

“Fill Me with Your Spirit”

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Larry and Loretta, just finished playing horsey back ride with their father, Pastor Ed! What fun it is to play with daddy!



“We need a drink of water,” said Pastor Ed. And he poured water into some cups for them.

The Sunday School Teacher called out to her husband “Do you need for me to shorten your red stole for tomorrow? About an inch? Remember it is Pentecost!”

“Yes, thanks,” said Pastor Ed.

“What’s Pentecost Daddy?” asked Larry.

“Well, Pentecost is the day in the church year we celebrate when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the early believers. They were blessed with many gifts to be used in God’s name.”

“Do you mean they got gifts on Pentecost, like Christmas?” asked Loretta. “When do I get the presents of the Spirit?”

“Actually, you received the Holy Spirit when you were baptized as a baby.”

“Oh, so I probably got diapers and baby clothes and stuff like that,” said a disappointed Loretta.

“The gift you received from the Spirit,” her father explained “is that you have become a child of God. That means you will inherit all that God has hoped for you!”

“Does the spirit make me good?” asked Larry. “Cause I’m not always good.”

“Don’t worry son. When God fills you with the Holy Spirit, it is like filling up a cup with water. The cup can be poured out in love for others, like to water a flower or to give a drink to a little dog. Or even to give to a thirsty child, after they have played horsey back ride!”

“But what if my cup leaks!” asked Larry.

“Oh! That’s okay. In fact that is normal. Why, I expect that we ALL leak! Even Pastors leak sometimes!”

“I mean that my cup is leaking and I’m getting all wet!” said Larry.



"Here is your stole all ready for tomorrow," said their mommy to their daddy as she laid it across his shoulders. And then she noticed that Larry was all wet! "Well for heaven's sake! What happened to Larry!"

"I think Daddy thinks I'm covered with the Spirit!" said Larry.

And they all had a good chuckle.

Let's close with a prayer:

Dear Father in Heaven, Fill us with your Spirit, for we are leaky vessels!            AMEN

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