

Kids Sunday Info – Elementary

3/29/20

Bible Story – Acts 2:1-41, NIV

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “‘In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.’^[c]

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s

deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,^[d] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ David said about him:

“‘I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.’^[e]

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ 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. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵ until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.’”^[f]

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Bible Story Review Activity:

- Ask the “True or False” questions listed below, one at a time.
- Have the kids give you a “Thumbs Up” for a true answer and a “Thumbs Down” for a false answer.
 - If you want the kids to be more active, have them jump up with their hands in the air for a true answer and have them sit down with their arms folded for a false answer or come up with you own fun responses to signal true and false.
- Let the kids answer the Bonus Questions as best they can. Have them refer to the Bible Story if necessary – Acts 2:1-41 NIV.
 - **True/False Questions:**
 - All believers gathered for the day of Pentecost. True or False? (True)
 - Days before Pentecost, Jesus gave the believers a huge job that seemed impossible to complete. True or False? (True)
 - ***Bonus:** What was the “huge job”? (To tell the world about Jesus)*
 - A sound came from heaven; it was like strong wind blowing and believers saw a light bulb rest on each of them. True or False? (False)
 - ***Bonus:** The believers didn’t see light bulbs. What did they see? (Fire that looked like tongues)*
 - Believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to dance the jig in front of a crowd of people. True or False? (False)
 - ***Bonus:** What did the believers begin to do when the Holy Spirit filled them? (speak in languages they didn’t know)*
 - ***Bonus:** With no training or studying, it seems impossible to suddenly start speaking a different language. How did believers get the ability to speak in different languages? (Holy Spirit)*
 - After receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter spoke boldly to the crowd about Jesus. True or False? (True)
 - ***Bonus:** What did Peter say about Jesus? (Peter told the crowd Jesus was part of God’s plan to provide a way we could be with God now and forever. Jesus died for forgiveness of sins, but God rose Jesus from the dead. Peter told the people Jesus is the Messiah.)*
 - Jesus promised the Holy Spirit will give us whatever we want. True or False? (False)

- Bonus: *In the story, what did the Holy Spirit give Peter? (determination, boldness to speak, the words to say)*
 - **Clarify** *the Spirit will give us what we need but not necessarily what we want.*
- Bonus: *What is the gift you receive when you believe and trust Jesus? (Holy Spirit)*
- Because Peter showed determination and boldly told the people about Jesus, many people that day believed, because of Jesus, they could be with God now and forever. True or False? (True)
 - Bonus: *How many people became followers of Jesus that day? (3,000)*

Ask: The Spirit helped Peter to speak boldly about Jesus to a huge crowd of people; the Spirit helped Peter show determination. How can the Spirit help us? (If necessary, prompt kids using an example like: How can the Spirit help you have a good attitude even when you have to stay home right now and not do the things you're used to doing?)