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The Day of Pentecost

A decorative illustration featuring two clusters of balloons on either side of the title. Each cluster has three balloons of different shades (light, medium, and dark) tied together with a streamer that curls and loops across the bottom of the title area.

The day of Pentecost is a very special day to us as Christians. It was on this day, many years ago, that the Christian Church began.

Just before Jesus Christ ascended (went up) into heaven, he prepared his apostles for the day of Pentecost. In Acts 1:4 Jesus told the twelve NOT to depart (leave) from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father.

The apostles obeyed Jesus' instructions. They remained in Jerusalem. While they were in the city, they went to the temple every day to pray. When they prayed, they would sit quietly on the floor with their legs crossed in front of them. The reason Jesus told the apostles to wait for the promise of the Father (which is the gift of holy spirit) is because it was not yet available. No one, except God, knew just WHEN this gift would be given.

Acts 2:1 tells us that when the day of Pentecost arrived, the twelve apostles were all together in one place. We know from Luke 24 that they were together IN THE TEMPLE.

Acts 2:2 says, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house (the Temple) where they were sitting. The word "heaven" in the Bible always means any place above the earth.

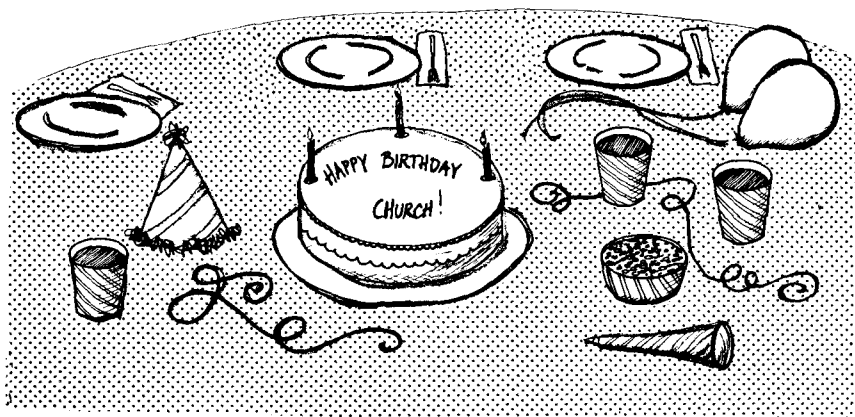
Jesus Christ had instructed his apostles in John 20:22 that when the gift of holy spirit was given, they were to breathe in to receive it. The apostles breathed in and it was the sound of their breathing that sounded like a rushing, mighty wind. To get an idea of what this sounded like, you can go into an empty, quiet room. Sit very quietly on the floor. Breathe in and out very deeply. Can you hear the sound of your breathing? It is easy to see how the breathing of the twelve men could sound like wind.

Acts 2:3 tells us, "And there appeared unto them (the twelve apostles) cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them" Cloven means split. This verse says these cloven (split) tongues were LIKE fire, but they were not really fire. When the Word says the cloven tongues "sat," it means the gift was completely given. There was no more to give.

Jesus Christ had told the twelve apostles about the gift of holy spirit from God. However, the appearing of the cloven tongues is even MORE than what God had promised! Whenever God does even MORE than what He promises in His Word, it is called "phenomenon." The appearing of the cloven tongues is the phenomenon of Pentecost.

