

Text: Acts 2

Introduction/review

1. Our Spiritual Heritage (see explanation under intro/review, lesson1)

Lesson

2. The following points were presented in the lesson using visual aids of choice:
 - A) The apostles were told to wait in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high.
 - B) The Day of Pentecost came, they were all in one place, and suddenly a sound from heaven, as of a rushing wind, filled the house. Tongues as of fire appeared and sat upon each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues.
 - C) The multitudes question the meaning of the tongues and accuse them of being drunk.
 - D) Peter preaches
 - E) The people were pricked and asked what to do
 - F) Peter answers them...Acts 2:38

Visual Aids/Songs

3. I used the picture with the tongues of fire. I cut out the fire shapes and glued orange colored cellophane tissue paper behind the cut outs. I framed the picture in a black construction paper frame so that if they looked at the picture with light behind it, the light would show through the cellophane resembling flames.

Walking with God, Pre-school Year 3, Book 2, pg 2 has a good illustration of the church being the people and not the building.

Song: On Every Sunday Morning (tune: The Church's One Foundation)

On every Sunday morning, I must not lazy be;
I must get up and hurry to worship God you see;
There I'll learn about Jesus, and about our Father, too;
I must get up and hurry, I want to go, don't you?

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

MEMORY VERSE: "Repent and be baptized, everyone of you." Acts 2:38

SCRIPTURES: Acts 2:1-47

AIM: To teach that it is the Holy Spirit who invites people to be converted.

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The disciples had followed Jesus to the Mount of Olives. There He had gone back to heaven. But two men dressed in shining white garmets had appeared and told the disciples that Jesus would come back in a cloud just like He went away.

The disciples hurried back to Jerusalem. They had a special message to tell the people. They were to tell everyone the story of Jesus. But He had told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift which His Father would send--the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples went to an upstairs room to pray and talk about Jesus. They also asked God to help them choose a new disciple to take the place of Judas. God chose Matthias. He loved Jesus as the others did.

The disciples stayed in the upper room. They prayed and remembered Jesus and His teachings. They didn't talk about who would be the greatest; they all loved each other. There were other people present also. One was the mother of Jesus. No doubt she told them many stories about Jesus. About one hundred twenty people crowded into the room, waiting.

All of a sudden there was a great rushing sound, as though a mighty wind had sprung up, and it seemed to fill the whole house. Then what looked like tongues of flame appeared to settle over the heads of each one present. This was God's sign that the Holy Spirit had come just as Jesus had promised.

The effect on them was tremendous! They changed from being frightened, puzzled people, into people of great power and joy, who felt that nothing would stop them from going out to tell the world the truth about Jesus! The entering of the Holy Spirit into their lives was powerful!

At the same time Jerusalem was full of people who had traveled there to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Soon these travelers from far away were crowding around the apostles, listening to their story. The visiting Jews were utterly amazed as each of them heard the apostles speaking in his own language--languages which the apostles had never spoken before.

"Aren't these men from Galilee?" they asked one another. Some of the bystanders were not impressed. "They've been drinking too much wine," they said.

But Peter stood up boldly in front of them, and the other apostles stood with him. "These men aren't drunk," Peter said. "Don't you remember how the prophet Joel, centuries ago, said that one day God would pour out His Holy Spirit upon His children? This is what has happened today. God has given us His Spirit."

Peter continued, "Listen to me. God has given wonderful signs through Jesus of Nazareth, as you all know. But in agreement with God's purposes to give us eternal life, Jesus was taken by wicked men and put to death by being nailed to a cross. Now God has raised Him from the dead. Today we can tell you, beyond a shadow of any doubt, that Jesus whom you crucified is the Messiah."

There was a quiet stir among the people. If Peter was right, they had done a terrible thing. They had shouted for the death of God's chosen Messiah.

"Whatever can we do?" they asked.

"If you are truly sorry," Peter replied, "turn back to God and put your trust in Jesus. Be baptized to show that you want to leave your sins behind and follow Jesus. God will forgive you and will give you His Holy Spirit too."

