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▶ WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?

Acts 2:1-41

The Holy Spirit is for all believers - even kids!

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Hannah wiped sweat from her face. If only a cool breeze would pass through the streets of Jerusalem. She waited for Zipporah to fill the water jar.

Both girls were servants, and their job today was to take water from the well to the believers who were praying.

Zipporah's family had moved to Jerusalem from far away. She spoke a different language than Hannah. They could not understand each other's words, so Hannah hummed and Zipporah hummed along, too. Then Hannah sang, "Wait, God's gift is coming. His gift is coming soon."

Ten days had passed since Jesus had gone back to heaven. "Wait for God's gift," Jesus had said. Since then, many of Jesus' friends had been waiting and praying in the room upstairs.

It's hard to wait for something great, thought Hannah as she and Zipporah carried water jugs into the room.

Whoooooosh! A sound filled the house.

"What is it?" she cried. At that moment Hannah felt something strange and new. "God," she asked, "is this Your gift? Did the wind bring Your gift?"

Just then Timothy peeked into the room, and his mouth dropped open. Hannah turned to see what he was looking at. Flames of fire seemed to sit on every believer's head. It wasn't scary at all. The believers' eyes shone with joy as they spoke new languages.

Then Timothy pointed to Hannah's head! Hannah looked up and saw a flame over her head, too. I see fire, but I don't feel it. I do feel something inside me, though—something joyful.

"God's gift," Hannah told Zipporah. Zipporah grinned with joy. Hannah said, "Thank You, God, for Your gift." Zipporah clapped her hands and praised God. Hannah understood her. Zipporah spoke in Hannah's language.

And then, at that exact moment, Hannah began to speak words that sounded strange to her. But surprise! Zipporah could understand Hannah! "God's gift!" they said together, each in her own language.

Late in the day, when everyone had gone home, Hannah waved goodbye to Zipporah. They still couldn't



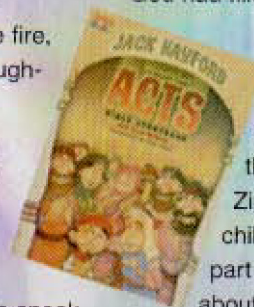
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for Kids

speak each other's language, but they knew they had shared a miracle. They knew that God had filled everyone with His Spirit.

The good news of Jesus was just beginning. The wind of the Holy Spirit would soon spread God's love all around the world. Best of all Hannah, Zipporah, Timothy, and all the children of the world would have a part in telling others the good news about God's love.



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