

## **Scripture: Acts 2:1-21**

**Wonder:** In the story that is shared with us in the book of Acts, we hear how the church itself began. We often speak about the church as being where 2 or 3 are gathered—but here lots of people were gathered and there was much confusion! The thing that is really essential to being church and people of faith is God showing up with us—and that is what happens this day. The Holy Spirit comes to the people—not just for that day, but forever. And the Holy Spirit doesn't come in silently that day, but brings all the drama in wind, flames, and inspiring proclamation in many languages. It was a sight to be seen! And because of that, we exist as God's people in the world—the church! The Holy Spirit isn't always so dramatic today—but the Holy Spirit *is* always with us.

**Activity:** The Holy Spirit is what makes the puzzle that is the church work. It is God's presence with us that brings all of us as God's children together and leads us in God's way. The sheet below has a do it yourself puzzle to color and cut from *Crafting the Word of God*.

