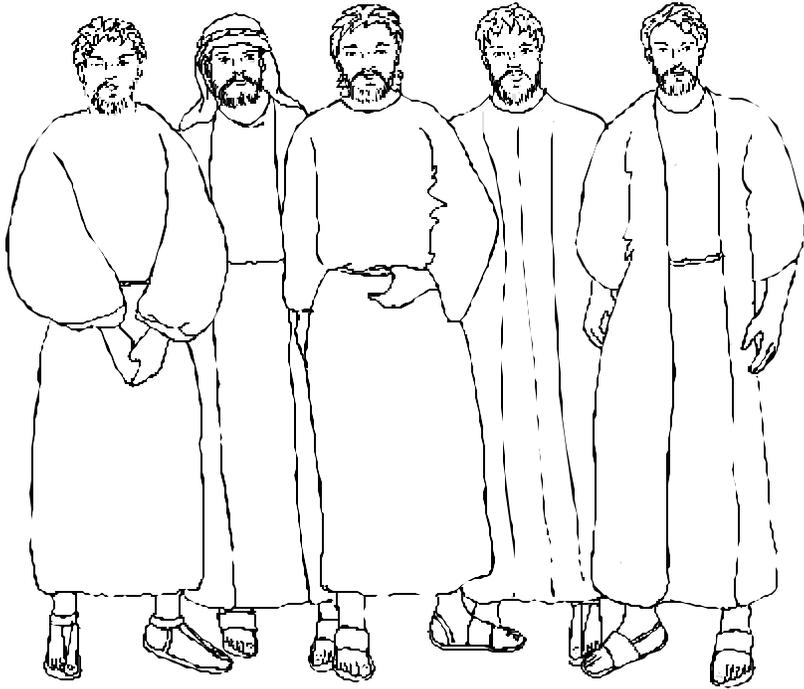


Pentecost

Acts 2:1-42



The Story

We learned that Jesus had picked some men to do special work. After these apostles had seen Jesus ascend into heaven, they stayed in Jerusalem praying and praising God while they waited for the Holy Spirit to come to them. Today we will learn what happened when Jesus kept His promise.

Ten days after Jesus ascended, the city was crowded with visitors from all over the world. They had come to praise God on the church holiday called Pentecost. The apostles were meeting together in a house. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit came to them with some wonderful signs. The sound of a rushing, mighty wind came from heaven and filled their house. Next, a fire-like flame sat on the head of each apostle. Then, the Holy Spirit led them to speak God's Word in languages that they never knew before.

Many people in the city heard the strange sound and hurried toward the house where the apostles were. How surprised they were to hear the good news about the forgiveness of sins in the language of their country!

Some men made fun of the apostles. Then Peter stood up and told them about Jesus and the Holy Spirit. He told them that they had killed God's Son, the promised Savior from sin, but that God had raised

Him from the dead. Then He received Jesus back into heaven and gave Him all power in heaven and on earth. Now He sent the Holy Spirit as He promised through the prophet Joel. Peter told them to be sorry for their sins and to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of sins. They would also receive the Holy Spirit.

About 3,000 people repented and were baptized. They kept on learning the Word of God and praying together.

Activity One - Draw and color a flame on the head of each apostle.

Review - Put these signs of the Holy Spirit's coming in 1, 2, 3 order.

- _____ The apostles spoke in other languages.
- _____ The wind-like sound came.
- _____ The fire-like flames sat on their heads.

Activity Two - Mark an "X" by all the correct answers.

1. Why was Jerusalem crowded with people?
 They came to be counted
 They came to hear Peter preach.
 They came for the Pentecost holiday.
2. What signs did God send with the Holy Spirit?
 A wind-like sound was heard.
 The apostles did miracles.
 Fire-like flames sat on the apostles.
 The apostles spoke different languages.
3. What happened after Peter preached to the people?
 Many people believed God's Word.
 Many people were baptized.
 The believers kept learning God's Word.
 The believers kept praying together.

Passages

**"The Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses."
Acts 2:32**

Why did Peter tell the people that the apostles had seen Jesus alive?

**"Repent, and ... be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission
of sins." Acts. 2:38**

What does it mean to repent?

What gift do people receive when they are baptized?

**"No man can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."
1 Corinthians 12:3**

Who made you to believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin?

The Third Article: I believe in the Holy Ghost.

Activity Three - Use the words and numbers in the box to help fill in these blanks.

baptized	Jesus	praying	sound	fire	4
God's	languages	Pentecost	Holy	Peter	3
praising	Word	studying	Jerusalem	Spirit	5

The apostles waited in _____ for the _____
_____ to come to them. On _____ there was a
_____ like wind, flames like _____ on their heads, and
they could speak _____ ' _____ in different
_____. When many people rushed to them, _____
preached _____ to them. About __,000 people believed and were
_____. They kept _____, _____,
and _____ the Word of God.

Hymn - Hymn 229 v. 1

Holy Spirit, hear us
On this sacred day;
Come to us with blessing,
Come with us to stay.

Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit,
Thank You for opening our hearts to believe in Jesus as our Savior. When we tell others about Jesus' love for them, work in God's Word to open their hearts to believe also. Come to each of us when we study Your Word to keep us ready when Jesus calls us to heaven. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.