



May 28, 2023, Pentecost: Nothing Can Separate Us

Acts 2:1-4, Romans 8:18-39

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy Spirit, give us tongues to proclaim your love to all peoples, and power to work for justice in all the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:4)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

God's Holy Spirit allowed those present at Pentecost the ability to receive God's message in their native language. It was a powerful moment of unity for a world sorely divided.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- In light of God's promises, how do you make sense of the times in life when God's presence seems terribly far away? How do you make sense of evil?
- How do others know you are a child of God?
- For the littles: Have you ever seen a glowing campfire, a roaring fireplace, or a lit candle? What did it look like? Was it hot? God's Holy Spirit is like the fire you saw—hot and alive!



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God's Holy Spirit burn within you. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

In honor of Pentecost, light a fire (safely, in a fireplace or outdoor fire pit). As the wood burns, consider how God's Holy Spirit is like the fire. How can you use the image to shape your behaviors this week as someone who can never be separated from God's love?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Romans 8:18-39, *Pentecost*

Tuesday, Romans 14:1-12, *Do Not Judge Another*

Wednesday, Romans 14:13-23, *Do Not Make Another Stumble*

Thursday, Romans 15:1-13, *Gospel for All*

Friday, Romans 15:14-21, *Paul's Reason for Writing So Boldly*

Saturday, Romans 15:22-33, *Paul's Plan to Visit Rome*