

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

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3RD-6TH**

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**Key Verse:**

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.  
Philippians 4:6

**The Point:**

Proclaiming the good news about Jesus Christ is cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing!

**Making Connections:**

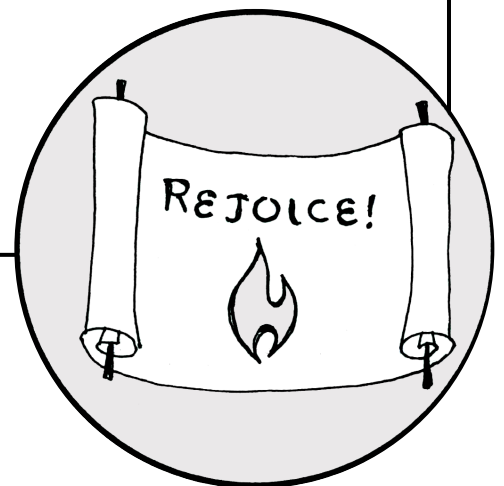
Living in Hope

**Bible Nuts & Bolts:**

What Is Shavuot?

**Spiritual Practice:**

Prayer



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# BACKGROUND

## Making Connections

We have watched as Paul encourages the Philippians to continue Living in Hope, even as he writes from prison. Today's lesson empowers that hope with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

## Story Summary:

### *The Holy Spirit*

This week includes two texts. In the first text from Acts, the Jewish community has once again gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Shavuot (Pentecost), so a large crowd is present at this event. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit falls on the disciples and allows them to preach the good news to people of all nations and languages. To the crowd, they appear to be drunk, but Peter defends their preaching from the accusations by appealing to the prophecy of Joel.

Here we see the mystical work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is unseen, yet is supporting and encouraging the mission of the disciples and the spread of the gospel. It is breaking down barriers and allowing the message to be shared with people from other nations. It is giving the disciples the gifts that they need to continue in ministry.

In the second text from Philippians, Paul calls upon the Philippians to rejoice that God has redeemed them. Paul has repeatedly stated his joy in their devotion, and now calls on them to be joyful and rejoice as well. He also promises peace when they give their worries to God in prayer.

## The Point

**Proclaiming the good news about Jesus Christ is cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing!** Paul, summarizing his Letter to the Philippians, reminds them that their faith is cause for rejoicing. The story of Pentecost is the story of the birth of the church, and the sharing of the good news of Christ by his disciples following the resurrection. Both stories work together to spread the joy of the gospel.

## Bible Nuts & Bolts:

### *What Is Shavuot?*

Shavuot (pronounced shah-voo-OAT) means "weeks" and is a "week of weeks" (seven times seven) after Passover. It is the fiftieth day after Passover, so in Greek the festival was called "fiftieth" (Pentecost). This was originally a festival which celebrated the wheat harvest, and it was one of three pilgrimage festivals when the Jewish people were commanded to travel to the temple to give the first fruits of their harvest to God. Later, the festival also celebrated God's gift of the Torah (Law) to Moses on Mt. Sinai. This connects to the first Christian Pentecost in that God gave people a gift, a guide for living, and a covenant (promise) of relationship with God.

## Spiritual Practice: Prayer

Following Paul's lead, we focus today on prayers of supplication. These are prayers in which we ask for something. While the intercessory prayers of last week were spoken on behalf of the needs of others, prayers of supplication seek the things we need for ourselves.

