

2024 - Family Devo

Jan 21 - a



READ: Acts 2:1-13

Main Idea: We read here of a Jewish holiday, Pentecost. This was just 50 days after Jesus had been crucified. The massive crowd of Jews from all over the world converge on the location of the apostles because of the loud sound of rushing wind. What they find are these 12 speaking about the mighty works of God, and they all were hearing in their own languages. Many were amazed, while some mocked in disbelief.

DISCUSS

Children: If you were at church on Sunday and suddenly there was a wind in the building that sounded like a tornado and our elders had what appeared to have fire coming out of their heads, what would you do? Would you run away? Would you be too scared to move? Do you think you would be able to make fun of them? Or would you sit and wonder what was going to happen next? Oh, and don't forget, there were many different people there that didn't all speak the same language, but they could all understand everything that was being said.

Teen: Can you trust God to keep his word? We see displays of God's glory, power, and love throughout the Bible, but some are just unwilling to believe. Have you encountered a person who refused to believe? How do you show them the love of Jesus even though they reject it?

Adult: Do you have a favorite time of year that you get together with others? Maybe the end of year holidays or a special reunion where you gather with friends or family that you don't see often. Do you travel to be with loved ones? Pentecost is a Pilgrim Festival, meaning they would travel to Jerusalem. That's why there were so many Jews in the city to observe the happenings on this day. Why do you think God selected this time to send the Holy Spirit and to begin his Church? What was special about the holiday that would help spread the news?

PRAY

MEMORIZE

Acts 2:38 (ESV)

³⁸ And Peter said to them, "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."



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READ: Acts 2:14-28

Main Idea: Peter now speaks to the crowd telling them of prophecy from Joel that is being fulfilled. He reminds them how God showed them Jesus by doing mighty works and wonders with his hands. And even though people had crucified him, this was always God's plan, knowing he would raise him from the dead, which had also been prophesied.

DISCUSS

Children: Who is Joel? Joel is a prophet, and he wrote the book of Joel in the Old Testament. And do you know how many times the Old Testament tells us about Jesus's birth and death? At least 11. Peter knows the Jews know what we call the Old Testament, and he's trying to show them that what just happened was predicted way before it happened.

Teen: David writes of how God's presence gave Jesus strength, hope, and gladness. What are some words that come to your mind when you think of Jesus' faithful presence with you?

Adult: If you had been in the crowd, hearing that God had sent Jesus according to his plan, how would you have felt? What thoughts would go through your mind? Not all Jews participated in the death of Jesus. However, many of them would have heard of it in the 50 days since Passover. With our knowledge of Jesus' ministry, if someone asked you for his most wondrous miracle or sign, what would you choose and why? What makes that noticeable to you?

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