



Gospel Story: Wind, Flames and Praise

Listen! (*Pause.*) The friends of Jesus are together, but they're quiet. They're praying silently in their hearts, "Dear God, fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit. Please come, Holy Spirit!"

The friends are waiting in a room in Jerusalem, just as Jesus has told them to do. Suddenly, they hear an unusual sound. Listen! (*Pause.*) A noise from the sky sounds like a strong wind blowing (*signal members: wind sound effect*); the sound fills the whole house.

The friends of Jesus look at one another. What can this be? But look, there's something else! Now they see what looks like flames of fire (*signal members: fire sound effect*) spreading throughout the room, touching—but not burning—each person there.

Now the friends of Jesus begin to speak. Listen! (*Pause.*) What're they saying? They're praising God (*signal members: praise sound effect*) in many different languages—languages they don't normally speak—for everything that God has done.

People gather outside the house, under the open windows. These people live in Jerusalem, but originally came from all different parts of the world.

They were amazed at what they heard coming from Jesus' friends. "How is it that these people inside the house are thanking God (*signal members: continue praise sound effect*)...and they're speaking in many languages, so we can all understand?"

"It's true: The Holy Spirit is here!" Jesus' friends shout. "And now we have the power to tell the whole world that God loves them!"