



THE STORY

FAMILY GUIDE

IDEAS FOR FAMILIES WALKING THROUGH SCRIPTURE TOGETHER

Week 28, New Beginnings

Families with CHILDHOOD aged (birth-5th grade) kids:

Timeless Truth:

Bible Basis:

Key Verse:

Reference:

Main Points:

Table Talk:

The Holy Spirit helps God's people to spread Jesus' love.

Acts 1:2-11; 2:1-6, 23-24, 32-33, 42-47; 8:4-8; 9:1-9, 17-19

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this. —Acts 2:4

Chapter 28

God gives his people the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can live inside me.

When the disciples preached about Jesus and people saw the truth, the believers started eating and praying together. The Bible says they shared everything.

- Do you think this was hard for Jesus' followers?
- What would be the hardest thing for you to share?
- Why did the early Christians help each other out so much?
- Do you think Christians still look for ways to share with each other?

This chapter of *The Story* says Jesus' followers had hearts that were glad and honest and true.

- How do you think they showed that?
- Talk a little about being glad, honest, and true.
- If you could always live that way, how do you think people would look at you?

Families with STUDENTS:

1. Why do you think Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost was so effective?
2. Is the Holy Spirit still at work in the world today? How have you experienced it or seen it at work?
3. Why do you think the message of Jesus Christ spread quickly?
4. How do you think the early Christians were able to remain faithful even in the midst of extremely difficult circumstances?
5. What's happened in your life that caused you to view God in a brand-new way?

For ADULTS:

1. Compare the Peter we read about in the Gospels to the Peter we read about in the opening chapters of Acts. What are the chief similarities? What are the chief differences?
2. The early church struggled to unite very different peoples. What steps did it take for them to become a united body? What can we learn from their example?

