

Week 1: God Sends the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

Read:

Acts 2

You have likely either played on a team or watched a sporting event at some point in your life. If so, you know the term “MVP” refers to the most valuable player of that game, the one who lead the team and provided support to the players, ultimately making everyone better and hopefully leading the team to victory. Not everyone has had a chance to be the MVP of the game, but we have all had a MVP on our team, whether you realize it or not.

The MVP on our team is the Holy Spirit, the special helper that God gave believers to give them strength and courage to share his love and to help us in our day-to-day lives as we try to seek God’s best and make the right choices. The Holy Spirit guides and supports us, strengthening our “team” of believers and ultimately leading us to victory.

Acts 2 recounts the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was given to God’s people. The Spirit came down from heaven in a great cloud of fire to the believers present, symbolizing that the presence of God was now available to all believers. Because of this, everyone began speaking different languages as a way for the Holy Spirit to display his power. Through Pentecost, the Holy Spirit united the believers as they experienced his power together.

With the Holy Spirit living inside of them, several of the apostles were able to show God’s power through their ministry to thousands of new believers. Because the Holy Spirit was on their team guiding and supporting them, they were able to do more than they ever imagined for the glory of God. With Him on our team, we are given the strength to do amazing things.

Questions to think about:

1. What are some attributes that you would use to describe the Holy Spirit? What role does the Spirit play in your life? How aware are you of the Spirit in your day-to-day life?
2. What is a time that the Holy Spirit has guided you or helped you?
3. What is a situation in your life right now which you need God’s power through the Holy Spirit to accomplish?