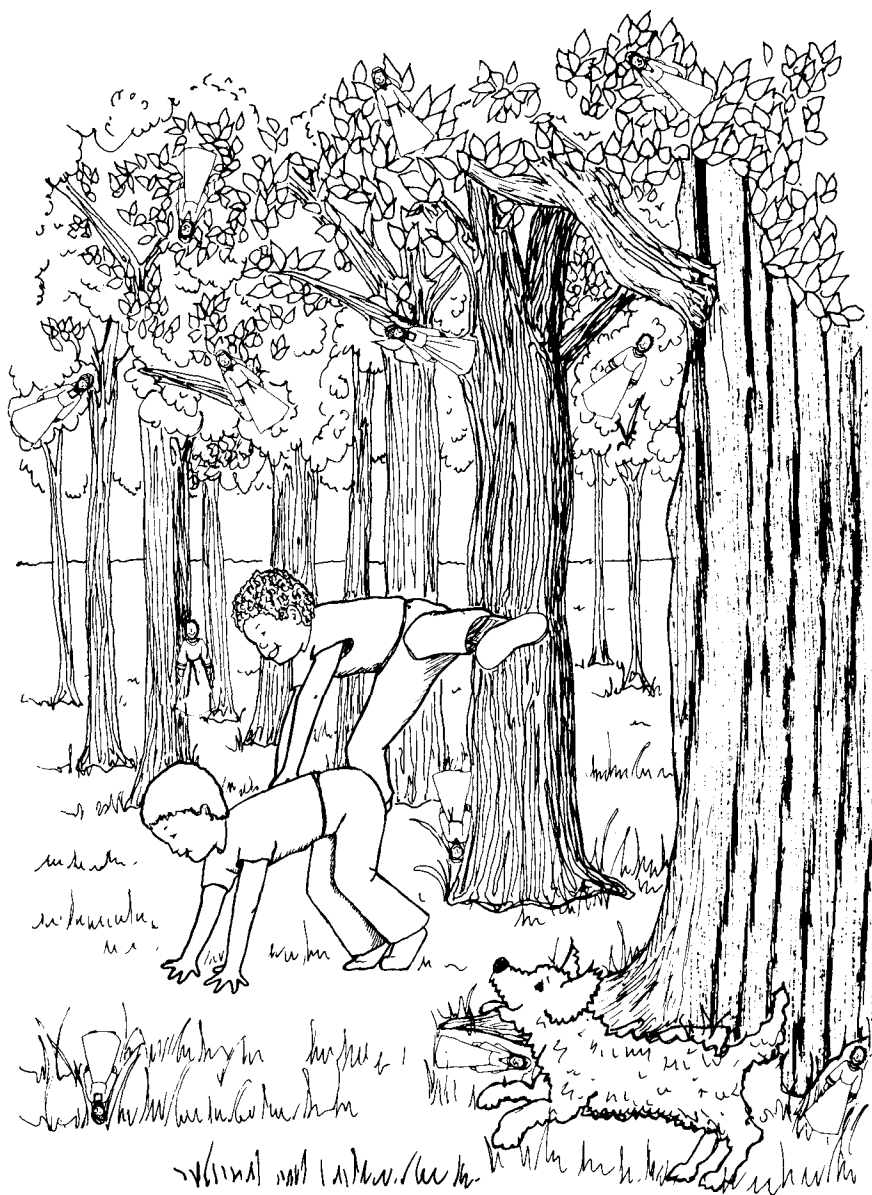
In Acts 2:4 it says, "And they (the twelve apostles) were all filled with the Holy Ghost (the gift of holy spirit) and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit (God) gave them utterance (speech). All twelve apostles spoke in tongues when they received the gift of holy spirit. When WE confess Romans 10:9,10, WE are born again and receive the gift of holy spirit, just as the apostles did! WE can speak in tongues, which is perfect prayer and praise to God.

The gift of holy spirit was FIRST given to the twelve apostles on the day of Pentecost and it has been available ever since! We celebrate Pentecost because it was on that day, so many years ago, that the gift of holy spirit was given for the first time!



Where are they?

On the day of Pentecost the twelve apostles spoke in tongues for the first time. Somewhere in the picture are hidden the twelve apostles. See if you can find them all!

