

### Persevering for the Promise

I trust that all of you had a Happy Mother's Day. We are rapidly moving towards Pentecost Sunday which commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on believers over 2000 years ago. This year we celebrate this major event on the Christian calendar on 31 May.

Thank God for the ministry of the Holy Spirit who leads and guides us into all truth and shows us things to come. John 16:13.

We want our children to embrace and understand the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The Holy Spirit will enable them to realize their full potential and accomplish things beyond their imagination.

This week we address the process the disciples went through as they waited for God, the Holy Spirit to come. It was not an easy process. Before Jesus ascended back to the Father, He told His followers to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit.

There was just one problem. Jesus did not tell the disciples how long they would have to wait. Waiting is frustrating. What do we do when we have to wait for a promise with no set time frame?

The point of our lesson this week is to help our children understand that waiting is a normal and natural part of life. We want them to know that there is purpose in waiting. God uses delays to strengthen our faith in Him.

We also want our children to understand that God's delays are not denials. We want them to know that God rewards patience and perseverance. God keeps His promises!

God's timing is not our timing. Our children will learn this amazing truth this week. It is interesting that the writer of Hebrews said that Christ would come again in "a little while!" That "little while" was over 2000 years ago!

God Bless you and have a wonderful week in His presence. Regarding COVID-19, we can say with confident assurance that we will get through this!!

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