

The Gospel is For All



Lesson 2

The Holy Spirit Comes!

Theme: Beginning of the church — Preaching the gospel

Memory Verses

“Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brethren, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 2:37-38

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Acts 2:1-13
- 2 Acts 2:16-23, 32-36
- 3 Acts 2:37-42
- 4 Acts 3:1-10
- 5 Acts 3:11-19, 26

Jesus told the apostles to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came on them in a special way. They must have been excited and worried at the same time. What God had planned and promised for a long time was about to happen. The good news of salvation was about to be

Acts 2:1-13

Match the following:

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| Peter | baptized on Pentecost |
| Holy Spirit | preached about Jesus |
| 3,000 people | appeared like tongues of fire |

Choose the correct answer:

The apostles spoke other languages:

- so everyone could understand them
- to impress people
- because they had learned them



preached so all people could be saved!

The Holy Spirit Filled the Apostles

Fifty days after Passover, the Jews celebrated Pentecost. On the Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. A noise like a mighty wind sounded! Tongues that looked like fire appeared!

The apostles spoke in languages they didn't know. By these miraculous acts, the Holy Spirit made it clear that He was with the apostles in what they said and did.

People from many places all over the world were in Jerusalem for Pentecost. The sound like a wind got people's attention, and they gathered to see what it was. The apostles spoke in different languages so each person understood their words about the mighty works of God. People were puzzled, surprised, and amazed. They asked, "What does this mean?"



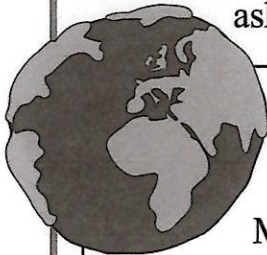
Acts 2:16-23, 32-36

What Old Testament prophet did Peter talk about to explain what was happening?

Jonah Joel Jeremiah

To prove Jesus was Lord and Christ, God:

- shouted to the people
- sent the apostles
- raised Him from the dead



Acts 2:37-42

Cross out the wrong answer:

Many people who heard Peter's sermon:

- understood it
- were baptized
- continued studying and worshipping
- began speaking in other languages, too

The number of people who received Peter's word was _____.

Peter's Sermon and People's Response

The apostle Peter stood up along with the other eleven apostles to preach the gospel. Peter explained that many years before the Old Testament prophet Joel had told about "the last days" when the Spirit of God would be poured out. The Spirit would guide men to speak the



Word of God so people would be saved. Peter said that what Joel wrote many years before was now happening in Jerusalem.

Peter's sermon made people see that they had sinned when they nailed Jesus to a cross. But from this evil act, God did something fantastic. He

used Jesus' death to save people from sin! And then God raised Jesus from the dead, showing He was God's Son and the world's Savior. Peter told people they should repent and be baptized in Jesus' name to be forgiven of their sins.

Many people who heard Peter's sermon received it in faith. About 3,000 people were baptized into Christ. These people were saved and were added to Jesus' church.

Acts 3:1-10

Match the following:

Peter and John	gave power to heal
Lame man	were amazed
Jesus Christ	healed the lame man
People	jumped up



Acts 3:11-19, 26

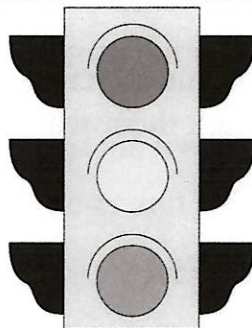
Peter told people to _____
and _____ so their sins
would be wiped away.

The Name of Jesus Christ

One day while going into the temple, Peter and John met a man who had never been able to walk. Peter healed the man, and he walked and jumped and praised God!

This miracle attracted a lot of attention. People came to see for themselves, and Peter preached the gospel. He explained that the man was healed by Jesus' power, and this shows that everyone can be saved by Jesus. Many more believed so that 5,000 were now following Jesus!

I'm afraid people will think I'm "weird" if I talk about Jesus.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — most of the time

Yellow — sometimes

Green — almost never

Think About It ...

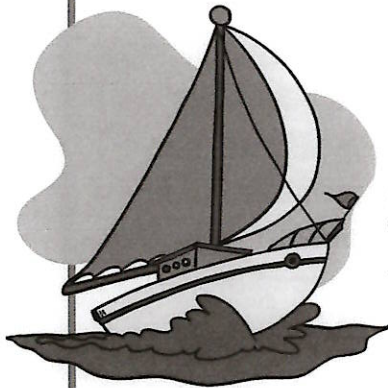
List two people you know who need to come to Bible class.

- 1.
- 2.

Now list two things that might keep you from asking them to come.

- 1.
- 2.

What can you do to find the courage to invite them anyway?



Sailing Through the Bible Facts

Write from memory Genesis 1:1.

Which book of the New Testament is about practical living for Jesus?

On a map inside the back cover, locate the cities of Jerusalem and Nazareth as well as the Mediterranean Sea. Mark them with a ☆.