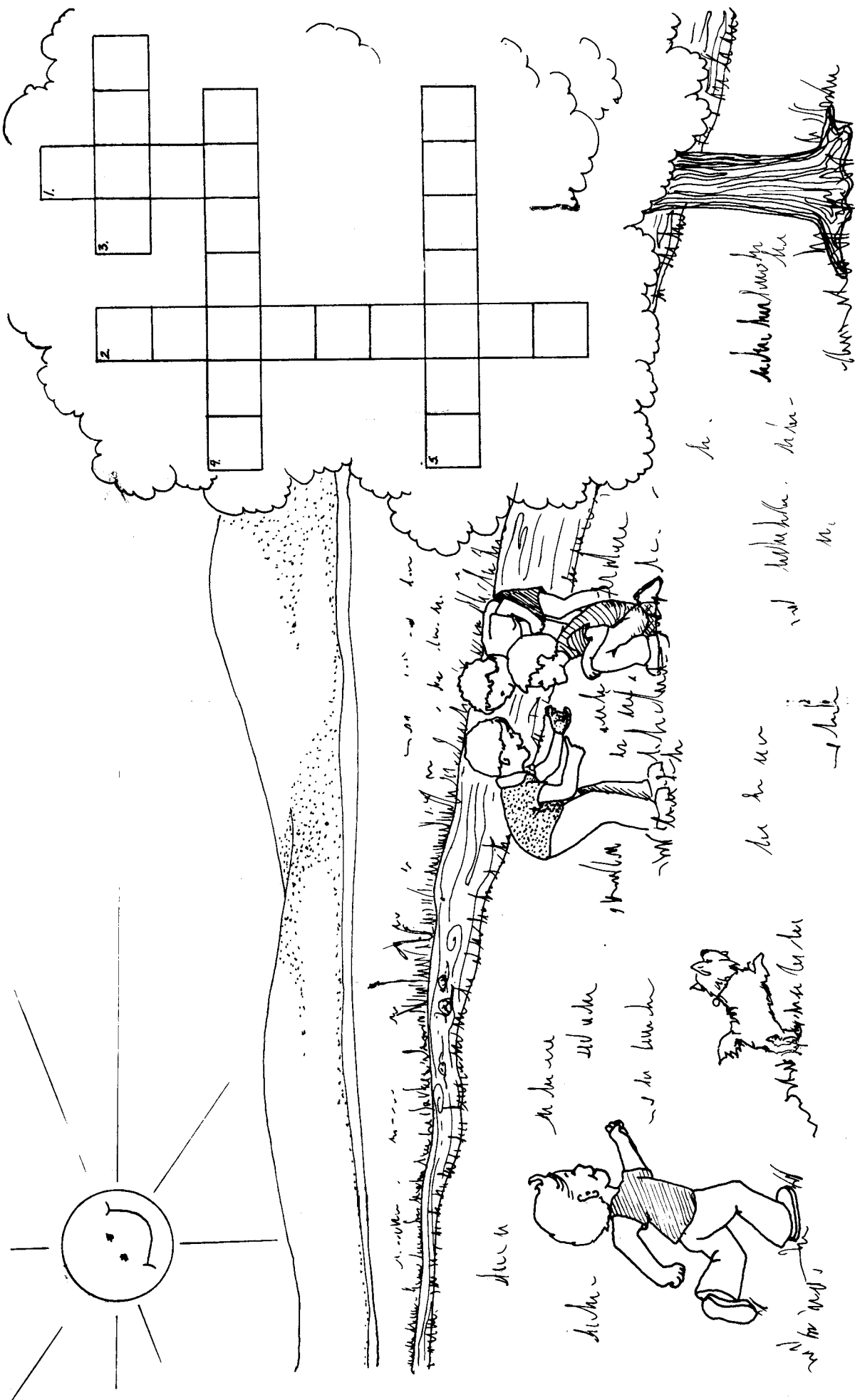




PENTECOST REVIEW



1. In Acts 1:4 Jesus told the twelve NOT to _____ from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father.
 - a. come (arrive)
 - b. depart (leave)
 - c. stay (remain)
2. Jesus Christ had instructed his apostles in John 20:22 that when the gift of holy spirit was given, they were to _____ to receive it.
 - a. breathe out
 - b. go away
 - c. breathe in
3. Whenever God does even _____ what He promises in His Word, it is called "phenomenon."
 - a. MORE than
 - b. LESS than
 - c. EQUAL to
4. The appearing of the cloven tongues is the _____ of Pentecost.
 - a. treat
 - b. phenomenon
 - c. surprise
5. We celebrate Pentecost because it was on that day, so many years ago, that the gift of holy spirit was given for the _____ time.
 - a. first
 - b. second
 - c. only



ACROSS:

- When WE confess Romans 10:9 and 10, WE are born again and receive the gift of _____ spirit, just as the apostles did!
- All twelve apostles spoke in _____ when they received the gift of holy spirit.
- In Acts 1:4 Jesus told the twelve NOT to depart (leave) from Jerusalem, but to wait for the _____ of the Father.

