

# Young Prayer Warriors

Theme: Prayer

Subject: The Holy Spirit

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

"There appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire,  
and it sat upon each of them . . . ." (KJV)

## Look Out, Devil!

After Jesus arose from the grave, He informed His disciples that He would be leaving them soon to return to heaven to live with His Father. But He also assured them that He would send them another Comforter. So, He told them to go to an Upper Room in Jerusalem and wait there for the promise of the Father, which would be the Holy Spirit.

The disciples obeyed what He said. Several days passed and nothing happened. But they didn't give up. Finally, as they waited and prayed, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. And when He did, unusual things began to take place. The Bible says a sound like a rushing wind filled the house where they were gathered. Flames or tongues of fire came from somewhere and rested on each person in the place. Suddenly, those 120 believers began to speak with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them the words to say. But the power that accompanied the tongues of fire, was perhaps the most extraordinary happening that day. This power gave the disciples the boldness to tell others about their risen Lord.

The key to their receiving the power of the Holy Spirit was that they believed Jesus would do what He said He would do. Because they believed, they obeyed Jesus command to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise to come. He told them He would send the Holy Spirit, and He did.

The Spirit came into an atmosphere of absolute unity. It's difficult sometimes to find even two people who are in agreement. But the 120 disciples in the Upper Room were in total agreement as they prayed. Jesus tell us in the Scripture that where two shall agree upon earth as touching anything that it shall be done (Matthew 18:19).

The fact that the disciples were in one accord does not mean that they suddenly agreed on everything issue of life. It does mean, however, that their praise was focused on Jesus Christ. And as they praised Him, He suddenly joined them in the person of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit was given to us for many reasons. But one of the most important reasons

is to energize us with the power to witness. Remember, before the day of Pentecost, many of these people were afraid to be seen in public for fear of being crucified like their Lord. But when the Holy Spirit empowered them, they spilled out of the Upper Room into the streets to tell everyone they saw the amazing story of the Risen Christ.

Another reason Jesus sent His Holy Spirit is so He might help us pray for our needs. Romans 8 says the Holy Spirit knows how to pray for things that you or I do not know how to pray for (v. 26).

With the help of the Holy Spirit, you, too, can overcome fear and timidity. You can become wise to the schemes of the evil one. And you can be confident in the fact that there is One who knows you and your needs even better than you do. He wants to pray for you sometimes, if you will only let Him. He loves you. If He didn't, He wouldn't be living inside of you. The Holy Spirit inside of you is like an aerosol can of shaving cream. It's full. It's just waiting to be released.

## Closer Look

Read John 16:7-16. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. List the various jobs He said the Holy Spirit would do. The Holy Spirit was given for more reasons than just so you can speak in other tongues. He was sent to be your Teacher, Guide, Comforter, Intercessor, and much, much more.

Read Romans 8:26. What do you think this verse means? Let the Holy Spirit pray through you and for you. He is waiting to minister to you, right now. When the Holy Spirit prays, the devil does not know what is being prayed, so he cannot hinder anything the Lord has for you.

### TIME OUT

### WORD UP

Monday: Holy Spirit, be alive in me today, and teach me how to pray.

John 16:7

Tuesday: Holy Spirit anoint me for the ministry of intercession.

Acts 10:38

Wednesday: Holy Spirit, thank You for being my Comforter and Guide.

John 14:26

Thursday: Teach me, Lord, how to pray in the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:16

Friday: Thank You, Holy Spirit, for praying

for me.

John 16:13-15

Saturday: Holy Spirit, thank You for taking  
full control of my life.

Acts 2:17, 18

## Time To

Have fun and learn.

Find the following words in the word search:

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| Hope        | Tongues  | Plead  | Prayer | One   | Thankful |
| Praise      | Sing     | Helper | Shout  | Guide | Shine    |
| Holy Spirit | Anoint   | Pray   | Power  | Ask   | Talk     |
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