

The background of the page is a stylized illustration. In the foreground, there is a dark, arched tomb entrance set into a grey rock face. Inside the tomb, a white cloth is neatly folded on a dark stone shelf. To the right of the tomb, a large, smooth, light-colored stone lies on the ground. In the background, three red crosses of varying heights stand against a light blue sky with soft, grey clouds. The overall scene is set in a rocky, desert-like environment with warm, earthy tones.

**New Era Church - SON Shiners Children's Ministry**

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# Spirit Switch

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Find and circle the twelve differences between the top and bottom picture.



**KEY PASSAGE:** Philippians 2:1-3

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- What does the Holy Spirit do? The Holy Spirit helps Christians follow Jesus.

**BIBLE STORY:**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME**

- Jesus' disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit came to the apostles on the Day of Pentecost.
- With the Holy Spirit, Peter spoke bravely about Jesus.
- The church grew and obeyed Jesus' commands.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- How did the disciples behave before the Holy Spirit came?
- How did they behave after the Holy Spirit came?
- How does the Holy Spirit help us today?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- If weather permits, fly a kite with your family. Talk about the Holy Spirit; we can see His work, but cannot see Him.
- Work with your family to develop a "generosity plan" to bless the local church.





# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

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## The Holy Spirit Came

Acts 2:1-4, 22-42

**MAIN POINT: THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE APOSTLES  
ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST.**

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem. All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven. Then tongues appeared like flames of fire, and they rested on each of the disciples. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak in different languages!

Peter spoke to a crowd that had gathered. "God pointed out to you Jesus the Nazarene," he said. "Even though God planned for Jesus to die, you used lawless people to nail Him to a cross and kill Him. But death did not keep hold of Jesus; God raised Jesus from the dead."

The Holy Spirit convinced the people that Peter was telling the truth. "What must we do to be saved?" they asked.

Peter told the people to repent. Everyone who believed Peter's message was baptized. That day, about 3,000 people joined Jesus' followers.

*Christ Connection: God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could begin their work to share the gospel with the entire world. God gives the Holy Spirit to those who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit gives us power to do God's work, and He changes us to be more like Jesus.*

# Spot It!

Can you spot the differences between the two pictures? There are 10!



## What Does It Mean?

Follow the paths to discover the meanings of these words.

apostles

Day of Pentecost

Holy Spirit



the Spirit of God who comes to lives within

those who trust Jesus as Savior and Lord

Those who are sent on a mission, especially each of the 12 men whom Jesus called and sent out to tell people about Himself

Major Jewish feast, also called the Feast of Weeks

The \_\_\_\_\_ came to the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.