After Jesus had gone back into heaven, the disciples stayed in the city of Jerusalem. They were waiting for the Holy Spirit to come to them as Jesus had promised. They did not have to wait long.

Ten days after Jesus went up into heaven, the Jewish festival of Pentecost took place. It was a special time when people from all over came to Jerusalem to worship and thank God in his temple. On that day the disciples and other believers had all come together in the same house to worship and pray.

Suddenly, some very unusual things happened. First, the believers heard a sound like a roaring wind, but the wind was not blowing outside! The sound filled the whole house in which they were meeting. Then, what looked like little flames of fire came to rest on the heads of the believers who were there. God the Holy Spirit had come upon them. In an instant they could speak in different languages, even though they had never learned these languages before!

The Holy Spirit had come into the hearts and minds of his believers. He had given them the power to do the work Jesus wanted them to do. Now the believers were more eager and brave to tell others about Jesus, their Savior. They began to use all the different languages they now knew to speak boldly about Jesus.

Outside, people from nearly every country in the world crowded the streets of Jerusalem. They had come there to worship in the temple during the Pentecost festival. They too heard the loud, roaring noise like a strong wind. Many of these people came running to the house where the believers were. They wanted to find out what was happening.

How amazed the people were when they heard the believers preaching the Word of God in many different languages! They said to one another, “Aren’t these men from Galilee? Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in the language of his own country? We are from all over the world. Yet we all hear these men speaking in our own languages about the great things God has done!” The people were puzzled and kept asking one another, “What does this strange happening mean?”
God chose to start his New Testament church in a dramatic way. On Pentecost, the believers had the Holy Spirit poured out on them in visible ways. Although we don’t see the same spectacular signs of the Holy Spirit’s presence today, he still gives us the miraculous gift of faith and the power to be witnesses for Jesus.

1. Name your five senses. Use the pictures below to help! Circle two pictures that show the senses the disciples and other believers used when experiencing the spectacular coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. (In case you’re wondering, yes, they used their mouths for speaking in other languages but not for the sense of tasting.)

2. The sound of the roaring wind, the appearance of flames, and the ability to speak in languages never learned showed that the Holy Spirit had come to live in the hearts of the believers. The Holy Spirit gave them power to do the work God wanted them to do. On the battery, draw a picture of the powerful tool you can use to tell others about Jesus.

**Pray Together**

Holy Spirit, fill my heart  
So that I never will depart  
From God’s Word so pure and true.  
Oh, God, please keep me close to you. Amen.

**Answers for activity one:**  
- eyes and ears
- smell and taste

**Memory Treasures**

- *Romans 10:17*
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b
- *Revelation 2:10b*