

# What the Apostles Did after Pentecost

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**Directions:** Copy and cut out the skit cards. Distribute one to each group and have students perform the skit.

## 1. Peter Preaches on Pentecost

*Based on Acts 2:4-5, 8-10, 14, 16-17, 21-22, 33, 36*

**Narrator:** The Apostles were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

**Jews:** How does each of us hear those men speaking in our many different native languages? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome.

**Peter:** Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “It will come to pass in the last days,” God says, “that I will pour out a portion of my Spirit. And it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord.”

**Jews:** We remember this prophecy. Is God’s promise truly fulfilled today?

**Peter:** Jesus was commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know. Exalted at the right hand of God, Jesus received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured it forth, as you see and hear. Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah.

## 2. The Apostles Baptize Jews into Faith in Jesus

*Based on Acts 2:37-39, 41*

**Jews:** We have heard Peter telling us that Jesus is the Messiah. He is the Savior sent from God! We feel cut to the heart. Peter! Apostles of Jesus! What are we to do, my brothers?

**Peter:** Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Jews:** Yes, we want our sins to be forgiven! We want to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus! But how can this be possible?

**Peter:** God made this promise to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call.

**Jews:** We accept your message, Peter. We want to be baptized.

**Narrator:** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

### 3. How the Early Christians Lived

Based Act 2:42-47

**Narrator:** The Jewish people who now were baptized into faith in Jesus lived in peace together.

**Christian 1:** I love to listen to the teaching of the Apostles and to learn about Jesus.

**Christian 2:** We live together and pray together and eat our meals together, like a family because we are the family of God.

**Christian 3:** We sold everything we did not need, and we used the money to buy things that other people needed. We share and give everything we have so that everyone has what they need.

**Christian 4:** We are amazed by the power of God working through the Apostles. In the name of Jesus, the Apostles work miracles. They heal people and cure people!

**Christian 5:** The most amazing miracle is that they consecrate bread and wine to be the Eucharist, the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus.

**Apostles:** We lead the Christians in prayer together every day in the Temple. Then we go to our homes and consecrate bread. We receive the Eucharist together.

**Christians:** Let us praise God! And every day more people come to the Apostles to be baptized into faith in Jesus and to be saved.

#### 4. Peter and John Heal a Crippled Man in the Name of Jesus

*Based on Acts 3:1-8*

- Peter:** Let us go up to the Temple area.
- John:** Yes, it is the three o'clock hour of prayer.
- Peter:** Look, there is the man who was crippled from birth.
- John:** Some people carry him from there to the Temple gate every day, and he begs for money.
- Crippled man:** Can you spare me some money?
- Peter:** Look at us.
- Crippled man:** Yes, I am looking at you.
- Peter:** I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise and walk.
- Narrator:** Then Peter took the crippled man by the right hand and raised him, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, stood, walked around, and went into the Temple with them, walking and jumping.
- Crippled man:** Praise be to God!

## 5. Philip Preaches and Baptizes, and Peter and John Confirm

Based on Acts 8:5-8, 12, 14-17

- Philip:** The Holy Spirit filled us with His grace and power on Pentecost, and Jesus told us to preach the Good News to all people. So I went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them.
- People of Samaria:** We all listen to Philip, to all that he says and all the miracles he works. He sends unclean spirits out of possessed people, and he heals the crippled and paralyzed people in the name of Jesus. There is great joy in our city!
- Philip:** The people of Samaria believe the Good News about the Kingdom of God.
- People of Samaria:** We believe in Jesus Christ. And Philip baptized us in faith in Jesus!
- Apostles in Jerusalem:** We have heard that Philip has taught and baptized the people of Samaria. Peter and John, you should go to Samaria to confirm the people that Philip baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- Peter and John:** Let us go to the people of Samaria.
- Philip:** Peter and John, you are most welcome here! Thank you for coming. Will you lay hands on the people of Samaria so that they can be confirmed in the Holy Spirit?
- Peter and John:** God our Father, send forth Your Holy Spirit to these people of Samaria. People of Samaria, receive the Holy Spirit!
- People of Samaria:** We are filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise be to God forever!