

Peter Preaches About Jesus

Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-8, 14, 22-24, 36-42

Bible Memory Verse: “We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”
~ Acts 4:20

Supplies for this lesson:
Pencil, crayons/markers

Now that we have learned about a bunch of amazing things that happened when Jesus was on Earth, we’re going to turn our attention to what happened after Jesus went back to Heaven. This is the time when Jesus’ followers began meeting together without Jesus, usually in people’s homes. Eventually the church as we know it today was created out of these meetings, but that didn’t happen for many years. In our lesson today, the word “church” refers to all the people who believed in and followed Jesus, not any one particular congregation.

Every day we make choices. Some of them are good choices and some of them are bad choices. Read each of the situations below and decide if a good or bad choice was made:

1. Bobby’s Mom asked him to take out the trash but Bobby decided to keep playing video games instead.
2. A little girl in Anne’s class fell on the playground. The other kids ignored her but Anne helped her up and walked with her to the nurse’s office.
3. Donna’s Mom told her not to eat any more candy but Donna snuck the whole bag while her Mom wasn’t watching and ate the whole thing. Later she had a very bad stomach ache.
4. Sam’s friends wanted him to play baseball with them, but his little brother was sick and sad about being left alone. Sam chose to stay home and play Legos with his little brother.

After Jesus went to Heaven, people had to choose whether they would follow His ways. The people who did became part of the church. They did what Jesus did and what He told them to do, including telling others about Him. We can make the same choice – **we can be part of the church.**

Next, click on the link below to watch a video about a time when something special happened to Jesus' followers and how this event convinced them that they had to tell others about Jesus so they could be part of the church too:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKa9jqvJ378>

You can also read this true story at home with your family by clicking the link called *1st and 2nd grade Bible Story* at the LCKids web page.

Next, find this week's Activities page at the end of this lesson plan and print it out. Turn to page 21. Read the summary of today's Bible story and answer the questions. The people who obeyed and followed Jesus became part of the church. **We can be part of the church** too.

Today we learned that many people became part of the church on the Day of Pentecost (That's what the church calls the day the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers in Jerusalem). For our next activity, let's think about some things the church does today and how we can be part of that. Turn to page 22 of your Activities page. Read the instructions for completing the activity. What kinds of things does your church do? We can meet together and read from God's word, the Bible. We can sing and praise God. We can take Communion and remember Jesus. We can share what we have and serve others in Jesus' name. **We can be part of the church.**

Another way **we can be part of the church** is to share what we know about God with others, by telling them about Jesus. For our last activity today, print the activity page called I Can Tell About Jesus from the end of this lesson plan. In each box, draw a picture of or write about a place where you can share the good news about Jesus with others.

Well done! Let's end our lesson this week with a prayer for the church everywhere.

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You that we can be part of the church. Help everyone around the world who is part of the church choose to do what Jesus did and said to do. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

This week's *Weekly Bible Reader* can be found at the LCKids web page. There is also a copy of the Bible Memory Verse poster for this unit at the end of this lesson plan, along with a Family letter for the grownups in your family which explains what we will be learning for the next few weeks.

I hope you'll check back next week when we will be learning more about the life of the church in the days after Jesus returned to Heaven.

Peter Preaches About Jesus

Name _____

Read the story below. Use the details to help answer the questions.

Many people were in Jerusalem celebrating a feast called Pentecost. Peter and Jesus' other disciples were there. Peter stood up and said, "Listen! Jesus did great things while He was with you, but then Jesus was put to death on a cross. Now God has raised Jesus from the dead! He is the Messiah."



Art by Mary Bousman

1. Why were the people in Jerusalem?

- ☐ to celebrate a special feast
- ☐ to attend a wedding

2. Who spoke to the people?

- ☐ the president of the country
- ☐ Peter, a disciple of Jesus

3. Name one thing the people learned that day about Jesus.

What Does the Church Do?

To finish each word, write the next letter in the alphabet below the letters that are given.

Hint: The letter Z stands for A.

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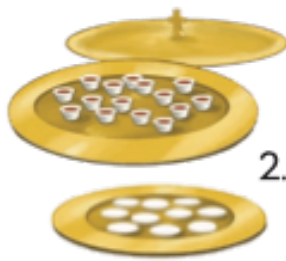
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Art by Margeaux Lucas



2. They learn from the

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to remember Jesus.

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I Can Tell About Jesus

The worksheet features four empty rectangular boxes arranged in a 2x2 grid. Dotted lines connect the boxes in a circular path: from the top-left box to the top-right box, from the top-right box to the bottom-right box, from the bottom-right box to the bottom-left box, and from the bottom-left box back to the top-left box.

Activity Page "I Can Tell About Jesus"
Instructions: Copy 1 sheet per child. Talk about the places we can tell others about Jesus. Ask children to draw those places in the boxes. Use a crayon or marker to connect the line between the places.

Bible Memory

Unit 2

“We cannot help
speaking about what
we have seen and
heard.”

Acts 4:20
New International Version

Dear Family,

In this unit of lessons, your child will learn that the church is not a facility; it is people who follow Jesus and claim Him as Lord of their lives. These people care for and share with each other. They study together and grow in knowing God's Word. They use their abilities to serve Jesus and others. The church tells about Jesus, standing boldly in His name against opposition.

Here is what your child will explore in this unit of lessons:

The Church Grows

- Week 1 • Peter Preaches About Jesus (Acts 1, 2)
- Week 2 • Peter and John at the Temple (Acts 3, 4)
- Week 3 • Peter and John Speak Boldly (Acts 4)
- Week 4 • Philip Teaches a Man from Ethiopia (Acts 8)
- Week 5 • Peter and Tabitha (Acts 9)

The Bible Memory for this unit comes from the book of Acts. Encourage and help your child to learn this Bible verse:

“We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20, NIV).

We are so glad to have your child in our virtual class!

Teaching about Jesus and His church,
Miss Kim

God sends the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-13



The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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