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**Day 1—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Faith Fact** |
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| **Faith Verse** |
| Acts 2:4 (NLT)  And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other  languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. |
| **Foundation for Faith** |
| **Foundation 7:** The baptism in the Holy Spirit is God’s gift to us. Jesus promised a special gift—the baptism in the Holy Spirit—to everyone who believes in Him. The baptism in the Holy Spirit gives us power to live and work for God. The Holy Spirit also gives us special gifts to help the Church grow strong and healthy.  **Foundation 8:** When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we will speak in tongues. A person who is baptized in the Holy Spirit will speak in a language he or she has never learned. God may give some people a special gift of speaking in an unknown language to help the Church, but anyone who follows Jesus can be baptized in the Holy Spirit and receive His power. |

**Question of the Day: What was promised to Jesus’ followers?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read Acts 1:3–5.

When Jesus was crucified and buried, His disciples lost hope. But three days later, God raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus proved that He is the Messiah. Jesus commanded the disciples to tell the world, but first He told them to wait. God planned to give them a special gift—the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In order to fulfill their mission, the disciples needed this valuable gift.

**Question**

Is it easy for you to wait if you know you are getting a gift? Why or why not?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

Do you think it was easy for Jesus’ disciples to wait for the gift Jesus had promised? Why is that?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

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**Question**

What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen to them soon after His conversation with them?

**Answer:** He said they would be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**Question**

Why do you think Jesus told His disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they were baptized in the Holy Spirit?

**Answer:** They would need the power of the baptism in the Holy Spirit to share the good news about Jesus with the world. Additional answers may be given. Answers will vary.

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? How did it happen?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

How important do you think the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for you to share your faith in Jesus with others?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, thank You for promising to send Your Holy Spirit to help me share about Jesus with other people. Amen.

**Day 2—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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**Question of the Day: When were believers first baptized in the Holy Spirit?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read Acts 2:1–4.

The disciples didn’t know what to expect when the Holy Spirit first cam. But they spent days in prayer eagerly anticipating this gift from God. On the Jewish holiday of the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit moved in a special way—with the sound of a mighty wind, flames of fire, and the disciples suddenly speaking in languages they had never learned.

**Question**

How did Jesus’ disciples know the Holy Spirit was doing something special?

**Answer:** There was a sound like mighty wind, flames of fire, and they received the ability to speak in tongues.

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In the New Testament, people speaking in tongues continued to happen when they received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. God continues to cause that to happen today when people are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**Question**

What does it mean to “speak in tongues”?

**Answer:** It means to speak in a language that you have never learned.

**Question**

How can Jesus’ followers today be confident that they have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

**Answer:** They will speak in tongues, which are languages they don’t know, as God provides.

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**Question**

Have you ever spoken in tongues? Describe the experience.

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

How can speaking in tongues help believers?

**Answer:** It shows believers that they have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, thank You for the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I also thank You that I can know when I’ve received that gift because I speak in tongues. Amen.

**Day 3—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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**Question of the Day: Why is being filled with the Holy Spirit important?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

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Read Acts 1:8; 2:38–39.

Before the disciples received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, Jesus had said that they would also receive power to be His witnesses. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples share the good news about Jesus with many people. But Jesus’ promise was not limited to the first disciples. Peter said the promise extended to all believers everywhere and in every generation. No matter where you live or how young or old you are, the promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for you.

**Question**

What did the disciples receive with the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

**Answer:** They received power to be Jesus’ witnesses.

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**Question**

Who is the promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit for?

**Answer:** All followers of Jesus

**Question**

What did Jesus say the power received from the Holy Spirit would help His followers do?

**Answer:** Be a witness for Jesus by telling others about Him

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

Why should a Christian want to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?

**Answer:** The Holy Spirit provides power to share the gospel with others and a closer relationship with the Lord. Answers will vary.

**Question**

How has the baptism in the Holy Spirit affected your life or how could it?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, thank You for giving me the power to be Jesus’ witness. Help me to use what You have given me to make a difference in others’ lives this week. Amen.