

Power of the Holy Spirit- April 25

Parents: In the book of Acts we read that the disciples received power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses. The word, witness, describes both a person and action. The disciples saw the amazing work of Jesus and were sent out to talk about it. Like the early followers, we are powered by the Holy Spirit to take in God's Word, observe how Jesus works in our lives, and spread the news to others.



Read: Acts 1:6-11

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Discuss: What would the disciples receive when the Holy Spirit came on them? *Power.* What would they do with that power? *Be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

What did Jesus mean by witnesses? *The word describes both a person and an action—someone who sees something and then talks about what they've seen.*

How can we be witnesses? *We can learn about Jesus, see how Jesus works in our lives, and spread the news with others.*

After Jesus said that the disciples would be his witnesses, what happened? *Jesus was taken up to heaven.*

The disciples spoke to Jesus face to face. Do we miss out on talking with Jesus since He was taken to heaven? *No. We get to read the Bible, God's Word. He speaks to us through it. We also get to pray. Jesus hears our prayers and answers them in His special way.*

Key Point: Spread God's Word

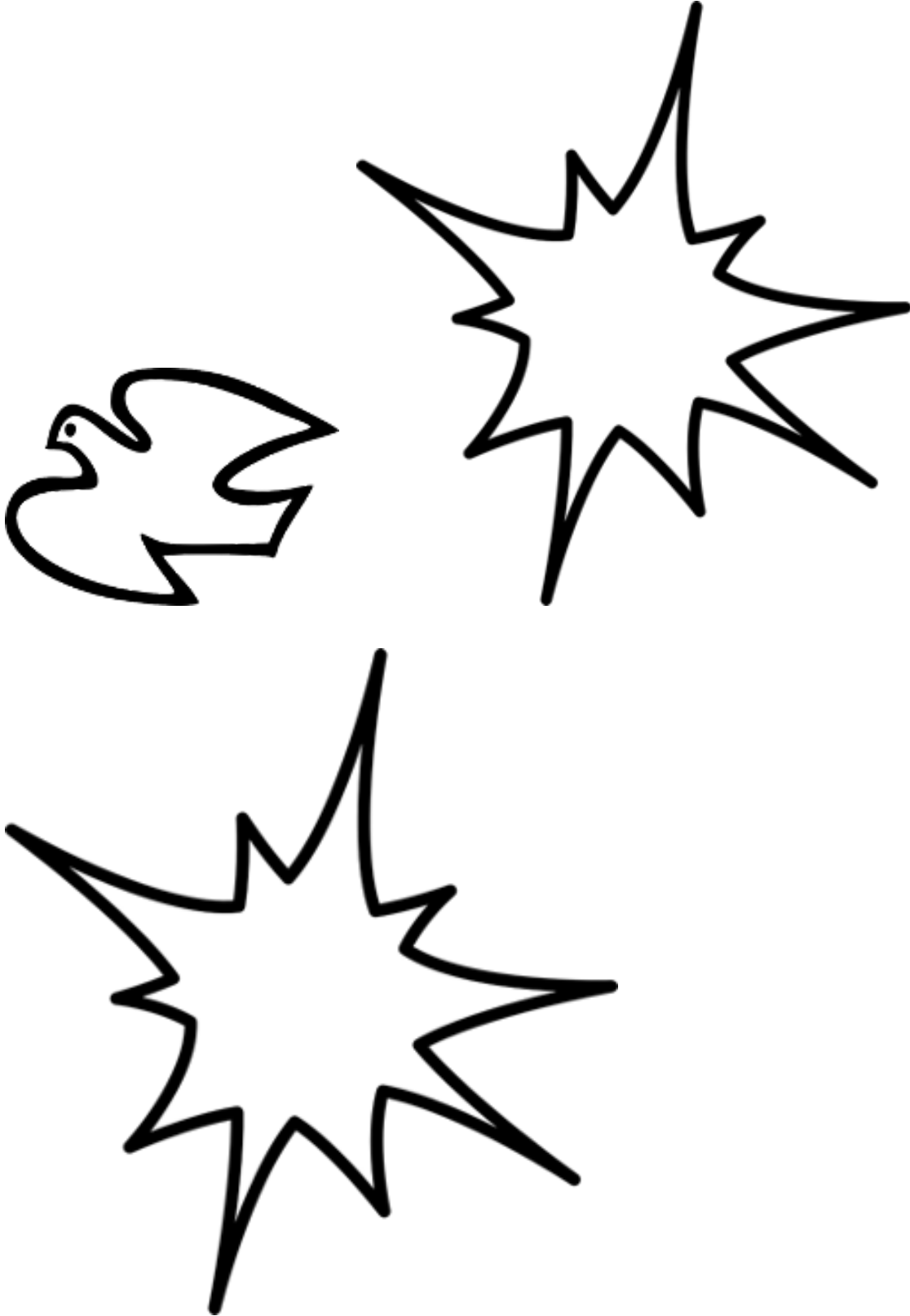
Spread (Bump two fists together and open hands wide and extend out)

God's Word (Point finger to middle of opposite palm, place both palms together and pretend to open a book)

Family Activity: To remember that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to spread God's Word, let's make an art project. Use the templates found in the lesson below to cut out shapes and make a design utilizing construction paper or materials you have on hand. Explain the dove represents the Holy Spirit. That comes from Luke 3:22 when Jesus was baptized and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for Your Holy Word. You have given us a job to share it. Help us read our Bibles each day and by the power of the Holy Spirit share Your truth with others. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Acts 1: 8a - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses..."



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and you will be my witnesses...” Acts 1:8a**