

Lesson #3-35*God Sends the Holy Spirit*

Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26]

**Key Verse:**

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir,
through God.

Galatians 4:7

The Point:

We are all made children of God through the Holy Spirit.

Unit Theme (April 4—May 23)

Birth of the Church

News Reviews

Summarize the events of the early church.

Supplies:

- † Bibles
- † Optional: costumes, microphones, a news desk, video recorder

Instructions:

1. **A lot has happened since the resurrection! Today we are going to create a news broadcast tying together the different events in this unit: the resurrection, the road to Emmaus, conflict in the church, and Pentecost.**
2. Divide into small groups (if appropriate), and give each group a Bible passage: Luke 24:1-35 (Jesus, Risen and Revealed); Acts 6:1-7a, 44-60 (Community and Condemnation); Acts 8:26-39 (Philip Baptizes the Ethiopian); Acts 15:1-18 (The First Church Council); Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21 (Saved by Faith); Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 (A Church Divided); [Optional: Today's Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 (God Sends the Holy Spirit)].
3. **These are the stories that we have covered in this unit. Take some time to review your story. Refresh your memory of the characters and details. When are ready to report on your story, we will create a news broadcast to report each story in order.**
4. When everyone has researched and prepared their story, choose a couple of participants to play the news broadcasters, and have them "throw" the story from one event to the next.
5. Optional: Film or recreate the broadcast for presentation during an upcoming worship service.