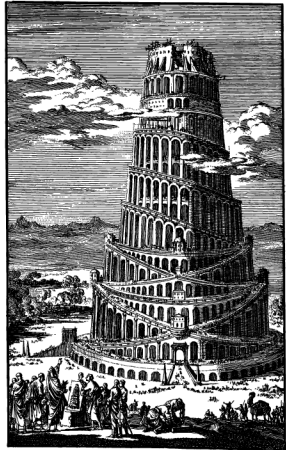


# The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

Old  
Testament  
Story Time

When God created the whole world, He saw that everything was good. Man and woman, created in the image and likeness of God, were very good. But they chose to disobey God, so sin entered the world. After some time the Lord God decided to cleanse the earth with a flood, sparing only Noah and his family. After the great flood, Noah and his family began to repopulate the earth.



As the number of people on the earth began to grow they all had one thing in common - they spoke the same language! One day the people came together and decided they would build a tower. This would not be an ordinary tower. This tower would be the tallest tower in the world. It would reach high up into the heavens.

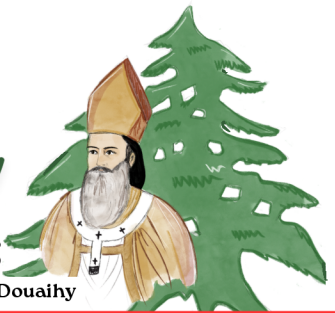
But the people of the earth did not have good intentions in building this tower.

The people wanted to make a name for themselves. They were once again turning their backs on God, thinking themselves better than God! In their pride, they wanted to show the world how great they were by making this grand and magnificent structure!

Although the people were unified in this mission, they were making a bad decision because they had turned away from God. Therefore, the Lord God came down to the people and confused their speech. The people no longer spoke the same language, so they could no longer continue down the path of sin and pride. The Lord was giving the people an opportunity to think about what they did wrong and hopefully chose another path in life as they all began to scatter and move to other parts of the world.

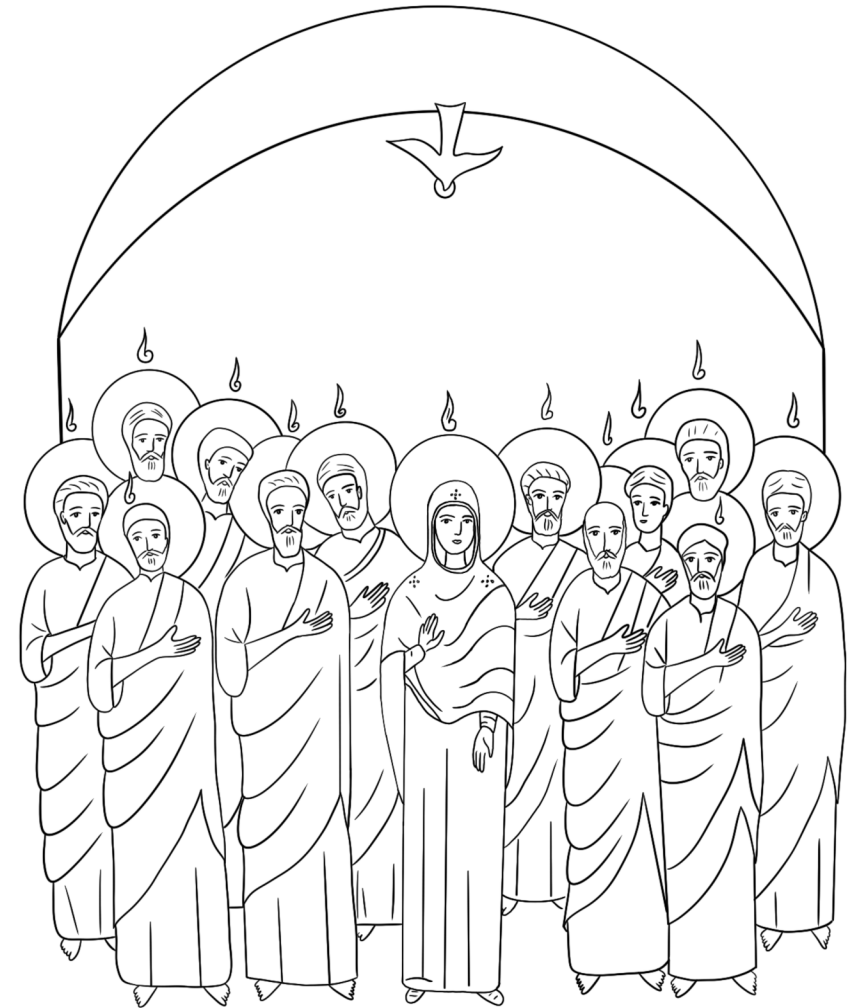
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## Kids



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On this day the Spirit dwelt  
in the form of tongues of fire,  
resting on the heads of those  
who had gathered deep in prayer.





# Gospel Corner

John  
14:15-20

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the 50<sup>th</sup> Day after the Resurrection. After Jesus ascended into Heaven, His disciples were left on earth with the mission of spreading the Gospel (Jesus' incarnation, teaching, death, resurrection, and the forgiveness of sins) throughout the world so that everyone everywhere could have the hope of eternal life.



Before they could fully do this, one more thing needed to happen. So while the disciples and Mary the mother of God prayed in the upper room ten days after Jesus' ascension into Heaven, God sent "the Advocate" to them.

In today's Gospel reading, *before* ascending, Jesus told His disciples, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it."



The Advocate is the Holy Spirit and is the third Person of the Holy Trinity. On the feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the day when the Holy Spirit (the Advocate who Jesus had promised to send) was sent to the disciples and filled them with wisdom and understanding. Tongues of fire also rested upon the disciples' heads and they were able to speak and understand many languages.

Now they were ready to go into the world as missionaries to spread the Gospel!



## Did you know?

### HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, co-equal with God the Father and God the Son. The Holy Spirit is also known as the Paraclete, Advocate, and Counselor and is the personal love of Father and Son for each other.

## What you can do

Pray this prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.



## Language Match

When the apostles became filled with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, they received the gift of being able to speak and understand different languages. As we remember and celebrate that day, see how many words for "peace" you can match with the correct language.

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| 1. 和平      | Hindi   |
| 2. سلام    | Chinese |
| 3. Frieden | Arabic  |
| 4. Paz     | English |
| 5. Peace   | Swahili |
| 6. amani   | Spanish |
| 7. शांति   | Russian |
| 8. paix    | French  |
| 9. мир     | Turkish |
| 10. barış  | German  |