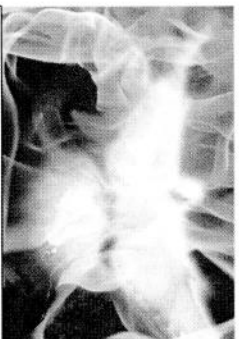


God's Story Our Story

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Pentecost

June 4, 2017

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of fire,

Your Spirit rushes in and sweeps us up in its wake. Send us forth in the fire of your inspiration, to light up the world with the witness to your unquenchable love, in the name of the Risen One, Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1-4

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

How can the Word spread to the ends of the earth if its hearers can't even understand the language? The Holy Spirit is about to take care of that.

Consider: Consider this theme for the week's text.

The Holy Spirit's first gift was understanding through shared language.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Pentecost*, Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7

Monday: *Paul Greet the Ephesians*, Ephesians 1

Tuesday: *One in Christ*, Ephesians 2

Wednesday: *Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles*, Ephesians 3

Thursday: *New Life in Christ*, Ephesians 4

Friday: *On Being Christian*, Ephesians 5

Saturday: *Put on the Armor of God*, Ephesians 6

How does the Holy Spirit's light explode in the new world?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

How is your life shaped by the gift of the Holy Spirit? How does it shape your behaviors, and relationships with God and others?

What have you seen recently that has gone viral? Does it deserve its following? What have you done that you would like to go viral?

Do: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Go online and view the top posts in your social media. Make a note of what goes viral. What do you think attracts people to the post? What does that say about what is needed in this world? Post something uplifting and see what reactions you get.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

The Holy Spirit lights your life. Amen.