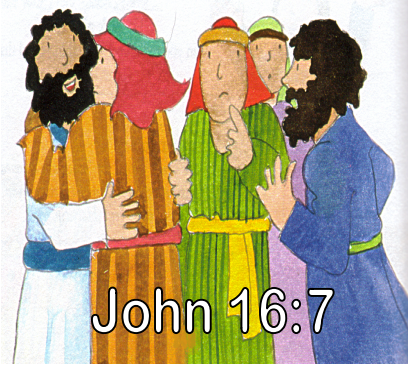
Acts chapters 1 & 2

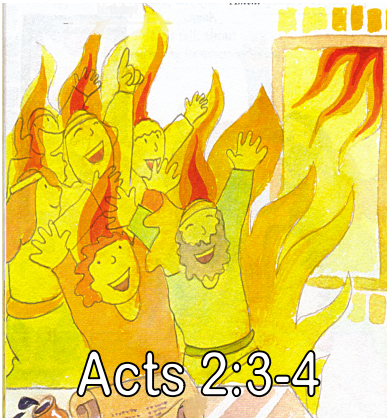
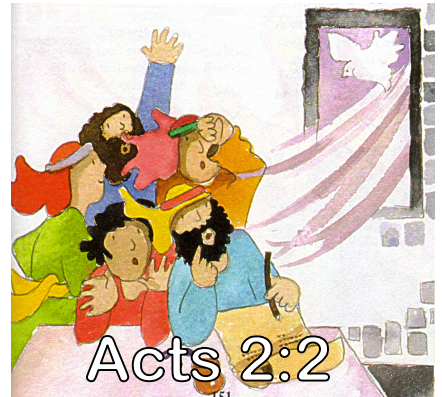
Who did Jesus promise to send after He ascended into heaven?

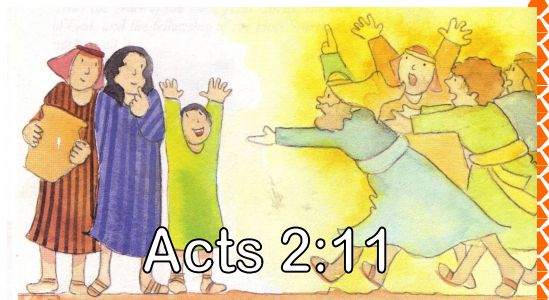
What happens to the believer when the Spirit of God comes upon them?

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Write a few sentences to describe what is happening in each of these pictures. Use the Bible verses to help you.







Fill in the missing words from the Wordlist below to discover a wonderful promise from God to you!

God has said,

"I will n _ _ _ _

l _ _ _ _ y _ _ _ ;

I w _ _ _ _ never

a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ you ."

(Hebrews 13:5)

WORDLIST

abandon

will

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