DOWN:

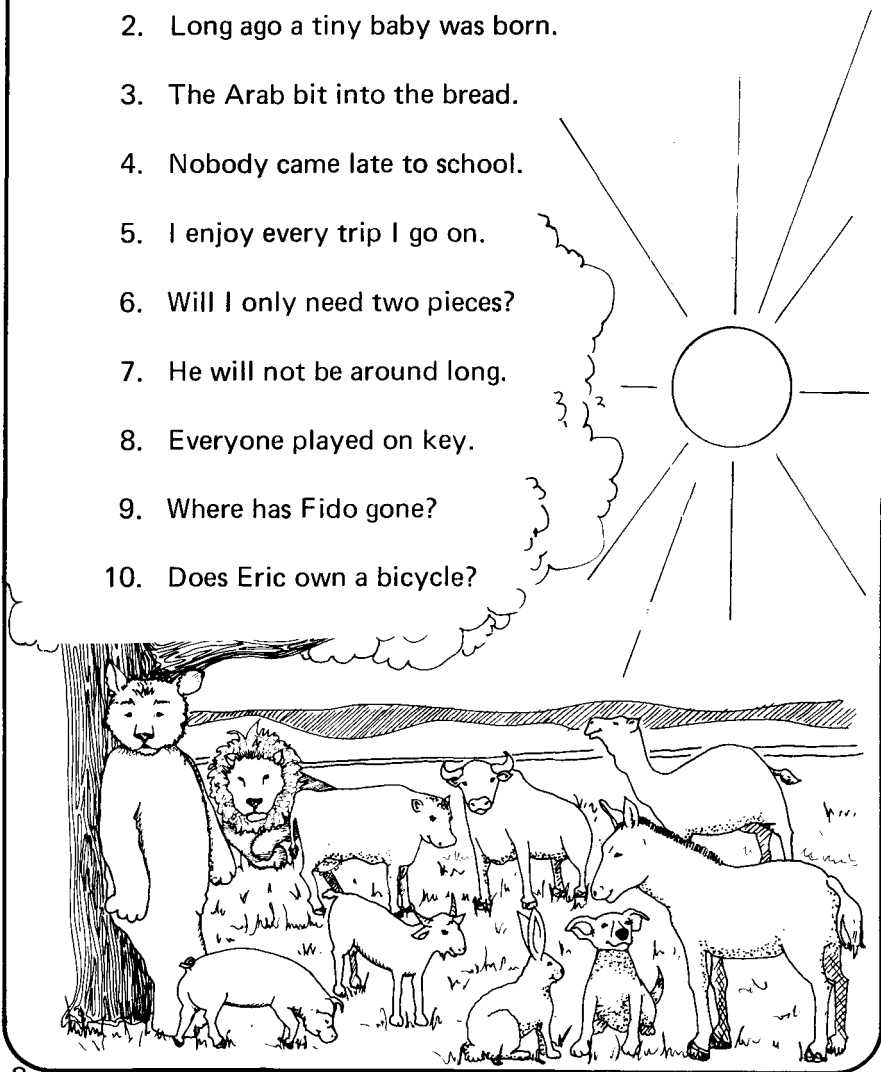
- Whenever God does even _____ than what He promises in His Word, it is called "phenomenon."
- The gift of holy spirit was FIRST given to the twelve apostles on the day of _____ and it has been available ever since!

Bible Animals

We can read about many people in the Bible. We can also read about animals in God's Word. See if you can find the name of the animal hidden in each sentence below. Once you have found it, put a circle around it with your pencil.

EXAMPLE: We do very well in school.

1. The box ended up being taken to Mary's house.
2. Long ago a tiny baby was born.
3. The Arab bit into the bread.
4. Nobody came late to school.
5. I enjoy every trip I go on.
6. Will I only need two pieces?
7. He will not be around long.
8. Everyone played on key.
9. Where has Fido gone?
10. Does Eric own a bicycle?



Travelin' Down the Pentecost Trail

Find the path that tells, IN THE CORRECT ORDER, what happened on the day of Pentecost. Check your answer at the bottom of the page.

