RS May 2018 Acts 2, “We are the Church” revised

[Narrator] Waiting is never fun. It isn't today, and it wasn't 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem where the disciples are waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Do you remember in our story last time that Jesus told his disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit? Well, in our story today we see what happened when they got what they were waiting for. Our story takes place in Jerusalem, where there is a big festival called Pentecost going on. In our story are several disciples, including Peter. There is also a big wind, and some confused but very happy people.

[Scene] Disciples are gathered together.

[Disciple #1] Hey Peter, I’m tired of waiting for the Spirit.

[Disciple #2] Me too!

[Disciple #3] Yeah, me three. how much longer are we going to have to wait?

[Peter] I know that we were all fired up to go and tell people about Jesus. But he said to wait. That the Holy Spirit would get here and show us what to do, and how to do it.

[Sound of the wind and flames of fire came over them]

[Disciple #1] That better not be the Holy Spirit!

[Disciple #2] Yeah, it better not be the Spirit! If we go into the streets now and try and tell people about Jesus, they will not understand because we don’t speak their languages.

[Peter] Well, it is the Holy Spirit and it’s telling us to go and tell everyone about Jesus and how much he loves them.

[Scene] Disciples grumble but agree and they head out toward the crowd, telling them that Jesus and God love them.

[narrator] Then something amazing happened. As they started telling people about Jesus everyone could understand them, even if they spoke a different language.

[Disciple #1] Hey, these guys from Egypt understood me!

[Disciple #2] And these guys from Rome understood me!

[Disciple #3] Yeah, and the people from Ethiopia understood me!

[Scene] Peter holds up hands and asks for quiet.

[Peter] This is the Holy Spirit that has been prophesied. It is here to help all of you, in every language, know about how much Jesus loves you!

[Narrator] Yes, that day was amazing. That day, that we call Pentecost, was the day that the Church began. That was the day that we learned that the Church wasn't for just a few people, but for everyone. Pentecost is the day when we celebrate the fact that we are all the Church and that we can tell and show all the people around us just how much God loves and cares for all of us. Yes, we are all the Church and that was sure worth waiting for.