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# Philippians 4:4-8

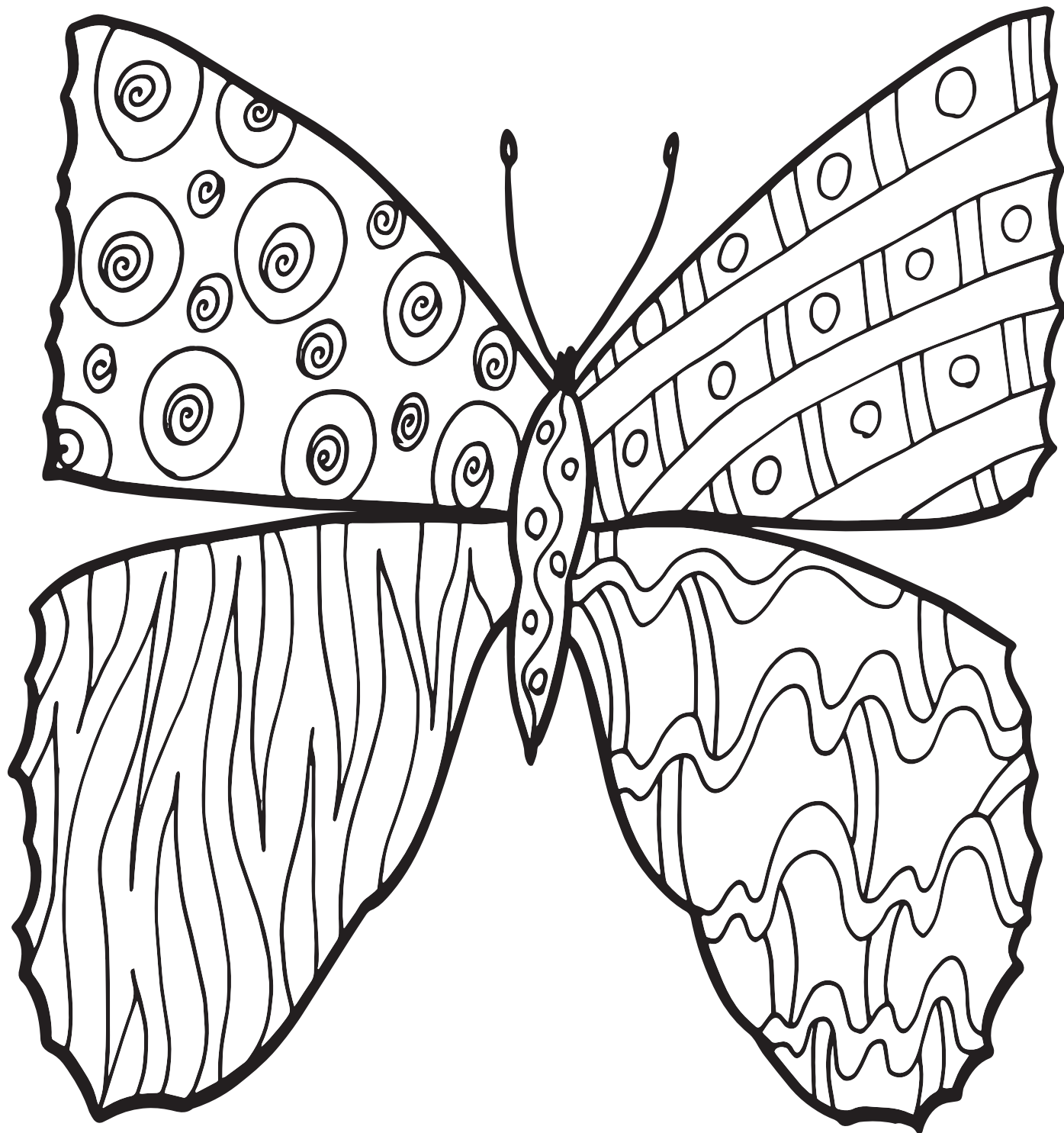
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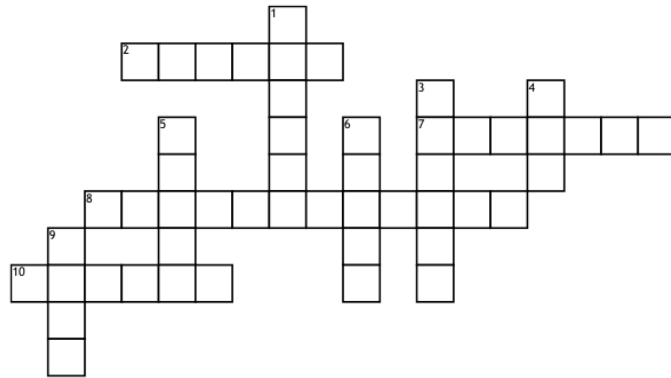