**PATH NUMBER 1
START**

**PATH NUMBER 2
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the apostles
were together
in one place

the apostles
received the
gift of holy
spirit and
spoke in tongues

they breathed
in to receive
the gift of
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FINISH

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ANSWERS:

page 5: 1. b, 2. c, 3. a, 4. b, 5. a
page 6: ACROSS: 3. holy 4. tongues 5. promise
page 7: DOWN: 1. MORE 2. Pentecost
page 8: 1. ox, 2. goat, 3. rabbit, 4. camel, 5. pig, 6. lion, 7. bear,
8. donkey, 9. dog, 10. cow
page 9: path number 1 is the correct path

Retain in Your Memory

Acts 2:1:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts 2:2:

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3:

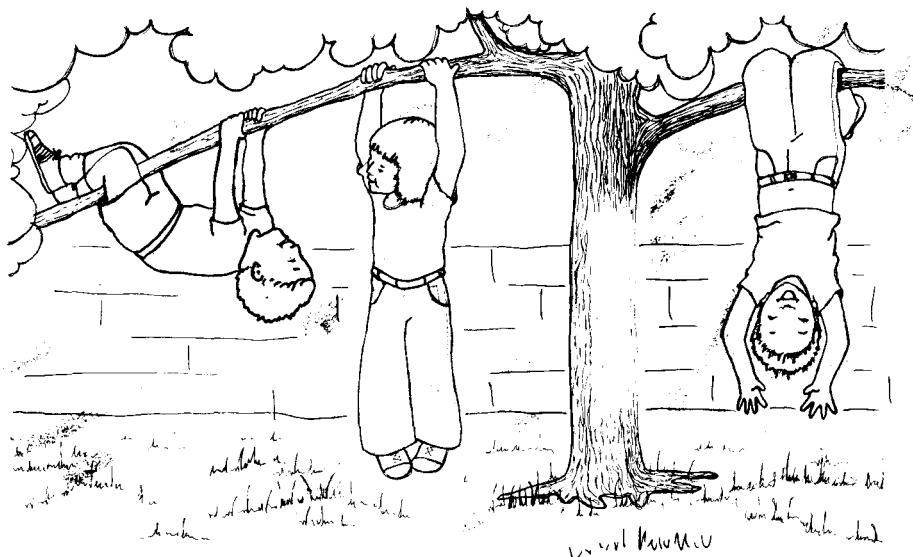
And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:4:

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

I Corinthians 14:5a:

I would that ye all spake with tongues. . . .

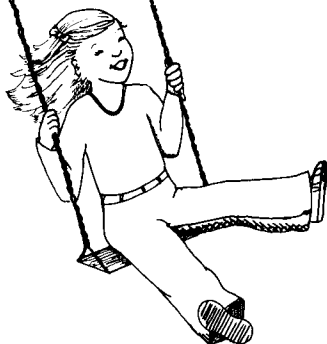


Heart Sharing

When I think of Christ
Who died for you and me,
My heart is filled with love.

When I think of Christ
Who rose in victory for you and me,
My heart is filled with joy.

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This "Heart Sharing" page is for *you*—the children in God's family! Each month this page will be set aside for you to share your heart with the other believers who read this magazine. How has God blessed your life lately? What have you learned from God's Word? What has been happening in your family? In your Twig? How have you been helping others?

Share your heart in whatever way you would like—a card, letter, poem. Write to:

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Pentecost Song

Jesus spake to his apostles,
"Behold, I send the promise of the Father, by and by.
Go tarry in the city of Jerusalem
Until ye be endued with power from on high."

And when Christ was ascended,
The eleven went to Jerusalem with joy and one accord,
For eight days praising and blessing God,
Continually sitting in the house of the Lord.

And, oh, God, how we love you . . .
Loving everything you do, you do, you do.
Oh, God, how we love you!

Pentecost was fully come now,
The twelve were in the temple and their prayers of
joy they raised.
Then they received God's gift, becoming sons of God
with power.
They spoke in tongues to prove it and the people
were amazed.

God our Father has blessed us
As we declare His Word in everything we do and say;
With power to move mountains and cast them to the sea
God's gift of holy spirit is available today.

Praying, oh, God, how we love you . . .
Love in everything you do, you do, you do.
Oh, God, how we love you!

