

## God's Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost to Reside in Believers



About 5 minutes, from Acts 2

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Thomas

Peter

Ruth

Pilgrim

Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Thomas Wait! Wait! Wait! That's all we do, Peter. Wait and pray!  
Now it's the feast of Pentecost, and still nothing has happened!

Peter Patience, Thomas. Just before he ascended to glory,  
our Lord Jesus told us to wait here in Jerusalem,  
and we would receive power from heaven.

Thomas What kind of power did he mean, Peter?

Peter We will see. Just look at the crowd, Thomas!  
Devout Jews from many countries who speak many languages!  
They have come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

Thomas Hey! What is going on? Tongues like fire are hovering over us!

Prompter & Echoes Dancing flames!

Ruth Oh, my! What is going on, Pilgrim?

Pilgrim I don't know, Ruth. I haven't been here since Passover.  
I just arrived along with all these other pilgrims.

Ruth Listen! The sound of violent wind is coming from heaven.

Pilgrim Yes, but there is no wind!

Prompter & Echoes Such noise!

Ruth Jesus' disciples are explaining it.  
They are saying what happened after our leaders crucified him.

Pilgrim Strange! We are all hearing about it in our own language!

Ruth Listen. That man, Peter, is speaking to this crowd.

Peter The prophet Joel foretold this coming of the Holy Spirit ages ago.  
Now God has anointed us to proclaim to all of you that Jesus,  
whom you crucified, has risen from the dead.

Ruth Oh my!

Prompter & Echoes What have we done?

Pilgrim Oh, Ruth! This is devastating!  
That day I also yelled, "Crucify him!"

Ruth You did? How awful!

Pilgrim Peter! Brothers! This pierces my heart!

Prompter & Echoes What can we do?

Peter Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Prompter & Echoes Repent and be baptized.

Thomas Peter, imagine!  
3,000 Jews trusted Jesus and were baptized today.

Peter Jesus said he would build his church; it was born today.  
Now God is dealing with his people according to the New Covenant  
that Jeremiah foretold long ago!

Prompter & Echoes A totally new way of life!

Thomas We meet in homes now, and believers number in the thousands.

Peter Isn't it amazing, Thomas?  
From its very start, the first church in Jerusalem has obeyed  
Jesus' general commands that sum up all that he commanded.

Pilgrim We disciples obey Jesus' orders, just as the apostles taught us.  
We repented and were baptized, we celebrate the Lord Supper,  
we love and serve the needy, we pray, and we give sacrificially.

Ruth We use the different spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit gives us  
to make loving, obedient and active disciples.  
They multiply more and more every day!

Prompter & Echoes By the Holy Spirit's power!

Peter Now, let us all discuss this.  
God gives spiritual gifts to every believer to serve Jesus and others;  
we put these gifts into practice all during the week.

Prompter & Echoes Every day!

Peter I will mention a few of the gifts.  
Then, please tell us which gifts you think God has given you,  
or that you would like to receive.  
Are you ready? Here are some of them. They empower us to...  
encourage  
serve  
tell others about Jesus  
go to other places to tell neglected people about Christ  
heal in his name  
comfort,  
show mercy in practical ways,  
give  
shepherd

[pexcerpt]Jewish pilgrims at Pentecost hear amazing news, each one in his own language.  
The risen Christ whom they had crucified has risen, and forgives their sins. The Holy Spirit  
has come to live in believers' hearts; they are baptized and wonderful things start to happen  
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