

# HomeWord<sup>®</sup>

For Parents

**B**efore His death, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. He would help the apostles remember the things that Jesus had said so they could write them down and teach them to others (John 14:26). And He would convict the world of sin, revealing righteousness and judgment (John 16:7–11).

After Jesus ascended to the Father, the disciples waited in Jerusalem to receive the promised Spirit. Then, on the day of Pentecost, a sound came from heaven, like rushing wind. And they saw what looked like tongues of fire. These came to rest on each one of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages. Everyone in Jerusalem heard his own language (Acts 2:1–8). It was amazing!

The Bible teaches that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ through the word of truth, the gospel of God's salvation, will be sealed with the same Holy

Spirit whom Jesus promised to His apostles. The Holy Spirit is a guarantee to believers of the promised inheritance—that is, the glory of eternity with God in heaven (Ephesians 1:13–14).

The Holy Spirit changes the character and the desires of the one who is saved—He makes the believer a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). And the Holy Spirit produces in every believer the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22–23).

This fruit of the Spirit is ONLY brought forth in those who believe in Jesus. Only Christians can bear fruit to God's glory. And in order to do that the Bible tells us we must abide in the true vine, Jesus Christ. Without Him we would bear no fruit at all (John 15:1–6).

*Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.*

## OutWord For Family Discussion

Suppose you heard someone say he thought he became a Christian last year, but he isn't sure, because he isn't any different than he was before. **What could you say?**

Well, the Bible makes it pretty clear that if we are in Christ—if we are Christians—we are new creations. It says the old things pass away and everything is new. When that happens, lives change! The Bible says that Christians will want to please God more. Is that something you think about? And Christians will want to read God's Word. Have you been doing that? Do you enjoy going to church and being around other Christians? If you haven't changed at all, maybe you should ask God to help you live for Him. The Bible says that sinners have to believe in Jesus. That includes repenting of our sins, confessing Him as Lord, and being baptized. Becoming a Christian and turning to Jesus will definitely change your life. It will bring hope and joy that you never had before.

## inWord For Family Study

"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). You desire for your children to truly love God's Law.

They must know it well and meditate on it often. Help them begin a lifetime of learning and memorizing God's Word!

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



# The Promised Helper Comes



## Key Theme

- The Holy Spirit came to believers at Pentecost.



## Key Passages

- John 14:26
- Acts 2:1–4
- Galatians 5:22–23



## What You HEARD in the Word

- God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit helps followers of Jesus to remember the things Jesus taught.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Who is the Helper?
- 2 What did the disciples see at Pentecost?
- 3 What sound did the disciples hear at Pentecost?



1) The Holy Spirit. 2) Something like fire. 3) A rushing, mighty wind.



## Read the Word with Mom & Dad

**Monday** (John 14:26)

Who sent the Holy Spirit? What is another name for Him?

**Tuesday** (Acts 2:1)

What special day was it when the Holy Spirit came?

**Wednesday** (Acts 2:2)

What sound came from heaven when the Holy Spirit came?

**Thursday** (Acts 2:3)

What appeared to the disciples when the Holy Spirit came?

**Friday** (Acts 2:4)

What were the disciples filled with on this special day?

**Saturday** (Galatians 5:22–23)

What is the fruit of the Spirit?

## Learn the Word!

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.*

Romans 1:16a



## Our New Memory Verse

Color the pictures then say the verse to your family.

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Romans 1:16

## Song Time!

**Romans 1:16**

(To the tune of "Amazing Grace")

For I'm not a-ashamed

(Amazing grace!)

Of the gospel of Christ,

(How sweet the sound)

For it is the-e power o-of God

(That saved a wretch like me.)

To-o sa-alvation for

(I once was lost,)

Everyone who believes.

(But now am found,)

Romans one ver-verse si-xteen.

(Was blind, but now I see.)

## LIVE the Word

with Johnny and His Dad



Yep! . . . Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control . . . I want to have that fruit, too.

Well, you can! The Bible says when we believe in Jesus, the Spirit will come in and grow His fruit in our lives.



**SNEAK PEEK**  
What did the apostles do when they were persecuted? Come next week to find out!