

# God's Story Our Story



**May 15, 2016**

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; 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.

**Holy Spirit, your fire burns within us. Spark the flame so that we are moved to carry your flame into the world, spreading the good news of God's love to all who will hear. Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4*

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**On the day of Pentecost (50 days after Christ's resurrection), many were gathered together when God sent God's Holy Spirit to enter the world and motivate people to serve God and others. It was a community event that sparked the spread of Christianity worldwide.**

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

Sunday, Acts 2:1-4, *Gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost)*

Monday, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13, *Gifts of the Spirit*

Tuesday, Acts 10:1-33, *Peter and Cornelius*

Wednesday, Acts 10:34-43, *Gentiles Hear the Good News*

Thursday, Acts 10:44-48, *Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit*

Friday, Acts 16:6-10, *Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia*

Saturday, Acts 16:11-15, *The Conversion of Lydia*

**How does the Holy Spirit move and act within these stories?**

**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?**

**Who are the people in your community that help spread the word of God? How can you support them in their work?**

**Tell about a time you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life.**

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

**Light a small bonfire in your backyard fire pit or barbeque. As you enjoy the fire, share stories of where you have seen God working in the world this week. Make smores.**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God fill you with God's Holy Spirit. Amen.**

