

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

Program B-2

## 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**

**First Session Classes will be:**

- Eating a Three-In-One Cinnamon Snack
- Coloring Tongues Of Fire Pages
- Playing with Play-Dough

## **COUNTING BEANS**

**Materials:** Dried beans  
Egg carton or small cups

**Do:**

- Help the children count out groups of 5, 10 or 20 beans and place in the egg carton sections. Talk about what it means to add and subtract.
- Place varying numbers of beans on one side of the egg carton. Ask them to match the same on the other side.
- You can place 1 bean in the first one, 2 in the next and so on. Remove them all and see how many there are.
- Place different amounts of beans in each cup. Try to guess how many are in each.

**Variation:** Sort and count blocks or other toys in the room.

**Talk about:** Do we have 3000 beans? NOOO! Could we count to 3000? We could, but we would get tired of counting. The Bible tells us that 3000 new believer or followers of Jesus joined the disciples that first day. More and more were added each day after that.

**TEACHER TIP:** Young children like to show off counting skills. Count together, just for the sake of counting. Or count red objects, circles, squares, etc. Play a counting game where you alternate who says a number.

## COMMANDMENT BINGO

If you have a large class, there may not be enough cards for everyone to play at the same time. Have them take turns or play with a partner.

Materials: Bingo Cards w/Bag of symbols  
Markers (Circles, beans or squares)

Do: Give each child a card and a handful of markers.  
Explain that they are to place a marker over the item you call out.  
Draw a symbol from the bag and call out. Read the Bible thought or verse as well. Play until someone has 3 in a row, or fills the card.  
(Younger children may have a hard time understanding a straight line of three).

Talk about: Peter told the people to stop doing wrong and start obeying God.  
We need to do the same thing.

## COLLAGE

Materials: Construction Paper Pieces (yellow/red/orange & blue/white/gray)  
Purple Construction Paper  
Bible Verse Stickers  
Glue or Glue Sticks (In room)

Do:

- Fold purple construction paper in half. Open. Draw line down center crease.
- Give each child a piece of purple construction paper.
- Cut or rip the yellow, red and orange paper into 1 or 2 inch pieces. Place in one pile.
- Do the same with the blue, white and gray paper.
- Help the children glue pieces of the red, yellow & orange paper on one side of the purple paper. Let them cover as much of the side as they want. They can make patterns or be random.
- Do the same with the blue, white and gray on the other side.
- Add a bible verse sticker.

Talk about: The red, yellow and orange can remind you of the tongues of fire.  
The blue, white and gray can remind you of the wind.

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