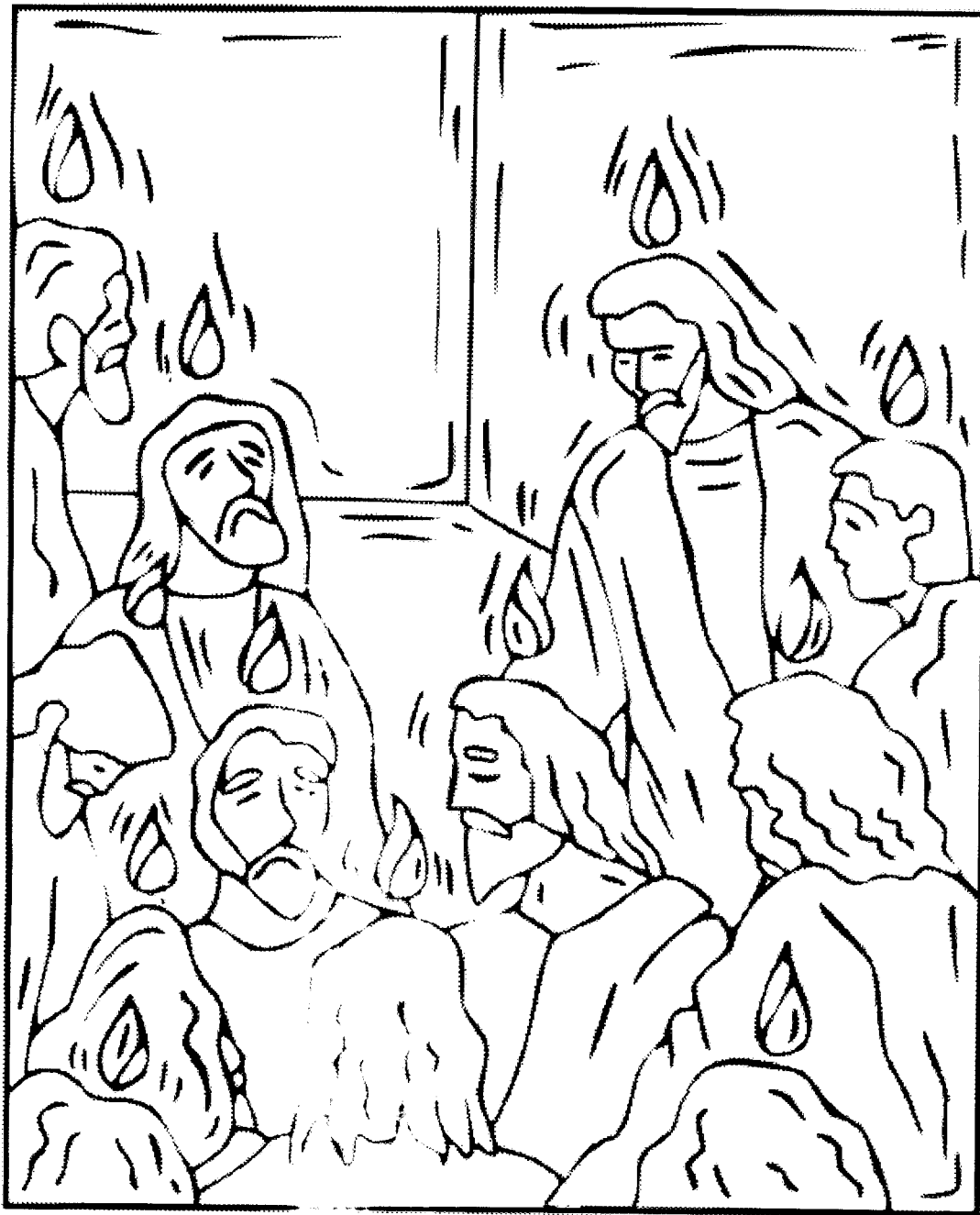
Many of the people did as Peter suggested. They told

God they were sorry and asked Him to forgive them. The response was wonderful. Three thousand people accepted Jesus and were baptized. That was the largest baptism in history.

The people learned Jesus' way of helping people.

