**Lesson 2 God and People: The real Church**

1. **Look Up**

Have you ever been expecting a surprise but weren’t sure when it was going to happen? The waiting can be both exciting and frustrating! The followers of Jesus who were waiting for the Holy Spirit must have been feeling the same sort of things when they were waiting for the promised Holy Spirit. Jesus had told them to wait. Every day must have been full of great anticipation and perhaps disappointment when the gift didn’t appear that day. But when that day came, the disciples couldn’t have expected how it happened.

**Read Acts 2:1-4**

1. What happened in the upstairs room when the Holy Spirit appeared?

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 **Read Acts 2:5-13**

1. How do you think the disciples reacted to this event?

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1. How did the religious Jews respond? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. How do you think you would have responded to what happened if you were a disciple?
2. What was the purpose of the Holy Spirit’s coming? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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When the Holy Spirit is living in you, He will change your life and the people around you, just like He did with the disciples. Let’s see what happened next.

1. **Look Out**

There were a lot of things happening all at once. People understood the disciples in their own languages. Some of the Jews made fun of them. Many were amazed at what they saw and heard.

1. What did Peter do in verse 14? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In his sermon, Peter, explained that they were not drunk because it was only 9 o’clock in the morning. Then Peter began speaking to the crowd in a way they could understand. He used scripture from Joel and Psalms to show God’s truth about what happened to Jesus (verses 17-36). So in this wonderful message, the Holy Spirit showed His power and love to the very people that had crucified Christ a short time earlier. **Read Acts 2:22-24**

Peter gave a clear presentation of the good news, and the Holy Spirit used his message to bring the people to accepting Jesus as Christ. State what the important parts of each of the following verses are:

Verse 22: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Verse 23: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Verse 24: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Verse 33: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The people were sick at heart or “cut to the heart” when Peter told them they had crucified God’s Son. They realized they were sinners, yet heard Peter express how much God still loved them. They asked Peter what they could do.

1. What was Peter’s reply in verse 37? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. How many people became Christians or a part of the Church Alive that day? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!!!!

Wow! Imagine that many people joining your church in one day!

1. Look Around

Acts 2:42-47 describe how the church functioned. Read it and list all the things your church does that the early church in Acts did. example: communion-breaking bread

Our POWER POINT for the lesson is: God and people: the real Church!