



OLDER CHILDREN (5TH-8TH GRADE) ACTIVITY

“The Pentecost Story”

Verses from Acts 2, Good News Translation

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place.

Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

... Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. ...

“Listen to these words, fellow Israelites! Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose divine authority was clearly proven to you by all the miracles and wonders which God performed through him.

“You yourselves know this, for it happened here among you.

“In accordance with his own plan God had already decided that Jesus would be handed over to you; and you killed him by letting sinful men crucify him.

“But God raised him from death, setting him free from its power, because it was impossible that death should hold him prisoner. ...

“God has raised this very Jesus from death, and we are all witnesses to this fact.

“He has been raised to the right side of God, his Father, and has received from him the Holy Spirit, as he had promised.

“What you now see and hear is his gift that he has poured out on us.”





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When the people heard this, they were deeply troubled and said to Peter and the other apostles, “What shall we do, brothers?”

Peter said to them, “Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God’s gift, the Holy Spirit.”

“For God’s promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away—all whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

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