

Pentecost Acts 2:1-41

Conversation Starter:

1. The Holy Spirit was working in people's hearts and lives on the day of Pentecost.
 - a. What signs and miracles made this obvious?

 - b. Is the Holy Spirit's operation in the hearts and lives of people just as obvious today? Explain.

Textual Questions:

1. Where were "they" gathered?
2. Who exactly is "they"? (vs 17-18)
3. What was God's purpose in the sound like a violent wind on the Day of Pentecost?
4. Why was fire the visible symbol of what was taking place? (Luke 3:16)
5. What is meant by other tongues (verse 4)? Support your answer.
 - a. What was God's purpose in the gift of tongues on the Day of Pentecost?
 - b. How does this differ from the "tongues" of the present-day charismatic movement? Or perhaps in the church at Corinth?
6. (Vs 5-11) How was the crowd divided about what they were witnessing and experiencing?
7. How does Peter dismiss the idea of drunkenness?
8. Why use the Prophet Joel and these specific verses?
9. Peter focused on two events from the life of Christ as proof that Jesus is the promised Savior and Lord. Which two events?
 - a. His _____
 - b. His _____
 - c. What does each event mean for us?

Theological Questions:

1. Baptism by fire or baptism by water? Is there a difference?
2. Were any of the "they" baptized with water?

Key Christ centered sentences: Acts 2:22-23, 32, 36, 38-39

Closing Prayer:

O Holy Spirit, grant us grace
That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace
And truly serve him ever,
So that when death is near at hand
We at his cross may firmly stand
And there find our salvation. Amen. (CW 185:1)

At home

Read and try to commit to memory Martin Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed. Have your children do the same.