Before Jesus went back to heaven, he promised his disciples, “I am with you always.” Jesus also told them, “Wait in the city of Jerusalem. You will receive a special gift. I will send you God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will give you the power to tell others about God’s love.”

Ten days after Jesus went up into heaven, the disciples were together in a room in Jerusalem. They were waiting for God the Holy Spirit to come.

Suddenly some strange things began to happen. The disciples heard a sound like a strong wind blowing. But there was no wind; there was just the sound of a wind. Then little flames like fire flickered over the heads of the disciples. But the flames did not burn them. Jesus used the sound of the wind and the flames like fire to show the disciples that the Holy Spirit had come to them.

Many people were visiting in Jerusalem that day. They had come from other countries and spoke in languages that were different from the language most people in Jerusalem spoke. When the people heard the noise that sounded like a roaring wind, they came to the place where the disciples were meeting. They listened to the disciples and were amazed. They could understand what the disciples were saying! The Holy Spirit had come to the disciples. He had made them able to speak in many languages so that people from different countries could understand God’s Word.

The disciples told the people about Jesus and his great love for them. As the people listened, God the Holy Spirit worked faith in their hearts. Many people came to believe in Jesus that day because of the power of the Holy Spirit.
Ten days after Jesus went back to heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen the disciples’ faith and help them share it with others. We ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen the faith he has given us and to help us share it with others.

1. Jesus used flames to show that he had sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Draw a flame over each disciple’s head.

2. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to you also, but he doesn’t use flames and the sound of a wind. The Holy Spirit comes and works through the Word of God. Inside each flame write or draw a way or place that God’s Word reaches you.

Pray Together
Dear Holy Spirit, thank you for giving us faith in Jesus, our Savior from sin. Strengthen our faith each day and help us share it with others. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Isaiah 41:10