

Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7  
**GOD SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**Key Verse:**

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.  
Galatians 4:7

**The Point:**

We are all made children of God through the Holy Spirit.

**Making Connections:**

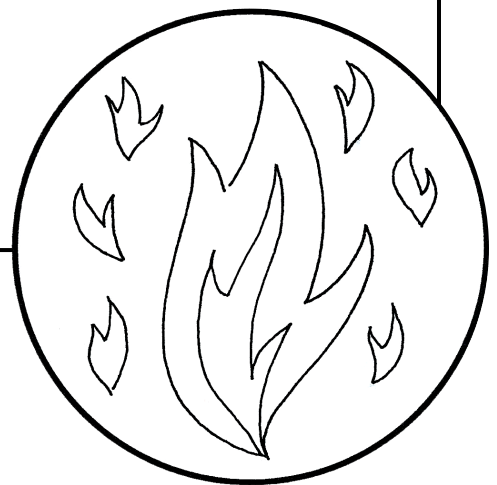
Birth of the Church

**Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

The Holy Spirit

**Spiritual Practice:**

Fellowship



# BACKGROUND

## Making Connections

Last week, Paul reminded the Galatians that we are all heirs to Abraham's blessing. This blessing is not about what we do, but about our faith in Jesus. Jesus removed barriers to God. Through the Spirit, we become children of God, and our relationship, broken by sin, is restored. Today we continue to see the power of the Spirit at work, both in the story of Pentecost in Acts and through reflections in Galatians.

## Story Summary:

### *God Sends the Holy Spirit*

The first part of today's reading is from the Book of Acts. The disciples had gathered together to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost (Shavuot in Hebrew), and suddenly the Spirit came upon them. Fire and wind are images used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. The disciples are filled with the Spirit, and they begin to speak in different languages so that all those around them can understand the good news of Jesus.

The second part of the reading moves to Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Paul reminds the Galatians that before Christ, they were like slaves, bound to the laws and spirits of the world. They needed these laws to teach them how to have a good relationship with each other and with God. When Jesus came into the world, he came to show us how to live. He came to set us free as children of God. The Spirit comes into our hearts, helping us to understand Jesus' message of love and peace, and guiding us to share it with others. In doing this, we have a deeper relationship with God.

## The Point

**We are all made children of God through the Holy Spirit.** Through today's Scripture, we are reminded of the power of the Spirit. While we look to the Bible to learn about how people experienced God in the past, God's love does not stay there. The story continues with each of us, and it is action filled. The Spirit is at work in us, in our families, and in the world.

## Bible Nuts & Bolts:

### *The Holy Spirit*

Trying to understand the Holy Spirit can be tricky for even the most seasoned of scholars. Students will begin to explore this third person of the Trinity, and realize how they are empowered by the Spirit. In Acts, we see the Spirit at work at Pentecost. In Galatians, we are reminded that the Spirit comes into each of us, creating our relationship with God.

## Spiritual Practice: Fellowship

The Spirit not only offers us a deeper relationship with God, but also with each other. When we work on our relationships as a community of believers, we see the Spirit in action. Whether we are working together or finding ways to serve our greater community, we can experience God's love. This time together further emboldens us to do the work of Christ in the world.



# GALATIANS SCAVENGER HUNT

## USE YOUR BIBLE...

- ☐ How many chapters are in Galatians? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ What book comes before Galatians? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ At the beginning of Chapter 1, it says that Paul is writing this book to the churches in what city? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ In Chapter 2, who does it say Paul opposes? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ In 3:26, it says that we are all children of God through \_\_\_\_\_?
- ☐ Chapter 5 tells us that we have freedom in what? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Galatians 5:7 says that we are running a \_\_\_\_\_ race? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ What does Paul say love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are in 5:22? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ How many verses are in Chapter 6? \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ What book comes after Galatians? \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Galatians

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approval	contrary	preached	another	apostle
distort	Judaism	servant	Christ	Father
Gospel	heaven	taught	angel	Grace
Jesus	Lord			

