

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

The First Century Church #2 – “The Holy Spirit Has Come!” Acts 2:1-41

WEEK:

MAIN TRUTH: The Holy Spirit will help you to be a witness.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take the attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “Share God’s Word”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: “Share God’s Word”

SONG: (1 minute)

PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Explain the **WHEN WE PRAY IN CLUB** Chart. (See attached visual.)
3. You pray today. Ask the children to do the four things mentioned under “We get ready to pray by....”

FALL CONTEST EXPLANATION: (4 minutes)

“Harvest Time Contest” – You will need two large, see-through containers in which the children can store their candy corn as they earn points. Attach Farmer Jones’ and Farmer Brown’s barns to the front of the containers. (See attached page.) Divide the class into two teams. Each week, the children will earn points for various things. For each point earned, they will receive a piece of candy corn to be put in each team’s storage container. (In order to keep the candy fresh, you may want to divide it between the team members every three or four weeks.) Be sure to keep record of the points each team has earned. Points can be earned for the following things: attending club, each memory verse learned, each visitor brought, and each day completed in their Quiet Time paper. In addition to the things listed above, the teacher can give or take away points any time during the club for behavior, attitude, sportsmanship, etc. - by Rita L. Lobdell

MEMORY VERSE: (7 minutes)

Acts 1:8 – ***“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me”***

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See **“Involvement Helps for Younger Children”** for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“Hidden Commands” – After you have read this verse from the Bible, explained what it means, and repeated it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Write commands on strips of paper or index cards and place them in a small paper bag or gift bag. Ask one child to reach in the bag to choose a command. Repeat the verse by following the command. Examples of commands might be: pick a friend to say the verse with you, boys say the verse, teacher says the verse, stand up and say the verse, whisper the verse, stand on one foot and say the verse, say the verse in a loud voice, say the verse in a squeaky voice, etc.

HYMN FOR THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH #2 – “The Holy Spirit Has Come!”

(See **“Involvement Helps for Younger Children”** for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind them to stay for a few minutes so you can counsel them.)

TAKE TIME TO REVIEW/QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, The First Century Church #2. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Teach information for Week #2.

MISSIONARY TIME: (12 minutes)

1. Share information for the "Go and Tell" Box – Week #1 and pray. (See attached page.)
2. Sing "God's Way" while a child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
3. Explain Missionary Goal Chart. Set missionary offering goal for the year.
4. Missions song: _____
5. Story: *No Darkness At All*. Teach the part of the story for Week #1/2.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (5 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from the "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

"Moving Circles" – Cut six circles from the same color of construction paper. Put a sticker on bottom of three circles. Place the six circles in a row on the table or on the floor in front of the class. Divide your class into two teams. Ask a review question. The student who answers the question correctly may turn over two circles. Award his team 100 points for each sticker found. Reshuffle the circles and ask the next question. The team with the most points wins. - *Evangelizing Today's Child, July/August 1997.*

Review questions for THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH #2:

1. **What happened to Jesus three days after He was buried?** (He rose from the dead)
2. **Over the next 40 days, how did Jesus prove that He was truly alive?** (He appeared to many people. He showed them the scars. He encouraged them to touch Him.)
3. **What did Jesus tell His followers to do in Jerusalem?** (Wait for the Holy Spirit to come)
4. **What unusual things happened on the day of Pentecost that showed that the Holy Spirit had come?** (Roaring sound of wind, little flames of fire settled on the head of each person)
5. **What did the Holy Spirit help the followers of Jesus do that they couldn't have done on their own?** (Speak in other languages that they didn't know)
6. **Why did God give them the ability to speak in other languages that day?** (So that Jews from faraway places could hear about Jesus in their own language)
7. **When the people understood that they were sinners, what question did they ask Peter?** ("What should we do?")
8. **How many people believed on Jesus as their Saviour that day?** (About 3,000)
9. **What did the believers in Jesus continue to do every day after that?** (Meet together to pray, encourage each other, and learn more about God)
10. **If Jesus is your Saviour, who can help you to witness to others about the Lord Jesus?** (The Holy Spirit)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

