



**KIDS FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for June 5th - June 11th**  
**Acts In 30: Pentecost**

**Family Activity: They Spoke Other Languages**

This activity is simple but can really stick with kids. God's love is for everyone, right? That's one of the reasons the disciples spoke in various tongues on Pentecost and not just Hebrew. For this activity, look up how to say, "Jesus is Lord" in different languages. Learn your favorites as a family and even write them down to hang on your kids bedroom wall or your refrigerator door.  
*Jezus is de Heer!* (That's dutch!)

**FOCUS: Acts 2:1-4**

**God Pours Out His Spirit and Keeps His Promise**

*"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

**BIG IDEA 1** - This week, we're discussing the amazing fulfillment of a promise Jesus made to his disciples — the promise of the Holy Spirit! Remember last week we read that Jesus told the disciples to "wait" for the Holy Spirit, well, after 10 days of waiting in Jerusalem, the holy feast day of Pentecost (or *Shavuot* in Hebrew) came. It's the day God gave Moses the 10 Commandments on Mt. Sinai and it was on this same day that God poured out his Holy Spirit on the disciples in Acts 2. Now, the disciples (*and me and you!*) have the same Spirit that lived in Jesus while he walked on the Earth! And don't worry, this promise is for kids too. Acts 2:48 says, *"For the Promise [of the Holy Spirit] is for you, your children, and for everyone whom the Lord God calls to Himself"*

**Q1- When you hear about the Holy Spirit, what is the first thing you think about or picture? How would you describe the Holy Spirit in your own words? For what reason did the disciples began to talk in other languages?**

**FOCUS: Exodus 23:14-17**

**The Festival of Harvest**

*"Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to Me." (Exodus 23:14, ESV)*

**BIG IDEA 2** - It was on Pentecost that God gave Israel His 10 Commandments. It was no accident that God chose to pour out his spirit on this day. Pentecost is a day where people from all over would come to Jerusalem to give a gift to God from their harvest that Spring. This means thousands upon thousands of people from all over the world were in Jerusalem when the disciples received the Holy Spirit and many of them witnessed it firsthand. By the Holy Spirit's power, Peter was able to get up and preach in front of these people and 3,000 of them got saved that day and were filled with the Holy Spirit! These people then went back to their own communities and shared the gospel in their towns too. This was God's plan all along. God got a harvest offering of *souls!*

**Q2- How does this story show us how it's better to wait on God's timing, rather than, do things on our own time? Why do you think God gave the disciples His Holy Spirit on the same day (Pentecost) He gave the Israelites the 10 commandments hundreds of years before? Are they connected?**

**FOCUS: Acts 2:42**

**A Community Led by the Spirit**

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

**BIG IDEA 3** - Almost immediately after the 120 disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1-4, the gospel began to spread rapidly. Many people came to know Jesus as Lord and some of them lived in Jerusalem. Led by the same Holy Spirit they now possessed, they began doing these four things: Obeying the apostles teachings, fellowshiping together, eating together, and praying regularly. This led to one of the fastest growth periods in Church history. Sounds simple, huh?

**Q3 - How many of those four things do you find yourself doing regularly; on purpose, or even on accident? What do you think each of those 4 things actually mean, practically speaking?**

