

Tell the Next Generation



Story #103: Power from on high

Scripture:
Acts 2

What does this say about God and man?

- The Holy Spirit is powerful
- God is sovereign and gives the Holy Spirit to whom He pleases when He pleases
- The gift of the Holy Spirit is for all those who believe
It is not just for the people in Bible times, but for all whom the Lord calls to Himself, in all lands and all times
- God keeps His promises and fulfills prophecies
vv. 16-21, fulfillment of Joel's prophecies
- God forgives the sins of those who believe in Jesus
- The work of the Holy Spirit amazes people
- Knowing Jesus and believing in Him brings about a genuine change in what you believe and what you do
This is called repentance
- When you believe in Jesus, you should be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
- Knowing Jesus makes you happy
v. 46
- The Holy Spirit gives believers power to live and speak for God, for His Word and Truth
- Man must have faith to be saved and to please God
- Man is a sinner; he needs God and is helpless to save himself

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES: Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

* (Ask your child to say something.) Do you know which language you are speaking? (English.) All the words we speak are part of a language called English. (NOTE: Adjust these questions according to which language you speak or how many languages you and your child know.) How about German (or other language you and your child do not know)? Can you speak German? Do you think I can? No, I have never learned that language.

* Now the apostles and the other followers of Jesus in this story were speaking of God's mighty deeds in other languages—languages they did not know! How could they do that? Can you or I, without taking lessons or listening to the language a lot, speak in a language we don't know? (It takes a very long time to learn a language, often years.)

The Holy Spirit caused them to speak in other languages. God knows all the languages in the world, and He could do this! (Discuss if desired.)

* Was the Holy Spirit something that was only given on that day long ago? No, it's for all people that the Lord calls to Himself. (See verses 38-39.) Not everybody that is given the Holy Spirit will necessarily speak in unknown languages, but God will show His power in various ways.