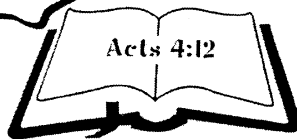
SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Memory verse token holder
4. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time, The First Century Church #2

Share God's Word

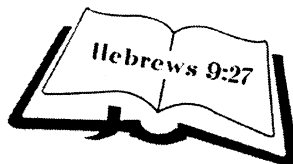
What if someone would ask you one of the questions or say one of the statements in the speech blurbs below? Could you give them an answer from God's Word? There are some suggested Scriptures listed. Write the correct reference in the speech blurb.

1. Why are you so sure you're going to Heaven?
Verse _____



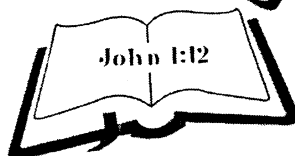
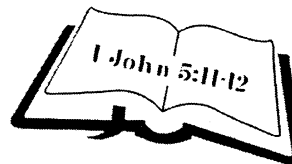
2. There are many different ways to get to Heaven.
Verse _____

3. There are other great men besides Jesus, and if I believe in one of them I'll get to Heaven.
Verse _____



5. Death isn't the end of life. We all keep coming back until we get it right. Some day we will all be gods.
Verse _____

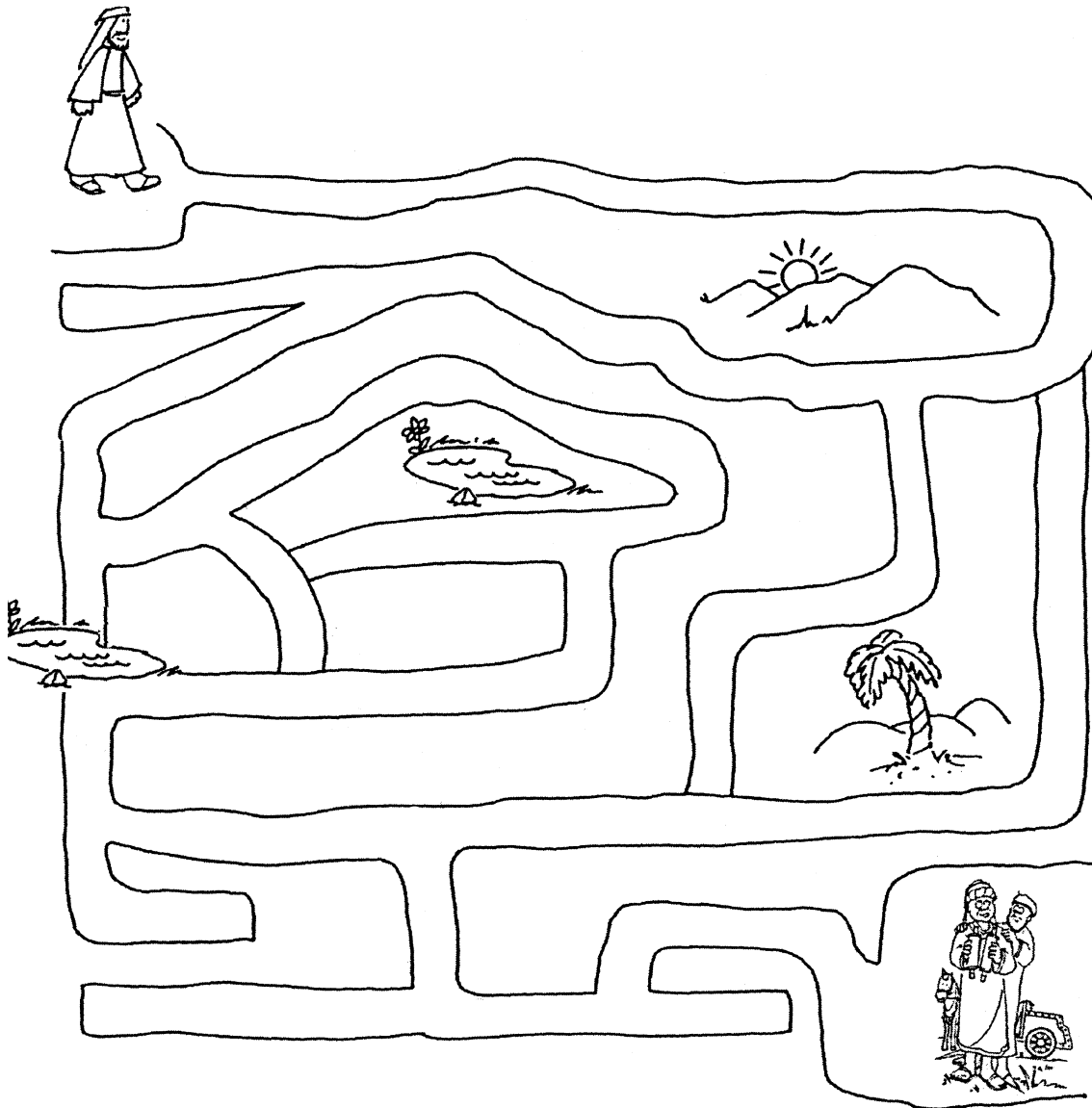
4. People around the world believe in different gods. It doesn't matter which god you believe in as long as you're sincere.
Verse _____



