

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **Acts 2:1-47** Family Theme | **The Church Has a Purpose** Study Text | **May 2, 2021**

Objective: Help your children understand God sent His Spirit to indwell and empower His people to walk with Him and to continue the ministry of Christ on earth. This was the birth of the Church, the body of Christ.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set about 50 days after Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection when God sent His Holy Spirit to indwell and empower His followers just as He had promised.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. **What is the church? Answer:** The church is a local organization of believers joined together to worship God (Acts 13:2), to teach and learn the Scriptures (Romans 16:25), to hold one another accountable (Matthew 18:15-17), and to serve as a witness to unbelievers (1 Thessalonians 1:8).

Read the Word: Acts 2:1-47

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that God sent His Spirit to dwell within believers and guide His Church. He teaches, guides, comforts, and empowers us.



Key Truth: The Holy Spirit Empowers the Church (Acts 2:1-13)

After being instructed by Jesus to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Spirit, Jesus' disciples and other followers had gathered together on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit suddenly came upon them. They heard a sound like a violent wind, and saw what appeared to be tongues of fire resting upon them. They went out in public prophesying and proclaiming the gospel to thousands in languages previously unknown to them. The Spirit's presence and power was so unmistakable that many people trusted Christ for the forgiveness of sins. The Church was born with the coming of the Spirit. As each believer lives under the control and influence of the Spirit, the Church together continues the work of Christ on earth.



Key Truth: The Church Proclaims the Gospel (Acts 2:14-41)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter launched into a sermon. The focus of his sermon was the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and the salvation that would be given to those who call upon the name of the Lord. Conviction gripped the hearts of many who were listening. Peter told them to turn from sin to trust Christ, and to demonstrate that by being baptized. Those who would do so would receive the Holy Spirit. Several thousand people responded in faith that day.



Key Truth: The Church Lives Out the Gospel (Acts 2:42-47)

Here we see the important activities and priorities of the newborn church. The apostles' teaching, communion, and prayer were how the people focused on God. Fellowship, sharing, and sacrificing to meet the needs of their group members was how they loved each other. The unity of the body was of premier importance. They looked out for one another, and went to great lengths to provide care when needed. As they

lived out their love for God and for one another, the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- How did the early Christians go from timid followers meeting behind closed doors to bold public witnesses for Christ?
- What difference does the indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit make in a believer's life today?
- How was the speaking in tongues at Pentecost different from the kind of speaking in tongues seen in some churches today?
- What were the important activities that the Spirit-filled Christians of the early church engaged in?
- How can you get involved in these activities in your church?
- **For Elementary:** What mission did Jesus give His disciples?
- **For Elementary:** What are some of the things the new church did after they formed?

Everyday Extras

Work on a family mission statement together. What job does God have in mind for your family? Ask everyone to submit an idea, or ask them to answer this question: What is important for other people to know about our family? This may take some time, but it will help your family make good decisions. What is God's mission for His church? Remind your family that this is not a secret mission. Instead we are to tell everyone the good news about Jesus!

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE **1** & ROUND **2**

Today your child learned that John the Baptist told people about following Jesus. The disciples had heard about Jesus before He called them to follow Him. **I Can Follow Jesus.**