

**THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**ACTS 2:1-4**

**LESSON PREP**

Throughout the book of Acts, we read about how the early church was an unstoppable and irresistible movement. The moment of Pentecost is where that energy and infusion of the Spirit of God unto His church originated. This week, your students will examine the volcanic power of the Holy Spirit as God empowers some uneducated, ordinary people to change the world.

**SAMPLE PRE-LG TEXT MESSAGE QUESTIONS**

Curious what God can do with a group of ordinary, everyday people? Come find out tonight!

Want to know how to be humble and confident, at the same time? Learn how when the group gathers tonight.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION**

*Acts 2:2-4*

**10N1 FOLLOWUP**

Discuss the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and its' role for the believer today. Answer any Q's and give opportunity (if available) for them to receive the BOHS or ask a staffer to help you in this process if needed.

**INTRODUCTION**

- If money were no object, what's one thing you would like to have or do that would make your life happier, easier, or more productive? Why would that possession or experience be so valuable to you?
- What would have to happen in order for you to receive that possession or experience?
- What are some positive ways your life would be impacted if the thing you wanted came to pass?

**Read Acts 2:1-4 as a group.**

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** *Pentecost was a celebration of one of the Jewish feasts. So most of the early Christians were in one place to celebrate together. Christians today celebrate Pentecost as the Baptism of the Holy Spirit because of what happened on that day.*

**1. The Promise of the Holy Spirit.**

**Read Acts 1:1-10 and Read Luke 3:16 as a group.**

- Why do you think that God wanted them to wait instead of giving the Holy Spirit to them right away? Why do you think that the disciples were willing to wait?
- What is the difference between receiving the Holy Spirit at salvation and receiving the Holy Spirit in this context?
- Why would the coming of the Holy Spirit then be important for the Church?
- Look at Acts 1:8. How could the Baptism of the Holy Spirit be a fulfillment of what Jesus promised?

**2. The Baptism (Outpouring) of the Holy Spirit.**

**Re-read Acts 2:1-4 as a group.**

- Imagine that you are one of those in the upper room. How do you feel? What are you thinking?
- If something happened like this today on campus, how would you respond?
- What sticks out in this passage? Why do you think that wind and fire were the signs of the spirits presence?
- What do you think are the purposes of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit from these passages?
- Why do you think God chose this method to launch the Church?
- Why do you think God chose speaking in other languages/tongues as the initial physical evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? What purposes would this serve for believers in Christ?

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:** *Jesus promised that his followers would greater connection to God through receiving the Holy Spirit. Jesus also promised that we would be empowered to be greater witnesses of the message of God's forgiveness. We believe that both of these promises are being fulfilled today and available to every believer.*

**Read Acts 2:38-39 as a group.**

- Why would spiritual empowerment be important for you today?
- What are the "prerequisites" for receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? Do you need this gift to be saved?

**APPLICATION**

How can the Baptism of the Holy Spirit be a real experience in your life? Allow room for questions, etc...