6. I go to church, read my Bible and pray. I don't lie or steal. I know God will let me into Heaven because I try to be as good as I can.
Verse _____

Share God's Word

God told Philip to go on a certain road from Jerusalem to Gaza. There he met a man who was reading the Scriptures. Philip explained to him what the words said about Jesus. Draw a line along the right path to find the man from Ethiopia.



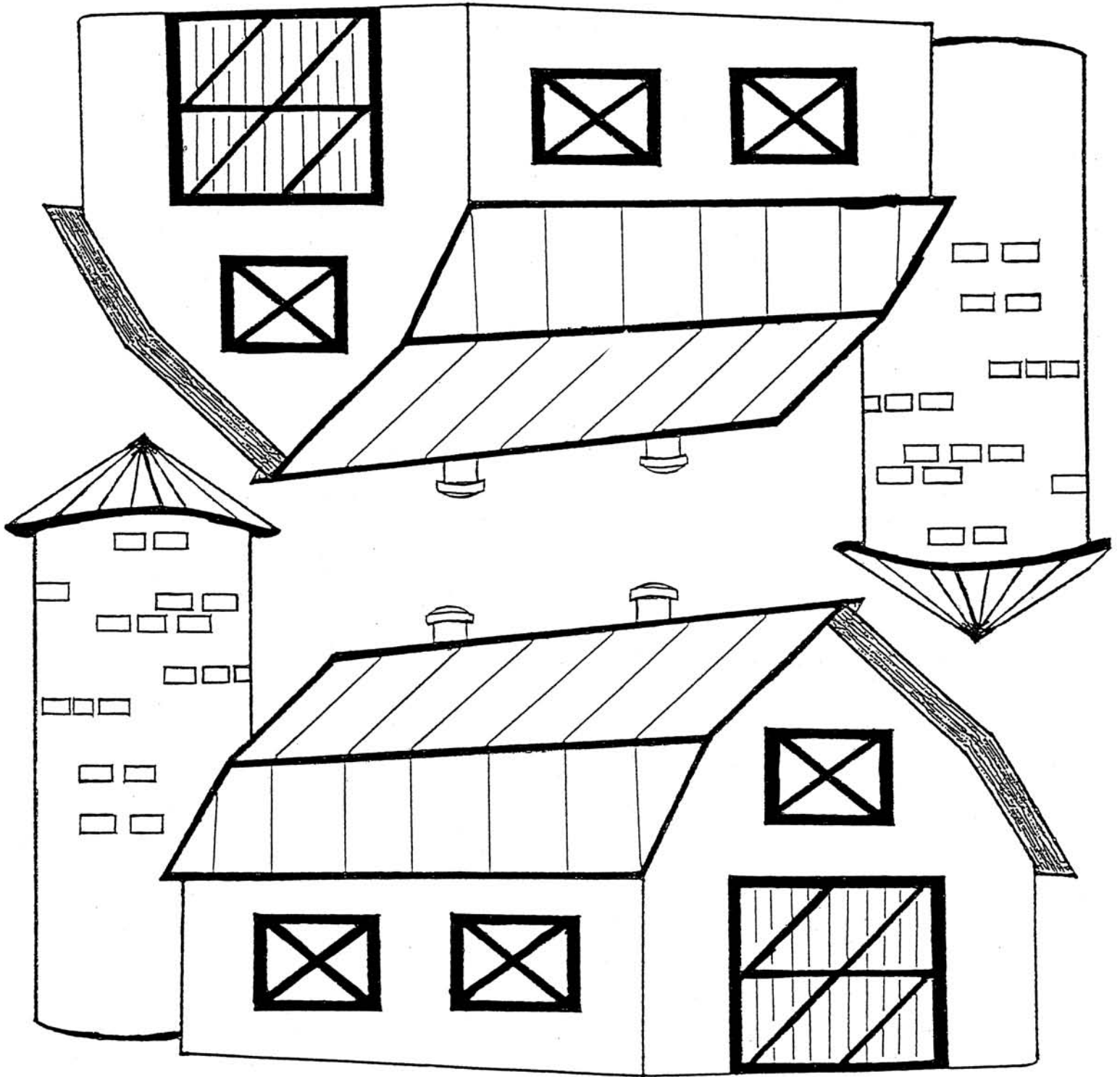
“But ye shall receive power, . . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me”

