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The Gift from Him: God in Christ in You



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Have you ever looked forward to receiving a gift from someone? If you knew you were going to receive a gift on your birthday, you would be excited about receiving it, wouldn't you? You might even count the days until your birthday, knowing that when your birthday arrived you would receive this gift.

Although birthday gifts are fun, there is a gift God gave about two thousand years ago which is the GREATEST gift that has ever been given to anyone. This wonderful gift was first given on Pentecost. This gift is spiritual seed, called holy spirit, and it is still available today.

In Luke 24:49 Jesus instructed his apostles concerning this gift. Ten days before the day of Pentecost, Jesus told them that he was going to send the promise of the Father. Jesus also told the apostles to wait in the city of Jerusalem until they received this gift which Jesus also called "power from on high," meaning power from God.

Acts 2:1 tells us:

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

"One accord" means for the same purpose. The apostles were in the Temple at this time because it was an hour of prayer. The "one place" was the Temple.

Acts 2:2:

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

"Heaven" is any place above the ground. The words "rushing mighty wind" could also be called "heavy breathing." The Temple was also called the house of prayer. So this verse tells us that suddenly there came a sound from above the ground that was like heavy breathing. This heavy breathing was the sound of the apostles breathing.

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."

The word "cloven" means split or divided. Seeing "cloven tongues like as of fire" was a special sign provided by God especially for the apostles. God did not promise beforehand that He would do this. Whenever God does more than what He promises in His Word, it is called "phenomenon."

Acts 2:4 tells us, "And they [the twelve apostles] were all filled with the Holy Ghost [holy spirit], and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

This verse says that the twelve apostles were "filled with the Holy Ghost," which means they received the gift of holy spirit from God. When they received this gift, the first thing they did was speak in tongues.

This gift of holy spirit is the greatest gift ever given. It is available to you and me when we simply confess Jesus as lord and believe God raised him from the dead (Romans 10:9 and 10). This gift is "God in Christ in you." With this gift you have the ability to be more than a conqueror. You have the ability to do things Jesus Christ did. The born-again child of God also has the ability to speak in tongues. And you can teach others how to be born again, too!



And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
Luke 24:49

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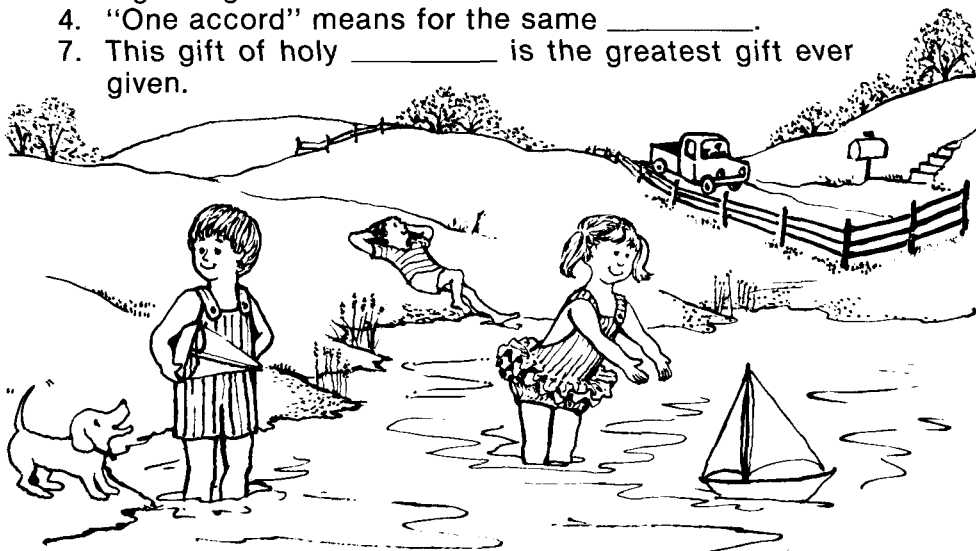
The sentences from this month's crossword come right from pages two and three. If you get stuck, find the sentence on page two or three and complete the crossword.

