

**This Week's Bible Story:** Pentecost • Acts 2

**This Week's Bottom Line:** SHARE what Jesus did.

**Memory Verse:** *Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith.* Hebrews 12:2a (NIRV)

## 1. Bible Story Extension

**What You Need:** “Shared Masterpiece” Activity Page, large piece of poster board or paper, preferred art supplies in an assortment of colors (markers, crayons, colored pencils, oil pastels, paints, etc.) (scroll down for Activity page)

### What You Do:

- Set out the poster board or paper and the art supplies in the center of the group. (Or hang up the poster board/paper so everyone can reach it.)
- Explain to the kids that they're going to create a piece of art together as a group that illustrates today's story.
- Instruct the kids to take turns choosing a card from the stack (be sure to keep them in order).
- Direct the kids not to show their card to anyone else.
- Starting with Card 1 and going to Card 10, instruct the kids to use the provided coloring or painting supplies to add what the card instructs them to draw to the paper.
- Encourage them not to take too much time to draw their portion, in order to ensure that you get through the entire stack.
- As each kid adds what is on their card, recap the story by reading the portion numbered below that coincides with what they're drawing. (i.e., when Card 1 is being drawn, read #1 below.)

Review these story points while kids are following directions on the cards:

1. After Jesus died, many people had gathered where the apostles were in order to hear what was supposed to happen now that He was gone. People were confused and didn't really know what to do.
2. Suddenly everyone heard a noise that sounded like a violent wind, and they saw what looked like tongues of fire in the sky.
3. The tongues came down and landed on the believers, and suddenly they were filled with the Holy Spirit.
4. Then everyone began talking in different languages. Some people who had come to Jerusalem were amazed at this, while others were skeptical and made fun of what was happening.
5. But then Peter stepped up and began speaking to the people to explain what was happening and to help people understand what to do next. He assured them that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
6. Peter encouraged everyone to turn away from their sins and be baptized. And if they did that, their sins would be forgiven. Three thousand people were baptized that day!
7. After that, people began sharing everything they had with each other—their food, their property, everything! When they saw anyone in need, they shared what they had. And they began spreading the gospel—the good news of Jesus—with everyone!
8. And just like they shared the good news back then, we are to share the same message today! Think about it—if they wouldn't have shared the message of Jesus back then and

passed it down from generation to generation to generation, it would have never gotten to you and me!

9. So we have to keep telling the good news of Jesus for those people who are on Earth who do not know, but also because of those who still aren't even here yet!

10. We should all be willing to share what Jesus did!

- Let kids know they did an amazing job at following directions. Tell them they are incredible artists!
- Explain how the cards prompted them what to create on the poster. Likewise, the Holy Spirit is here to guide us and equip us with courage to share Jesus with those around us.
  - Thankfully, God does not expect us to do this all by ourselves.
  - It didn't take just one person to create this beautiful masterpiece. It was a team effort!
  - And it takes all of us to spread God's love to this world, as we share what Jesus did!

## 2. Discussion Questions

**What You Need:** No supplies necessary

**What You Do:**

**Ask:**

- Who in your life has shared Jesus with you?
- What tends to speak louder to you—actions or words?
- Who can you share Jesus with?
- What are some ways you can do that?

**Card #1:**

Draw a cluster of 12-16 circles near the bottom left corner of the poster. Leave two inches of space at the bottom of the poster. Color the circles a variety of colors.

**Card #2:**

Directly above the cluster of circles, draw a large fire. Color it yellow, orange, and red.

**Card #3:**

Using a purple marker, crayon, or paint, draw a large circle, starting at the bottom of the fire, making it surround all the colored circles in the bottom left corner.

**Card #4:**

To the right of the purple circle, make several small speech balloons that say "Hello" in different languages. Make the speech balloons look as though they are coming from the group of circles. (Some ways you can say "Hello" in other languages are: Hola, Bonjour, Guten Tag, Konnichiwa, Salve, Olá, Shalom.)

**Card #5:**

At the top of the poster, to the right of the fire, draw a man with a megaphone, facing toward the left. (This can be a stick figure.)

**Card #6:**

Draw a big cross that spans from the fire over the cluster of colorful circles. Underneath the circles, draw some ocean waves.

**Card #7:**

At the top right of the poster, draw a line of stick figures connected by their hands. They should look as if they are all holding hands.

**Card #8:**

Underneath the line of stick figures, draw a large arrow pointing down. Underneath the arrow, draw another cluster of circles similar to the first one that was drawn in the bottom left of the poster. Color them a variety of colors.

**Card #9:**

Underneath the last cluster of colorful circles that was drawn, make another arrow pointing down. Underneath the arrow, draw the world, and color it blue and green.

**Card #10:**

Across the bottom of the poster (or anywhere you may have more space) in all capital letters, write in black marker or crayon: "SHARE WHAT JESUS DID!"

**What to Do:**

Print and cut apart. Provide one for each small group.

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