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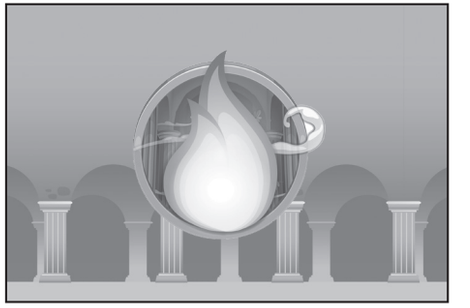

The Holy Spirit comes
Acts 2:1-47

Jews from all over the world were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost. Jesus' followers were there, too. They gathered together, waiting for the gift Jesus had promised them.

In the middle of the festival, God's gift arrived. It began with a sound, a sound like a howling wind that filled the house where they were waiting.

Next, something that looked like fire settled on each one of them. Then God's Holy Spirit filled everyone in the room, and He gave them power to speak different languages!

Jews from other parts of the world heard them and were amazed. "These people are speaking our languages," they said, "and telling us about the wonderful things God has done!"

"This is God's gift," Peter explained. "It was promised long ago. It comes to us through Jesus, the Messiah. You crucified Him, but God brought Him back to life."

"What should we do?" the people asked, sadly. "Turn away from evil," said Peter. "Believe in Jesus Christ. He will forgive your sins and give you His Holy Spirit."

On that day, three thousand people were baptised. They were just the first of many people who would come to trust in Jesus as their Saviour.