

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. Can You Hear Me Now?

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle.
- Explain that you're going to whisper a phrase in a kid's ear. That kid will whisper the message into the ear of the kid to their right, who will whisper it to the kid on their right, and so on until the message has been passed around the circle.
- Whisper a telephone phrase (see below) into a kid's ear.
- Direct the last kid in the circle to call out the message they received and see if it's the same as the original phrase you began with.
- Continue as time and interest allow.
- Talk through the review questions after a few rounds.

Telephone phrases:

1. The hippopotamus did indeed come for Christmas, no crocodile or rhino.
2. I would really love a waffle with white chocolate wafers on the side.
3. Grandma Shark has shiny shoes that sparkle underwater.
4. Allen ate a dozen apples and saved the rest to make a big pie.
5. It's raining and pouring but the old man isn't snoring. It's his dog that's making all of that noise.
6. My favorite foods are macaroni and cheese, baked beans, and flaming hot salsa.
7. My bird may be absurd, but your dog is a lazy log.
8. I wish I had a dish with those yummy, red, gummy fish.
9. Pass me the purple potatoes, Penelope. I'm piggish.
10. Cooks cook cupcakes quickly, but can you can corn correctly?

Review questions:

1. What word describes the day when believers met in Jerusalem 50 days after Jesus rose from the grave? Hint: It starts with a P! (*Pentecost*)
2. What crazy thing did the believers see coming down on them at Pentecost that day? (*fire in the shape of tongues*)
3. What did the fiery tongues do? (*rested on the believers*)
4. What happened after the tongues rested on the believers? (*The believers began speaking different languages that they didn't know before.*)
5. Why was it so awesome that the believers were speaking different languages? (*People from all over the world in the city were hearing the message of God's love spoken in their own language.*)
6. What did Peter do after this happened? (*He told everyone that whoever called on the Lord's name would be saved and that they should turn away from their sins and be baptized.*)
7. Who did Peter say this promise was for? (*It was for those people, their children, and people who were far away.*)
8. How many people were baptized that day and chose to follow Jesus? (*3,000*)

What You Say:

“Some of those phrases sounded pretty wild by the time we reached the end of the circle. I know the believers in our story today sounded wild for those who didn’t understand too. The important thing is you continued to pass along the message.

“Just like our telephone messages got from the first friend to the last, today’s Bible story got to you because people kept passing the message on! And thankfully we have the Bible so the message doesn’t get changed through the years. The even cooler part is that today’s story isn’t supposed to stop with you. No, we’re supposed to continue to **[Bottom Line] SHARE what Jesus did** with all of our friends and family so the entire world can keep hearing what Jesus has done!”

[Make It Personal] (Share about a time you someone about Jesus and how it impacted both of your lives.)

2. You’ve Got Mail

What You Need: “You’ve Got Mail” Activity Pages, envelopes, pencils, boxes, scissors

What You Do:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Give each team an Activity Page, scissors, and 10 envelopes.
- Place a box about 10 feet in front of each team.
- Direct the kids to work together as a group to cut the strips of paper apart, stuff each one into an envelope, and send one kid from the group down to the “mailbox” to send out their messages.
- The first team to cut apart and send out all of their messages is the winning team!
- Encourage kids to grab an envelope to take home with them as a personal challenge for how to share Jesus this week!

What You Say:

“Way to work together to get those important messages out, teams! What was one way you can share Jesus? *(Allow time for a few kids to share.)* Does anyone have an idea for a way to share Jesus that wasn’t a part of our big mail send out? *(Allow time for kids to think and share ideas if they wish.)*”

“I hope you guys realized through our messages today that sharing Jesus with those around you can look many different ways. It doesn’t always mean you’re traveling around the world or telling a friend the entire story of Jesus dying on the cross. It means when you see an opportunity for Jesus’ love to change things, you **[Bottom Line] SHARE what Jesus did** by showing off Jesus’ love yourself.

“When you hear of a person or place who is in need, you **[Bottom Line] SHARE what Jesus did** by talking about how Jesus can change things. When people ask you about your life, you **[Bottom Line] SHARE what Jesus did** by sharing stories about what He’s done for you.

“Sharing Jesus doesn’t have to be complicated. Your message of Jesus to the world may even look different than your friend’s. But the bottom line is, we don’t hold back. We show people God’s love as much as we can, and we unapologetically talk about how awesome Jesus is. When we **[Bottom Line] SHARE what Jesus did**, whether it be a story from the Bible or in our own lives, that’s how we make moves here, there, and everywhere!”

We comfort those who are hurting.

We show kindness to lonely people.

We tell people why we have so much joy. *(Jesus!)*

We write out our favorite memory verse and share it with someone who needs to be encouraged.

We invite our friend to come to church with us.

We serve in our church or in our city.

We tell a friend something we learned about Jesus.

We help a friend who has big questions about God find the answer by talking to a trusted adult.

We tell a friend who is struggling to believe in Jesus why we believe.

We love people no matter how different they seem.

What to Do:

Print two copies for each small group. Do not cut apart.