



KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 28TH, 2023

BIBLE LESSON: ACTS 2:1-21

Read Acts 2: 1-21

God gives His people not just things, but Himself in the Third Person of the Godhead. The promised Baptism with the Spirit was “poured” out showing that the term “baptism” was not limited to immersion in water which some observed as the custom at the time.

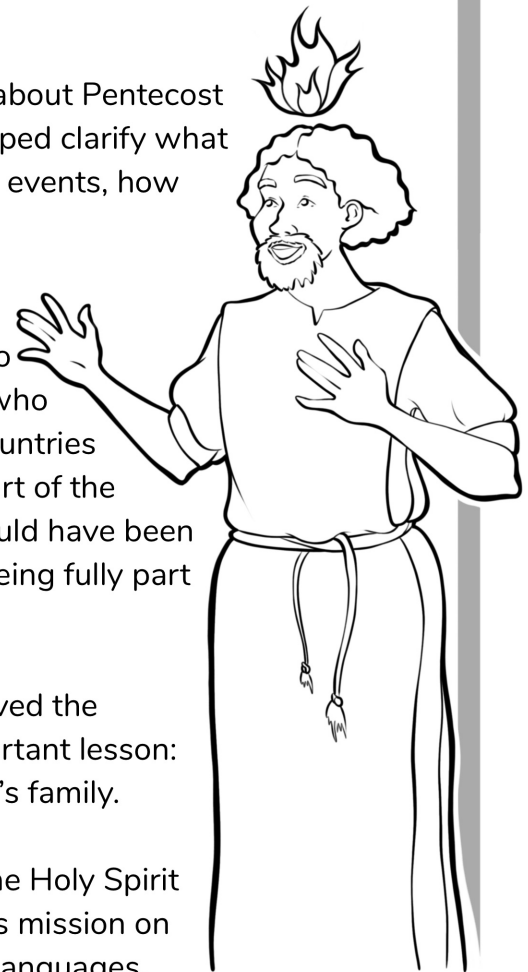
The events of Pentecost are unique and miraculous- not something for us to imitate but for us to understand that God’s salvation is universal and that He pours out the gift of the Holy Spirit on all kinds of people.

While reading up in my study bible I learned some background about Pentecost that I had not uncovered before. The history around the festival helped clarify what was going on at the time and created a deeper appreciation for the events, how they unfolded, and how we are to live out our lives in Pentecost.

On the morning of Pentecost, famers from around Jerusalem would process into the city with baskets of food leading people into the temple courts. The baskets would be presented to the priests who would then recite prayers in Hebrew. Being from many different countries not all the people understood Hebrew so they would recite their part of the ceremonial prayers not knowing what they were saying, which would have been embarrassing and would have placed an obstacle before them in being fully part of the offering they were giving.

At Pentecost, God provided the ability for all to speak and removed the language barrier, teaching those first Jewish Christians a very important lesson: that all people, of all nations and languages were to be part of God’s family.

Today’s lesson is not about us speaking in tongues. It is about the Holy Spirit bringing one message to all people, and our call to continue Christ’s mission on earth by sharing the Gospel with all people in all nations and in all languages.



Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in Heaven, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to the early Christian church, and to us in the waters of our Baptism. Help us so that we can find the right time and the right words to share with others the news about Jesus’ death, resurrection and work done for us in Baptism, so that they might also know You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.