

Joy Kids Curriculum

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost

Sunday

Acts 2:1-41

Provided By: Joy Kids

Hello Parents/Caregiver!

Firstly, thank you for taking advantage of using this curriculum for your child(ren) during these uncertain times. By providing your child with a small piece of normalcy you will be doing huge things for their minds and hearts. Our Joy Kids Team is here to partner with you and your family by continuing to provide curriculum for as long as needed.

The best way to utilize what is provided in this packet is to follow it as closely as possible and use the parts that best suit your individual child(ren). This is meant to cover all ages that attend Joy Kids so it is possible that not all of it will be something your child is capable of or interested in doing.

Above all we hope this provides you with another opportunity to connect with your child(ren) and to have fun while learning about the Word! Also, feel free to add and elaborate on things! We cannot wait until we are able to be under one roof worshipping together again!

- The Joy Kids Team

P.S. If you need clarification on anything please feel free to message the church on Facebook or Felicia Myers directly. We are here to help!

Supplies: Coloring crayons/pencils/markers, magazines, newspapers, scissors, glue, and blank paper

Overview!

- **Open in Prayer** (Encourage your child to do this)
- **Say:** Today we will be celebrating something!
- **Ask:**
 - o Do you like to celebrate things?
 - o What sort of things do we celebrate?
 - o What do you think we will be celebrating today?
- **Say:** Today we will be celebrating Pentecost!
- **Ask:** What do you think Pentecost means?
- **Say:** Pentecost is the day that we received the Holy Spirit!
- **Ask:** What does the Holy Spirit do for us?
- **Say:** The Holy Spirit actually helps us in many ways. He comforts, teaches, helps us grow in our relationship with God and gives us strength to get rid of the bad habits in our lives. He also gives us power and helps us know when we've done something wrong. Of course, we need to want to grow, learn and change to be more like God for the Holy Spirit to really work with us.
- **Read:** On page 4 read about what happened on the day of Pentecost.
- **Ask:**
 - o Would you have liked to be there on the day of Pentecost?
 - o How do you think you would have felt if you were there?
- **Say:** Discuss as a family the different things you are thankful for that the Holy Spirit does in your lives and in your home.
- **Activity:** Color the picture on page 5
- **Activity:** Throw a small party to celebrate Pentecost Sunday! You can make trumpets out of paper, toilet paper rolls, or paper towel rolls and use them to make noise. You can also make a special treat together (like a birthday cake) and use that as part of your celebration along with some games such as musical chairs.
- **Close in prayer** – Ask if your child has anything they would like prayer for. Pray for your community, church, and those affected by COVID -19.

What is Pentecost? This is a very special time in the Bible when the disciples and other Christians received the Holy Spirit. Before I explain why and how this happened there are a few things you need to know first. Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter Sunday or 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus had already gone back to Heaven so the disciples and new believers of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that's what Jesus told them would happen. Plus, since Jesus wasn't with them anymore the Holy Spirit would help bring them closer to God. Just before Jesus was taken up to heaven he told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them and they'd be his witnesses in the whole world (**Acts 1:8**). Even more, he told them much earlier that the counselor (or Holy Spirit) would be sent by the Father, that He would teach them all things and remind them of everything he said to them (**John 14:26**).

So, the Holy Spirit is super helpful to us! He becomes a part of us when we become a Christian and understand that Jesus died and rose for us. The day of Pentecost was a bit different though. People had already become Christians but the Holy Spirit wasn't a part of them yet. This would be the first time everyone who was a Christian would receive the Holy Spirit. Pentecost was a day to celebrate the end of the grain harvest. The people would offer two loaves of bread they had made from their crops and two lambs were waved before the Lord as a thank offering. This was their special way of thanking God for the weather and for helping them get a crop for that year.

The disciples and other Christians had come together to thank God and suddenly a sound like the blowing of a strong wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. Next they saw tongues of fire that separated and came to rest of each of them. I'm not sure if they could see the tongues of fire or if it's how the people could explain what they felt happening. When the tongues of fire came they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in different languages. They all got pretty excited and things got a bit noisy.

It says that there were people of many different nationalities staying in Jerusalem from all over and many of them speaking different languages. These people ran over to see what all the noise was about and were surprised to hear their own languages spoken throughout this group. Things must have sounded crazy! Imagine all these people speaking many different languages at the same time and shouting out praises to God excited that something amazing from God had just happened to them.

A large crowd gathered to see what was happening and some of the crowd started making fun of them and started to think that they had too much wine and it was making them act funny. When Peter started to hear these rumors he raised his voice and talked to the crowd. He explained that they weren't drinking wine. He explained that Joel, a messenger of God's word said that this very thing would happen a long time ago. God usually would tell a prophet when something important was going to happen way before it actually happened. Just like the Bible told us a Savior (Jesus) was going to come and save us long before Jesus was even born. Peter continued and explained how God brought Jesus to them and that they had crucified him. The crowd understood and felt responsible for doing this and they wanted to know what they could do now.

Peter explained that they should repent (say they're sorry and stop doing bad things) and be baptized so that others would know that they believed in God and were trying to change. Now, because of Jesus death and his resurrection people could be forgiven and receive the Holy Spirit from now on. That means we receive the Holy Spirit when we accept Christ or become Christians. The word Christian actually means Christ in us. The special thing about having the Holy Spirit is that God never leaves us so we can talk to him or ask for help anytime. So Pentecost was super special for the disciples and special for us even now because that was the start of us receiving the Holy Spirit and being able to ask for forgiveness!



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