

Week 33

Blessed at Pentecost

When Jesus returned to heaven, He gave His friends a job to do. He told them to go and tell others the Good News of His love. He said to spread the news to the ends of the earth, everywhere they went. On Pentecost, He sent the Holy Spirit to give them the power to start doing this job.

Pentecost was an exciting day, but it didn't end there. In the days, months, and years after Pentecost, the disciples continued to tell the message of Jesus' love and forgiveness to people everywhere and in all nations of the world.

(*) Jesus gave that job to His disciples. He gives that job to us too. We are His disciples today. Jesus wants people everywhere to know Him as their Savior. He wants people all around the world to know that He died on the cross to forgive them for all their sins and that He became alive again at Easter. Share the love of Jesus in what you say and do!

Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

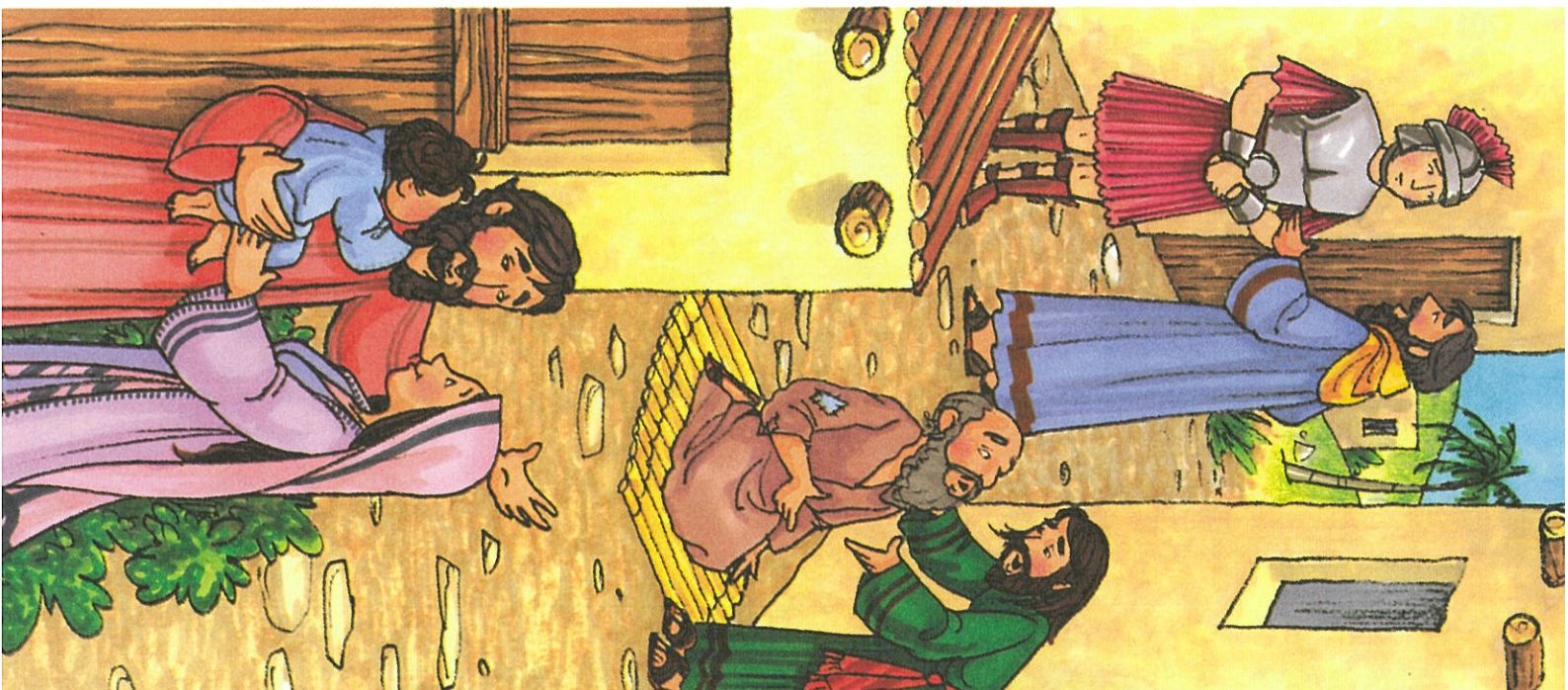
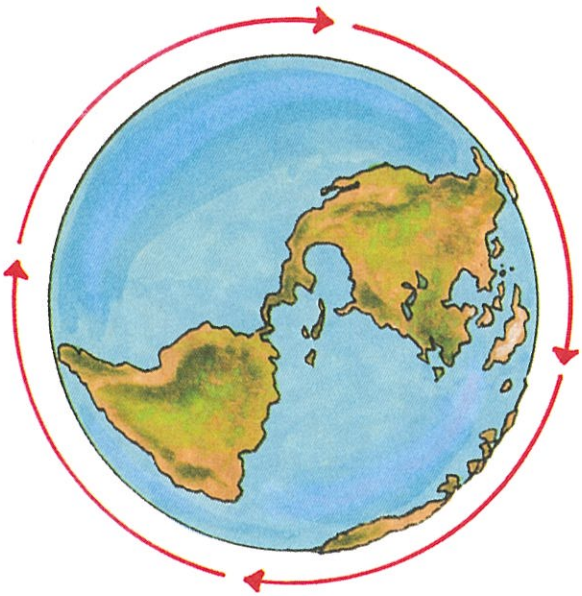
Think about It

Learn more about the events of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-14 and 38-42. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless you with the words and the confidence to speak of the love of Jesus and to share that love in what you do.

Bible Words

Go . . . and make disciples of all nations.
Matthew 28:19





Dear Family,

Have you ever had such good news that you couldn't wait to tell everyone? Well, what news could be better than that of Jesus' love and forgiveness? It's too good to keep a secret! This week's Bible story tells us that Jesus wants people of all nations to know His love and salvation. The Good News of Jesus is for everyone—from your own backyard to faraway places! All people need to hear about Jesus, no matter who they are or where they live!

Remember that your children learn from you! As you show your readiness to speak about God's love in Jesus, they, too, will become enthusiastic. Make this a simple part of your everyday conversation: "God gave us a beautiful day", "Let's pray that God will help Grandma to feel better", "Praise God! I've got some good news!"

Read more about the Bible lesson on pages 421–424 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).