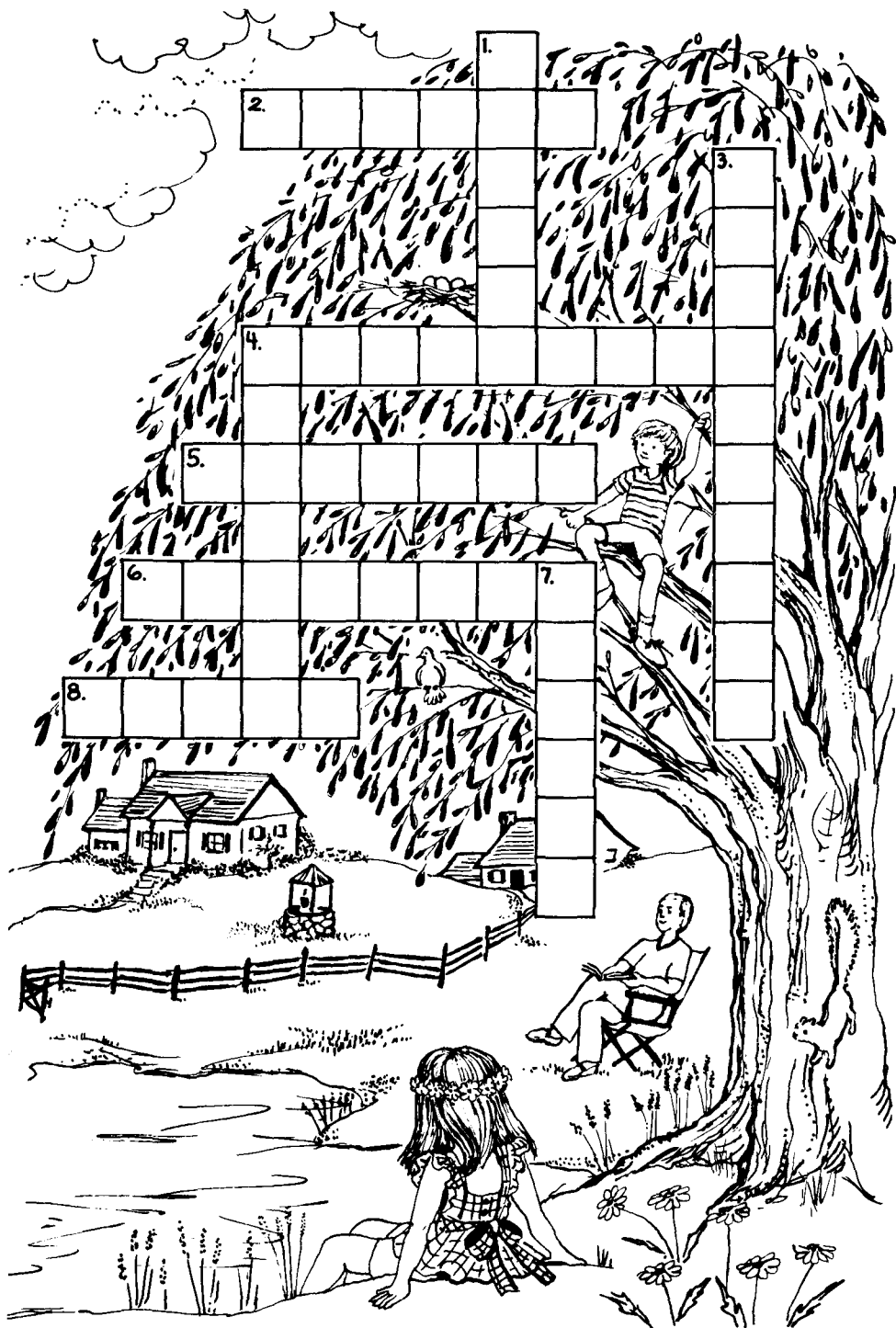
ACROSS:

2. The word "_____" means split or divided.
4. This wonderful gift was first given on _____.
5. Ten days before the day of Pentecost, Jesus told them that he was going to send the _____ of the Father.
6. This heavy breathing was the sound of the _____ breathing.
8. Jesus also told the apostles to wait in the city of Jerusalem until they received this gift which Jesus also called "_____ from on high," meaning power from God.

DOWN:

1. The "one place" was the _____.
3. In Luke 24:49 Jesus _____ his apostles concerning this gift.
4. "One accord" means for the same _____.
7. This gift of holy _____ is the greatest gift ever given.







Acts 2:3 and 4:

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

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

Crazy Word Fun

The letters in the words below are crazy! They are all mixed up! Unscramble the letters. Then, draw a line to the picture of it.