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**Philippians 4:6-7**

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

# Philippians 4:4-8



**Across**

- 2. whatsoever things are \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. WW. \_\_\_\_\_
- the Lord
- 8. praising God- also a holiday
- 10. talking to God

**Down**

- 1. all the time
- 3. if there be any \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. count it all \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- 6. to dwell on
- 9. opposite of lies

**ACROSS**

- 1. Calm, rest or quiet
- 4. All that there is
- 8. To know the meaning
- 10. To know through an action
- 11. Act of protection
- 12. Our place of thoughts

**DOWN**

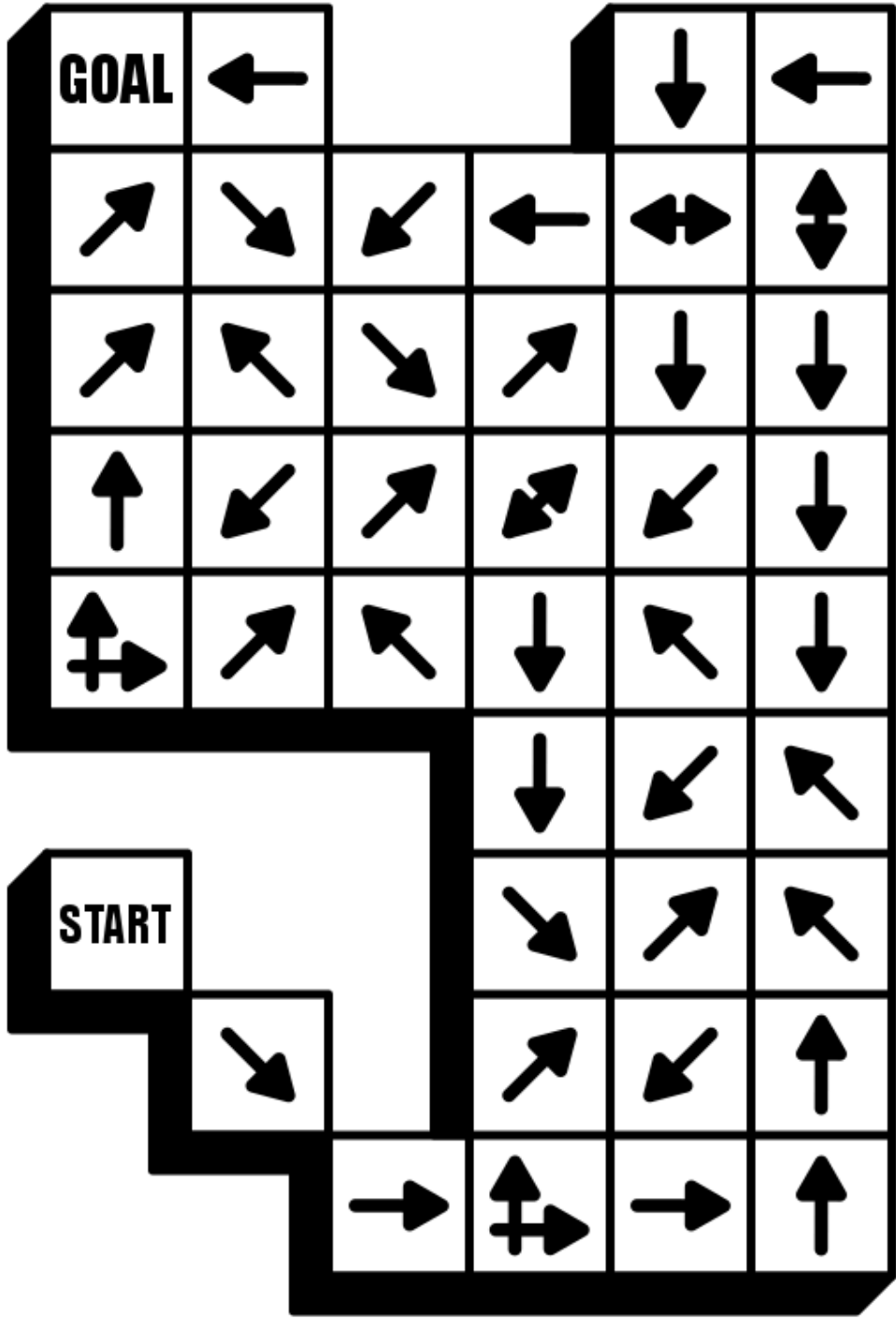
- 1. Talk with God
- 2. Our place of feeling
- 3. He is the Prince of Peace
- 5. Choose one over another
- 6. Our Father
- 7. Much more than needed
- 9. When you must have it