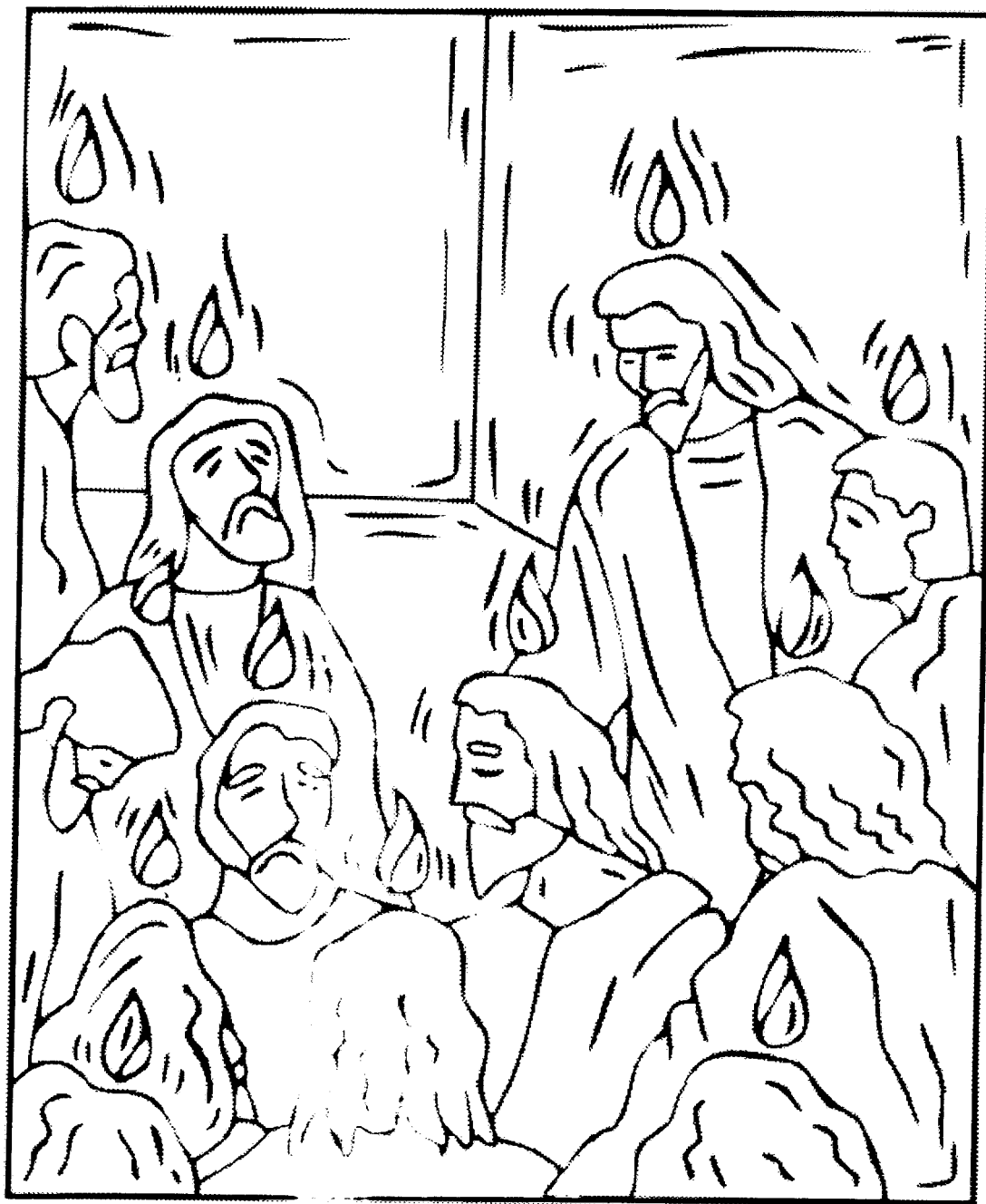
They shared their money and clothing with poor people. It was a happy time in Jerusalem

You can follow Jesus' example and be baptized too. That will make Jesus happy. He will be glad to know that you love Him and want to be His child.



