

THE THREAD | The Gospel At Work

Lesson 2: The Holy Spirit And Pentecost

Dear Parents,

Hello again! I wanted to remind you about the Bible study we're doing focused on teaching our students the big-picture story of the Bible. It's called *The Thread*, and this week was the second of 13 lessons of *The Gospel At Work*, which looks at the spread of the Gospel and Christianity in a post-crucifixion/resurrection world. The lesson was entitled "The Holy Spirit and Pentecost." It's amazing to think that Jesus told us that it was better for us that He went away so we could receive the gift of the Spirit. That must mean the Spirit is a pretty incredible gift for Christians, but we take it for granted way too much. Think about this for a moment, if you are a follower of Jesus, the Creator of the universe lives inside of you and guides you through life. What if we committed ourselves to clear out the clutter that keeps us from hearing and following the guidance of the Spirit?

Lesson Overview: In this lesson, we'll continue tracing the Bible's big-picture story by looking at what happened at Pentecost when Jesus' promise of the coming Holy Spirit was fulfilled. The Spirit empowered people to speak in different languages so that people from various countries could hear the Gospel message. From that moment forward, the Spirit has dwelled inside believers. The Spirit's role in the lives of Christians is to convict and guide as well as to bring glory to Jesus. At the end of the lesson, students will talk about what it looks like for the Spirit to guide their lives.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: Understand that from Pentecost forward, the promised Holy Spirit would permanently live within all who would ever come to faith in Christ and that Pentecost represented the fulfillment of Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit to His disciples.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They've Learned: Flesh out what it practically looks like to let the Holy Spirit guide their life.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Acts 2:1-41; John 16:5-14

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps. . .

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- How does the Spirit fulfill His role in your life? What does that look like for you?
- What are some things we can do together as a family to listen to the Spirit's guidance better?
- How do you think your week would be different if you were more sensitive to the Spirit's guidance?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.