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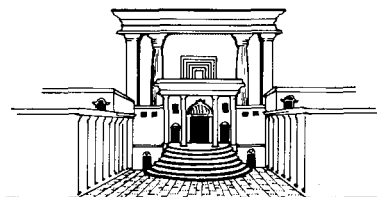
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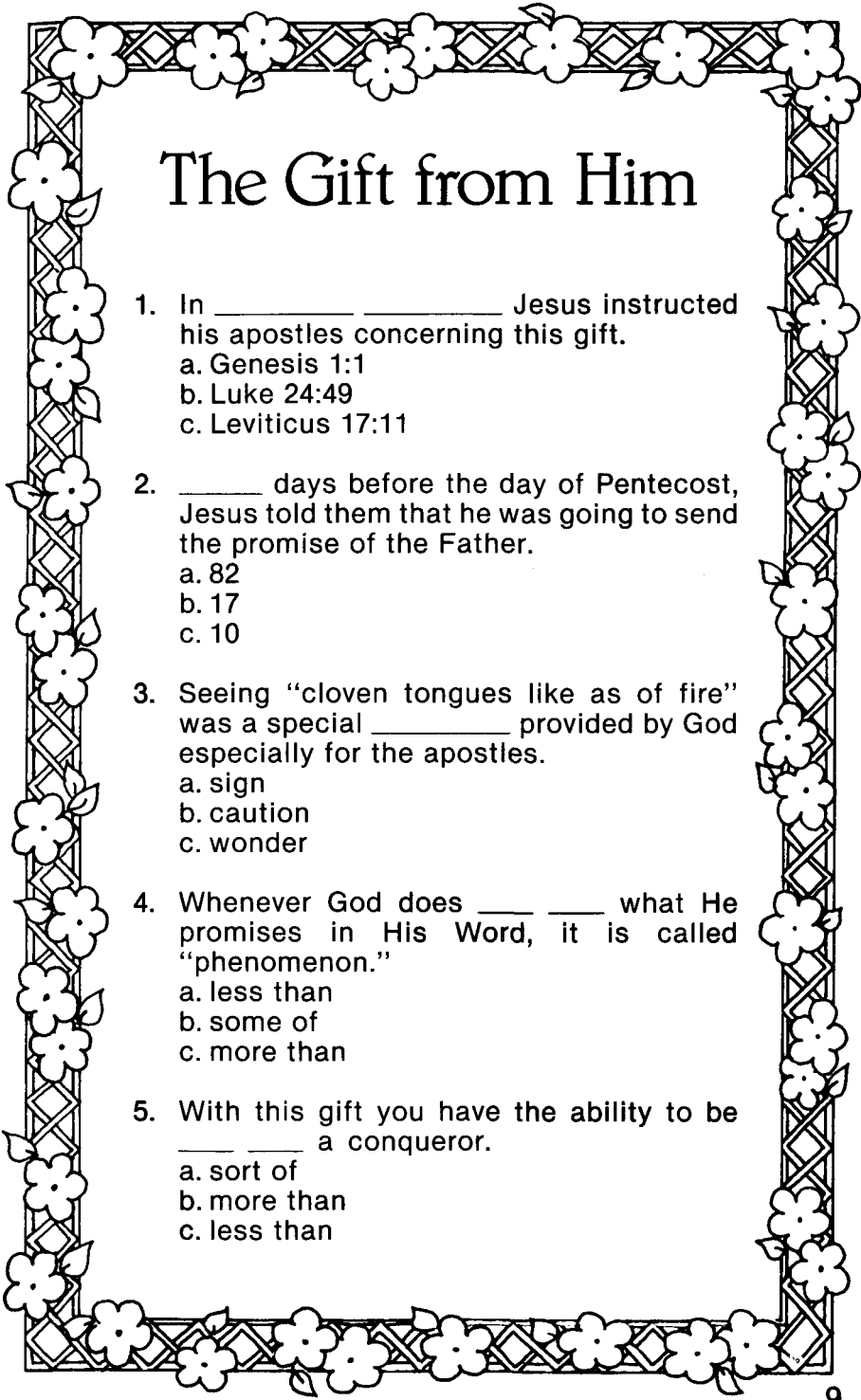
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The Gift from Him

1. In _____ Jesus instructed his apostles concerning this gift.
 - a. Genesis 1:1
 - b. Luke 24:49
 - c. Leviticus 17:11
2. _____ days before the day of Pentecost, Jesus told them that he was going to send the promise of the Father.
 - a. 82
 - b. 17
 - c. 10
3. Seeing "cloven tongues like as of fire" was a special _____ provided by God especially for the apostles.
 - a. sign
 - b. caution
 - c. wonder
4. Whenever God does _____ what He promises in His Word, it is called "phenomenon."
 - a. less than
 - b. some of
 - c. more than
5. With this gift you have the ability to be _____ a conqueror.
 - a. sort of
 - b. more than
 - c. less than

Retemories

Acts 2:1:

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Acts 2:4:

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Colossians 1:27b:

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Mother's Day — May 9th



She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

Proverbs 31:27 and 28



If I Were There on Pentecost

If I were there on Pentecost
So many years ago,
How wonderful it would have been
To see the first men born again.
If I were there on Pentecost
When Peter spoke the Word,
I would have been there in the crowd
With all of those that heard.

CHORUS:

God sent down the Comforter
Just for you and me.
We get power from on high
The moment we believe.

I wonder if I would have wondered
What was going on,
And pushed my way up through the crowd
When Peter spoke so clear and loud.
And when he told them to believe
And start their lives anew,
And about 3,000 got born again,
I would have done it too.

CHORUS

Now since the day of Pentecost
We can be born again.
And we can speak the Word all day
And help each other on the way.
And if we teach like Peter did,
And if we move like Paul,
We'll get the Word around the world.
It won't take long at all.

CHORUS

Heart Sharing

Dear Heart,

Today I learned what Peter lost on the day of Pentecost. He lost fear. We also learned about Romans 10:9, & that we can be saved.

Kim Basso
age 11



ANSWERS:
page 4:
ACROSS:
2. cloven
4. Pentecost
5. promise
6. apostles
8. power

DOWN:
1. Temple
3. instructed
4. purpose
7. spirit

page 8:
Temple
Jesus Christ
Bible
apostles
cloven tongues
city of Jerusalem

page 9:
1. b, 2. c, 3. a,
4. c, 5. b