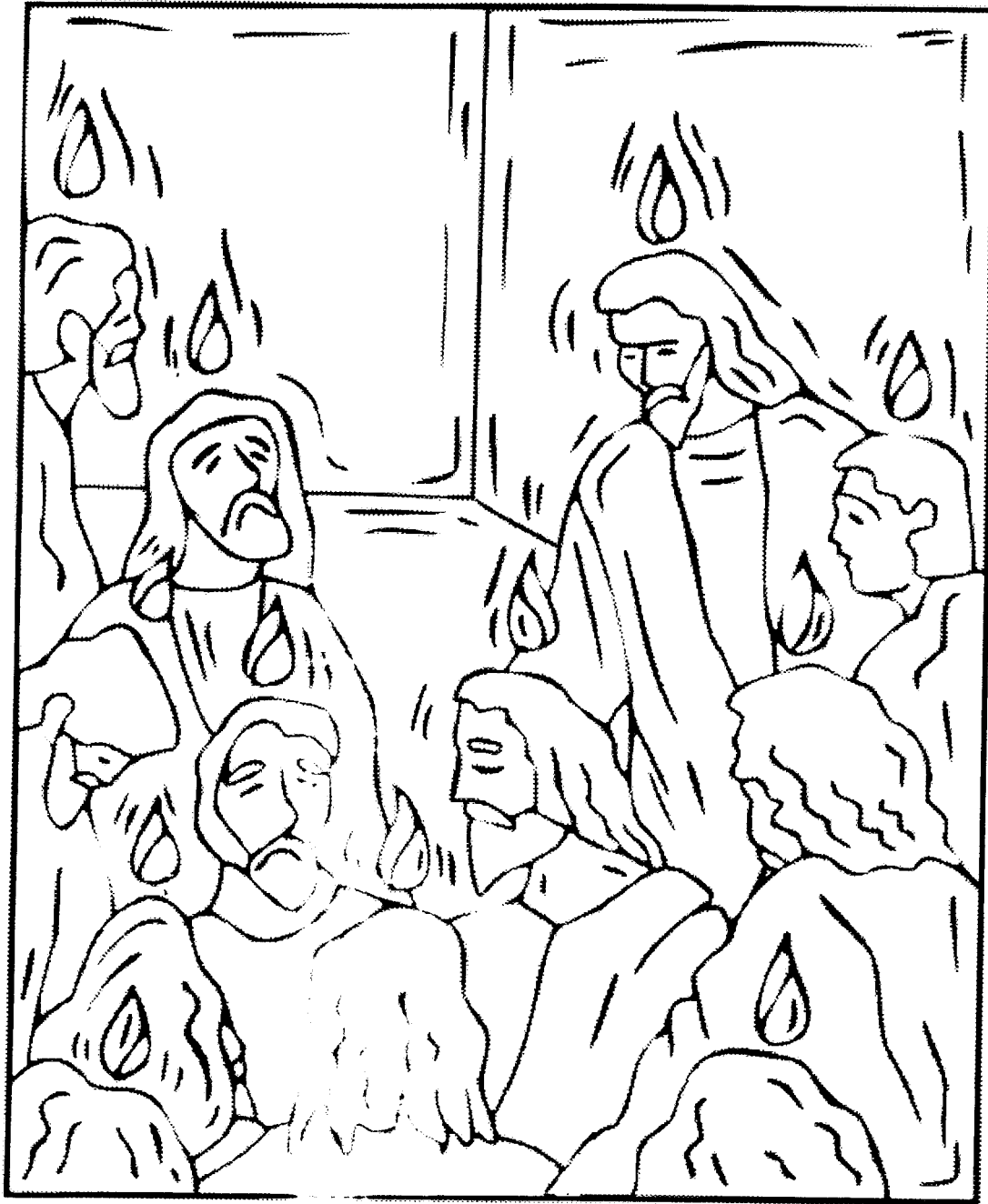
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Church Begins

Concept development: Church – Preaching the new law, fulfilling prophesy, baptizing

Words to define: Devout, amazed, marveled, perplexed

Day of Pentecost – other name are Feast of Harvest, Feast of the First Fruits, Feast of Weeks. This feast celebrated the beginning of the harvest.

Body:

The Holy Spirit filling the Apostles

They were together in one place when a sound as a mighty rushing wind from came Heaven

Then tongues like as fire appeared and sat on each of the apostles

They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them words ~~to~~ speak

Assembling of the crowd

Now in Jerusalem there were devout men of every nation

Devout men [taking hold well] they were cautious, fearing and knew the Law and desired to please God

When this sound was heard

The sound as a mighty rushing wind

Speaking in different languages

They were all amazed and marveled

Galileans were speaking in other languages that all understood

They were speaking the mighty words of God

The crowd continued to grow to witness this event

They could not explain or understand what was going on

Some said that they were drunk

The sermon

Peter put these events in context

We are not drunk as it is 9:00 am in the morning

Joel spoke of these last days

I will pour out my Spirit

Your sons and daughters will prophesy and see visions and dreams

I will show signs and wonders

Who so ever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved

Identifying Jesus of Nazareth as the one to call on

He was approved of God

Mighty works, wonders and signs done by Him in your presents

God delivered Him up to lawless men to be crucified

Whom God raised

Jesus as the Messiah

David spoke of the Holy One not seeing corruption in death

God raised Jesus up to sit on His right hand [Matthew 22:42-45]

This is the same Jesus that you crucified

The people were convicted of their sins and wanted to know what to do

Repent and be baptized

For the remission of sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

With many other words he testified

3,000 received the word and were baptized

The early church

Fear fell on them because of the signs and wonders done by the apostles

They continued steadfast in the apostles doctrine

They assembled together to learn more and be strengthen

They taught others



the
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Spirit



"Those in the early church did continue daily with one accord in the temple, broke bread from house to house, ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praised God and had favor with all the people." Acts 2:46-47



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