

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program B-1

Peter Preaches At Pentecost

Acts 2:1-47

Peter Series: Lesson #2

Bible Verse: Jesus said, "I am with you always." Matthew 28:20

Past Verses: Jesus loves me. Revelation 1:5

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: The Holy Spirit came to the believers just as Jesus had promised.

Prop ideas: Fan (wind), candle or flashlight with red/yellow end

REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST!

3000+ pennies

Male puppet to be Peter (or dress up as Peter)

SAMPLE STORY

(As told by Simon Peter)

Hi everyone! I'm Simon, or Peter as Jesus called me. I am one of Jesus' disciples. I followed him while he was on earth for three years. I loved him so much...I still do.

It was so great to see Jesus after he had risen from the grave. We were all filled with joy. Jesus told us that he had to return to heaven, but he promised us that he was sending a helper, a gift for us from God. The helper would not come until Jesus returned to heaven. He told us to stay in Jerusalem until his arrival. We did not really know exactly what Jesus meant, but we trusted him and stayed together in the city just as he told us.

On the day of Pentecost (50 days after the start of Passover) we were all together, the other disciples and I. Suddenly there was a sound like a violent wind blowing from heaven. Then, it looked like these tongues of fire were resting on our heads! We were all filled with the Holy Spirit. That was the gift or helper Jesus had talked about. Because of the Holy Spirit we were able to speak different languages we did not know before.

There were a lot of Jews who loved God who were visiting Jerusalem for Pentecost. (It was a time to thank God for the first fruits of the harvest). These people were amazed to see us talking in different

languages. So I got up and spoke to all of them. I told everyone that we could speak different languages because we were filled with the spirit of God. A prophet named Joel had said long ago that this would happen. I told everyone that Jesus was God's son. He had come to earth to save us. Anyone who will repent (turn away from sin) and believe and be baptized will be saved and receive the Holy Spirit.

Can you believe it? That day about 3000 people believed and were baptized! In just one day, the day of Pentecost, we had 3000 new followers of Jesus. They all were filled with the Holy Spirit, the gift from God, just as Jesus had promised. God still promises that today because God's promises are forever. Let's thank God for sending his gift of the Holy Spirit.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

- Counting Beans
- Playing Commandment Bingo
- Making a Collage

THREE-IN-ONE CINNAMON SNACK

Materials: Bread
Margarine
Cinnamon-sugar
Plastic spoon
Paper plates
Plastic knives or craft sticks

Do: Give each child a plate with a piece of bread.
Help them spread margarine onto the bread.
Let them sprinkle some cinnamon-sugar onto the bread.
Cut the bread from corner to corner to make an X, cutting it into 4 triangles.

Talk about: Triangles have three sides. They can remind us that God is three persons – God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God's Spirit – the Holy Spirit.

These snacks are also three things in one. The bread is like God, who created us and gave us life. Jesus spread his love all over us, like the margarine is spread over the bread. The Holy Spirit is like the cinnamon-sugar. When the Holy Spirit is sprinkled throughout our lives, we're able to do things God wants us to do.

TONGUES OF FIRE COLORING PAGES

Materials: Coloring pages
Red/yellow/orange tissue paper
Bible verse stickers
Crayons/markers (In room)
Glue (In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color.
Write name on paper.
Rip or cut small pieces of tissue paper into small squares.
Help glue tissue paper above the heads of the disciples.
Let them color the rest of the picture.
Add a bible verse sticker.

Talk about: The Bible tells us that it looked like 'tongues of fire' were resting on the heads of the disciples. This outward sign was to show what was going on inside...they were filled with the Spirit of God.

TEACHER TIP: if a child does not want to color a picture, place a bible verse sticker on him. Any extra stickers can go home with other children as well.

PLAY-DOUGH

Materials: Play-dough (In room)

Do: Separate play-dough into 6 – 8 lumps and place at different seats at the table. As children arrive, invite them to make something with play-dough.