The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

CHARACTERS: Peter, disciples, Mary, crowd; SEGUE: Leader and Chorus (ALL)
COSTUMES: Biblical
PROPS: none specified, sound effect of wind
SETTING: none specified
RUN TIME: 5 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Acts 2
FK reading level: 6.2

At rise: Group of men and women (including apostles and Mary)

NARR: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. *(Sound of the blowing of a violent wind, disciples, notice, at first bewildered, then pointing to the tops of each other's heads)* All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Crowd enters, some cupping their ears to indicate they are searching for a sound. When they reach the disciples, the disciples stand and begin to speak in different languages while the crowd people listen. Crowd forms small groups, each group clustered around but not blocking a particular speaker.

CROWD PERSON 1: Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?

CROWD PERSON 2: I think so.

CROWD PERSON 1: Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

CROWD PERSON 2: I have no idea. I'm from Egypt and can understand them because this one is speaking Egyptian.

CROWD PERSON 3: I'm from Mesopotamia and they are speaking my language.

CROWD PERSON 4: I'm from Rome and hear this message in Latin!

CROWD PERSON 5: *(mocking)* You have had too much wine.

PETER stands, raises his voice and addresses the crowd. All other persons on stage sit to listen. CROWD must react to what PETER is saying, some agreeing, some confused, others disagreeing)

PETER: These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose divinely authority was proven by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him. By God's deliberate plan and knowledge, Jesus was handed over to you; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. *(disciples should raise hands in glory to God)*

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God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. *(disciples shake their heads "yes")* Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.

CROWD PERSON 1: *(sincerely cut to the heart)* Brothers, what shall we do?

PETER: Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

OPTIONAL SCENE CHANGE SEGUE (before the curtain)

The Fellowship of the Believers

(NOTE: If Biblical costumes are worn, change the "they" to "we" so the piece is done as a first person account)

LEADER: The disciples devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship

ALL: to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

ALL: Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

ALL: All the believers were together and had everything in common.

LEADER: They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

ALL: Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

LEADER: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **praising** God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

ALL: And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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