

## WEEK 4: The Holy Spirit Comes

**Big Idea:** The Holy Spirit is God in us.

### HANGOUT

1. Ask the kids to take turns naming their favourite: colour; food; movie; sport; book; thing to do on the weekend; time of year; animal; subject at school; and flavour of ice cream. Make sure everyone has an opportunity to answer each question.
2. Point out that it's amazing how God makes each one of us so unique. However, God gives us the same Holy Spirit. Explain that the Holy Spirit is one of the three parts of God: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. Introduce today's Big Idea: **The Holy Spirit is God in us.**

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at [youtube.com/themeetinghouse](https://youtube.com/themeetinghouse)

### HEAR

3. Look up and read aloud Acts:1:1-11. If you have confident readers in your group, encourage some of the kids to read.
4. Discuss:
  - In verse 4, what did Jesus tell his disciples that God was going to send them?
  - What was this gift? (the Holy Spirit)
  - When did Jesus say that the disciples would receive power? (when the Holy Spirit came upon them)
  - What did Jesus say the disciples would do with this power? (tell people all over the world about Jesus)
5. Look up and read about the arrival of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1-4.
6. Explain that Pentecost is a Jewish festival celebrated 50 days after Passover. That means this story took place 50 days after Jesus was crucified.
7. Discuss:
  - Who was gathered together? (all the believers)
  - What filled the house? (a sound from heaven like a mighty windstorm)
  - What appeared over the believers? (flames!)
  - Who filled up all the believers? (the Holy Spirit)
  - What could they do? (speak different languages)
  - Why do you think the Holy Spirit gave these believers the ability to understand and speak other languages? (so they could tell everyone about Jesus in their own languages)
  - Did anything in these stories surprise you? Did you learn anything new about the Holy Spirit?

**HUDDLE**

8. Provide your group with paper and some drawing supplies. Challenge everyone to draw a self-portrait. It can be as silly or as serious as they'd like. Encourage the kids to add something to their drawing that represents the Holy Spirit in them (e.g., heart, shining sun, dove, flame). Direct them to write a personalized version of today's Big Idea on their paper: "The Holy Spirit is God in ME!" Help them as needed.
9. Pray, "Thank you, God, for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thank you that the Holy Spirit is God in [say each group member's name if possible]. Please help us to listen to your Spirit! Amen."

# Word Search

S E S S E N T I W A W L R S A  
Y K I V C D C A O J Y O A M V  
G B B X H T Q B A G I F T X O  
D E F D Z T S O C E T N E P R  
P L R S B C H V S N P Z N I U  
F I W I N D S T O R M E Y P D  
D E L L I F H E X A F G H P B  
O V F L K T I R I P S Y L O H  
G E D G N E V A E H B Q I M X  
W R M X P R E W O P D R X F U  
Q S P E A K I N G Y H Z D M P  
Y H J E W T B F H D B O R G B  
I B R S F L A M E S K P F E L  
J O L X H X Z S J P W M T V P  
S E G A U G N A L X O T O C E

POWER  
GIFT  
HOLY SPIRIT  
PENTECOST

BELIEVERS  
HEAVEN  
WINDSTORM  
FILLED

FLAMES  
SPEAKING  
LANGUAGES  
WITNESSES

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