



4. Bible Study

Baptized in the Holy Spirit: Acts 1:3-8; 2:1-4

Set Up: Tape a large piece of white paper onto the wall. Have two boys stand with their backs against the wall. Tell one boy to stand still until you instruct him to move, and the other can move around. Draw the boys' silhouettes. The outline of the boy who waited will be much better. This shows the value of waiting.

Introduce J. B. Beaver to tell this story. Interject questions and comments during his story, and involve the boys. Ask the boys, "Have you ever had to wait a long time for something good?" (*Allow responses.*)

J. B.: Special things are the hardest to wait for, but it's always worth it when they finally happen. Jesus wanted His disciples to wait for the special gift He had promised them too. He told them that they needed to stay in the city of Jerusalem until He sent Someone very special to them. That Someone was the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew the disciples would need help to be strong and do right things. The Holy Spirit does that.

LEADER: I bet it was hard for Jesus' friends to be waiting without Him, with only the promise of something to come. But do you think it was worth waiting?

J. B.: You bet! After the disciples had waited for days, they finally got the promise Jesus had made to them. One day when they were all together celebrating a special feast called Pentecost, some very interesting things started happening.

LEADER: Like what?

J. B.: Well, first, a sudden noise like a great wind came from heaven, and everyone heard it. Then what looked like flames of a fire came down to rest on each person's head. At that same moment, they all knew that the Holy Spirit was there in their hearts. He helped them pray in languages they did not know.

LEADER: So the Holy Spirit made them strong for God, just like He will do for us today. Waiting may be hard to do, but God blesses us when we wait on Him.

Review: Give each boy paper and crayons. Instruct the boys to illustrate what happened on the day of Pentecost. Have them write the words "The Holy Spirit wants to live in our hearts" at the bottom or top of the page. Ask the boys, "What promise did Jesus give to the disciples?" (*He promised to send the Holy Spirit.*) "How does the Holy Spirit help us?" (*He gives us strength to witness and do right.*) "What has the Holy Spirit helped you with?" (*Allow responses.*)

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