

# Speaking of “Speaking in Tongues” (7/20/25)

**Verses:** Acts 2:1-13

**Main Verse:** Acts 2:4

**'Takeaway':** When the first Christians spoke in different languages by the power of the Spirit, God was revealing how nothing can stop his desire to reach all people with the Good News about Jesus.



**Getting Started:** Have you ever been in a situation where the people you were with communicated with each other in a language you didn't understand?

**READ:** Acts 2:1-13 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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- When the followers of Jesus received the Holy Spirit, they were able to speak in other languages (tongues) so that those from far away would know that God was at work in a special way, and that they should listen to these disciples. Any gift we are given (tongues in this passage) is given for God's glory and for his plan and purpose alone.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's Word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, and thank him for the Holy Spirit who teaches us about him, as well as giving us gifts to help us communicate his love to those around us. Ask God to give you a heart that loves him above all things, and a heart that loves God's people.

(Elementary) Talk to God and thank him for the Holy Spirit who teaches us about him and empowers us to live for him. Ask God to give you a heart that loves him above all things, a heart that loves God's people as he does. While the gift of tongues is not an everyday blessing for God's people today, thank him that through faith in Jesus, our words can still be powered by God's powerful Spirit.