

# WEEK 1: GOD SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT

## ACTS

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

### **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 side, we are **given** the strength to do amazing things.

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### **Questions to think about:**

1. Who is the Holy Spirit and what is His role in your life?
2. How have you been guided or supported by the Holy Spirit?

3. What is something in which you need God's strength through the Holy Spirit to accomplish?