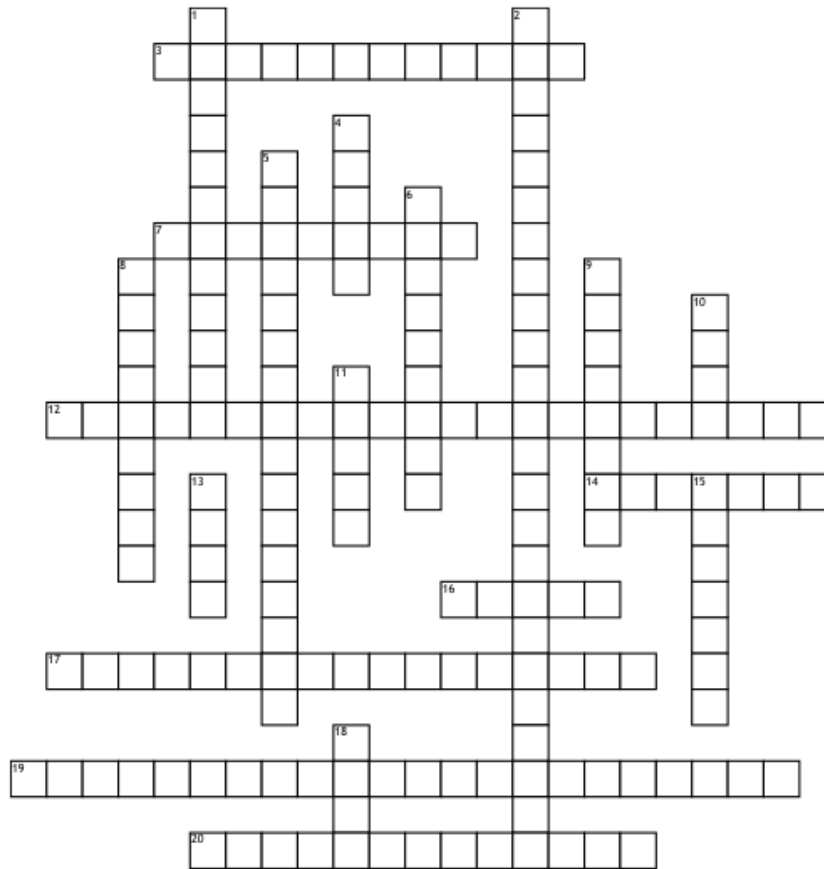


But the  
**FRUIT** of the spirit  
is **LOVE**, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness  
& self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Galatians & Ephesians



## Across

3. Summary of the Laws of the Torah  
7. helmet  
12. The meaning of Justified  
14. Chosen by God because of his great faith  
16. People are justified by  
17. Love, Joy, Peace, etc  
19. Between God and Man

## 20. Breastplate

## Down

1. Recipient of the Galatian Letter  
2. between man and man  
4. Shield  
5. How Paul received the gospel  
6. Sword of the Spirit  
8. Paul accuses Peter of

9. letter sent from congregation to congregation  
10. God chose the Ephesians to be

11. Belt  
13. Author of Galatians and Ephesians  
15. This person was declared righteous by God because of his faith  
18. Gospel of Peace

## Word Bank

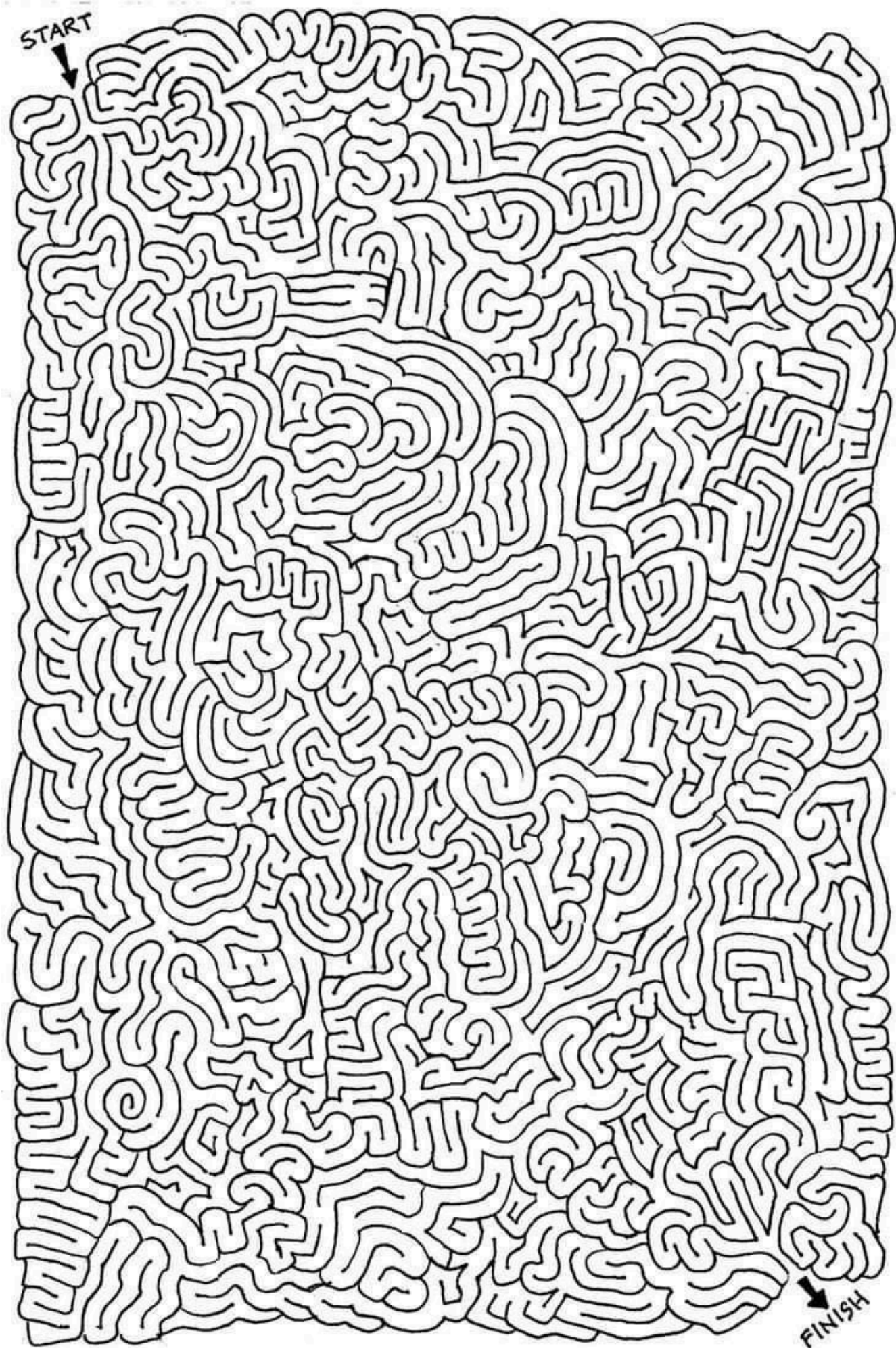
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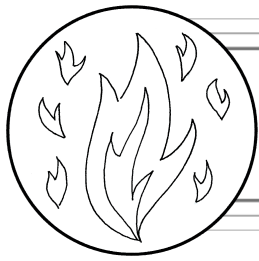
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Word of God

