

THE CHURCH BEGINS

Text: Acts 2

In Acts 2, we read of how the church first began. We see that prophecy concerning the church was being fulfilled (Dan. 2:44). The Apostles were beginning to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ which was the new law. Chapter 2 also tells of the early New Testament baptisms.

Please read the entire text and have your questions answered in preparation for the class.

Write the definitions:

1. DEVOUT (v.5) -
2. ACCORD (v 1) -
3. AMAZED / MARVELED (v.7) -
4. PERPLEXED (V. 12)
5. EXHORT (v. 40)
6. What was Pentecost? Just write what you know. If you don't know anything about Pentecost, we will go over this in class.
7. Who was assembled in one place on the day of Pentecost?
8. List three things that happened when the Holy Spirit came upon each one.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
9. (v 6) What caused the multitude to come together?
10. According to v. 6, what were these men speaking?
What were the people in the crowd hearing?
11. What was the reaction of the people in the multitude?
12. How many different nationalities can you count in verses 9-11?
13. Did those listening understand how the Apostles could do this?
14. Some people said they were _____.

15. (v. 14) But _____, standing up with the _____, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of _____ and all who dwell in _____, let this be known to you, and heed my words.
(v. 15) "For these are not _____, as you suppose, since it is only the _____" (which is 9:00 a.m.)
16. Peter quoted from the prophet _____. Can you find the chapter and verse for this quote?
17. Peter, (Joel) identifies _____ as the one to call on (v. 21).
18. V.22 says that He was _____ by God.
19. _____, wonders, and signs were done by Him in your presence. (v.21).
20. By the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, the Jews had done what to Jesus? v. 23
21. Whom _____ up. v. 24
22. _____ the Patriarch spoke of Him. v. 25-28 & v. 3
23. Jesus, whom you crucified, is both _____ and _____. v. 36
24. Upon being accused of murdering the Messiah, what was the reaction of the listeners?
25. What did Peter tell them to do ?
26. How many people responded?
27. In vs. 42-47, how did these people behave after being baptized?
28. Name the 6 steps of salvation and list one scripture for each.

Lesson 2

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Acts 2

1. On what day did the church begin?
2. Define "Pentecost". (Look up in dictionary) -
3. With what were the apostles filled?
4. After this, what were the apostles able to do? (verse 4).
5. What does "speak with other tongues" mean? (You may need to ask your parents).
6. Who began preaching the first sermon? (verse 14).
7. What prophet in the Old Testament spoke about this day? (verse 16).
8. After the Jews heard the lesson from Peter, what were they told to do? (verse 38)
9. How many people were added to the Church on this day? (verse 41).
10. What did the new Christians do with their possessions? (verse 45)

Memory verse Acts 2:38.

Amplified Bible Curriculum
Grades 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday Night Activity

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Lesson #2 - The Church Begins

***Review lesson from Sunday. (5-10 min.)**

***Say Memory Verse: Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said unto them, "Repent and be baptized everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

***Give the students a sheet of paper and have them write as many apostles as they know. Number 1-13. Extra points will be given for those who know the 13th appointed apostle. Divide the room in half and tally the score between 2 teams. Allow 5 minutes.**

***Then teach the apostle song (Tune: Jesus Loves Me)
Repeat the song several times.**

**Jesus called them one by one,
Peter, Andrew, James, and John,
Phillip, and Bartholomew,
Thomas and Matthew, too.**

**James the son of Alphaeus,
Simon, also Thaddeus,
The 12th apostle Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.**

**Yes, Jesus called them,
Yes, Jesus called them,
Yes, Jesus called them,
and they all followed him.**

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***Let the boys sign-up for songs to lead. One song will be sung out of the song books each Wednesday night as time allows.**

***Assign each of the 13 apostles to students. They are to find out as much as possible about that particular apostle. This will be shared the next Wednesday. There may not be much information known about them. Reinforce to students that these men were people just as we are. They had families, jobs, etc. Have them ask their parents to help them.**

Church Begins

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

Words to define: Devout, amazed, marveled, perplexed

Day of Pentecost – other names 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~~ were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them words

Assembling of the crowd

Now in Jerusalem there were devout men of every nation (17 Nations)

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

Galilaeans 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 appoved of God

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

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 remmision 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