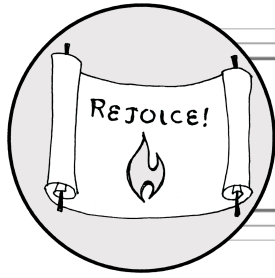
**Word Bank**

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 NLT©

Let's talk about it. How much of your prayer should be thanks to God?

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# THE STORY @ HOME

**KIDS  
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**Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story**  
Narrative Lectionary, Year 4 (2025-2026)

**Lesson #4-36**  
Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

## LAST WEEK

Paul continued his letter explaining that, despite his equality with God, Jesus chose the path of humble humanity, for which God exalted him above everything in heaven and earth (Philippians 2:1-13).

## THIS WEEK

The Holy Spirit falls on the disciples on Pentecost and allows them to preach the good news to people of all nations and languages. Paul calls upon the Philippians to rejoice that God had redeemed them (Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7).

## STORY SUMMARY

### The Holy Spirit

This week includes two readings. In the first, God gives the disciples the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and allows them to preach the good news in many languages. The Spirit breaks down barriers and allows the message to be shared with people from other nations. In the second reading, Paul calls upon the Philippians to rejoice that God has redeemed them. Paul has repeatedly stated his joy in their devotion, and now calls on them to be joyful and rejoice as well. He also promises peace when they give their worries to God in prayer.

## PRACTICE PRAYER

Following Paul's lead, we focus today on prayers of supplication. These are prayers in which we ask for something. While the intercessory prayers of last week were spoken on behalf of the needs of others, prayers of supplication seek the things we need for ourselves. Share your needs with each other, and pray for your own needs.

## THE POINT

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## BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

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### *Family Discussions*

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson’s Scripture reading with your family.

- † Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- † 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 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7**

The Spirit was poured out on the apostles at Pentecost, and Paul encourages the Philippians to rejoice. Take turns naming something that makes you rejoice. After each one, everyone shouts, “Thanks be to God!”

#### **Monday—Read Philippians 4:8-9**

Paul encourages believers to focus on what is good. Brainstorm together things that fit Paul’s list (true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise. How can you focus on one of these this week?

#### **Tuesday—Read Acts 3:1-10**

Peter and John heal a man who could not walk. For what can you praise God? Do a little dance while you talk about these things.

#### **Wednesday—Read Acts 4:32-37**

The whole group of believers share what they have. Why do you think the believers shared their possessions with each other? What can you do to share more with others?

#### **Thursday—Read Acts 5:12-16**

As word about their ministry spread, many people came to the apostles to be healed of illness or unclean spirits. Who might you lift up to God in prayer for healing?

#### **Friday—Read Revelation 21:1-6**

John received a vision of a new heaven and a new earth, where God will live with humanity and there will be no more death or pain. What emotions do you have when you hear this passage? Why?

#### **Saturday—Read Revelation 22:1-7**

The abundant and healing tree of life is watered by the river that flows from the throne of God. Take turns naming things that cause pain or sadness. Respond together, “Jesus will take it away!”