START



FINISH





# THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS  
3RD-6TH**

**NL**

**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

**Lesson #3-38**  
Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7

## LAST WEEK

Paul continues writing to the Galatians that they become right with God based on faith, not what they do. He declares that everyone is united in Jesus Christ with no divisions (Galatians 3:1-9 23-29).

## THIS WEEK

The Holy Spirit comes in power to the apostles on Pentecost. Paul writes to the Galatians that we are made children of God through this same Spirit (Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7).

## THE POINT

We are all made children of God through the Holy Spirit.

## STORY SUMMARY

### God Sends the Holy Spirit

In the Book of Acts, the disciples gathered together to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost. Suddenly, the power of the Spirit was within them. Filled with the Spirit, they speak in different languages so that all around them can understand the good news of Jesus.

In his Letter to the Galatians, Paul reminds us that before Christ we were like slaves, trapped in our sins. Then, Jesus came to set us free, so that we could be children of God. The Spirit helps us understand Jesus' message and share it with others. In doing this, we have a deeper relationship with God.

## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

### *The Holy Spirit*

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## PRACTICE: FELLOWSHIP

The Spirit not only offers us a deeper relationship with God, but also with each other. When we work on our relationships as a community of believers, we see the Spirit in action. Our time together empowers us to do the work of Jesus in the world. Think of one small way that you can support those in your church community or among your family and friends. Make plans to follow through.

## NEXT WEEK

This is the final lesson of the Narrative Lectionary. Continue reading Scripture as a family, either finishing a story Bible you have been using or read through a book like the Book of Acts!



### Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ Where do you see the message that "It is GOOD" in this Scripture?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

### Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

#### Sunday—Read Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7

The Holy Spirit fills the apostles at Pentecost, and continues to empower us as children of God. Sit outside and feel and listen to the wind. In the absence of wind, make fans and create wind.

#### Monday—Read Acts 2:5-12

People from many nations gathered outside to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost. They are astonished to hear their own languages and to be able to understand what the apostles are saying. Look online to learn how to say "hello" and "goodbye" in five different languages.

#### Tuesday—Read Galatians 5:16-26

We should try to live our lives God's way, not the ways of our broken world. Make a fruit salad for a meal or snack and talk about how you can live a life of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

#### Wednesday—Read Romans 15:14-21

Paul writes boldly of his successes, giving credit to the power of the Spirit. Pray together that you can help those who have never heard or seen the power of God's love.

#### Thursday—Read Acts 19:1-7

Paul baptizes followers in the name of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Do breath prayers: inhale a deep breath while praying "Spirit, come." Exhale while praying, "Help me love."

#### Friday—Read John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples, saying "Peace be with you" and empowering them with the Holy Spirit. Go for a walk around your neighborhood, and greet everyone you come across or pray silently that they would have God's peace.

#### Saturday—Read John 1:1-18; 29-34

Jesus came into the world as the Word and light. The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus at his baptism like a dove. Light candles at your evening meal, remembering the light and life that is in the world.