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PENTECOST

This Sunday is PENTECOST. It is one of the great festivals of the Church's year. Sometimes we call it "the birthday of the Church." On this day, we celebrate the HOLY SPIRIT, God's gift of himself to live in our hearts. When Jesus ascended to Heaven, he told his friends to pray for the Spirit to come to them, so they could do God's work!

THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Acts 2:1-11

MORE THAN A WEEK AFTER JESUS HAD ASCENDED TO HEAVEN, HIS FRIENDS WERE PRAYING TOGETHER!

SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A BIG WIND IN THE ROOM WHERE THEY WERE, AND LITTLE FLAMES OF FIRE SEEMED TO LAND ON THEIR HEADS!



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When the Spirit came to Jesus's friends, they stopped being confused and afraid. They set out to spread God's message and do his work. New people joined them. They became the Church. The Spirit is what fills God's Church and the world with life, and power, and love!

PSALM 104:31
"Lord, when you send out your Spirit, you give your creatures life, and make the world new"

JOHN 16:13
Jesus tells his friends, "The Spirit will come to be with you and lead you into God's truth"

ROMANS 8:26
"The Spirit prays within us, with sighs too deep for words"