Acts 1:8

- 1. We get ready to pray by ...**
 - ... bowing our heads.**
 - ... closing our eyes.**
 - ... folding our hands.**
 - ... thinking about God.**
- 2. One person talks to God out loud.**
- 3. The rest of us show reverence for God by listening quietly while the other person is talking to God.**

PATTERN FOR CONTEST

October 1988, *Give & Take*



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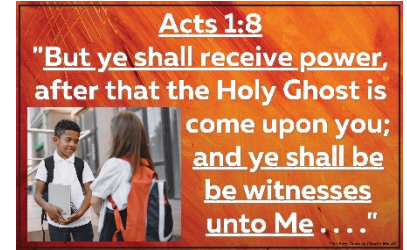
THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME!

Acts 1:8

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

By Missy Hess



INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

Have you ever wanted to tell a friend or a family member about Jesus, but you weren't sure what to say or how to say it? Maybe you were afraid that you would mess it up and they wouldn't listen. Our memory verse today tells us that we aren't alone when we try to tell others about Jesus, and we don't have to rely on our own ability to do it. Listen to today's verse . . .

READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse together from the visualized verse. Then read the verse directly from the Bible.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

Acts 1:8

– This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or reference. It is found in the book of Acts, chapter 1, verse 8.

“But ye shall receive power,”

– “Ye” is another way of saying “you.” It means those of you who know Jesus as your Saviour. God will give you the strength and help you need to tell others about Jesus.

“after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you;”

– When you receive Jesus as your Saviour, God the Holy Spirit, also called the Holy Ghost, comes to live in you. He lives in you and is always with you. He is your Helper.

“and ye shall be witnesses unto Me”

– When you tell someone else what you know about Jesus, then you are being a witness. God wants us to be witnesses and to tell others about Jesus.

REPEAT THE VERSE:

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HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

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By Missy Hess

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

Acts 1:8 – “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me”

Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Flashcard 2-1:

Have children use fingers from one hand to touch the palm of their other hand, as though touching the nail-scarred hand of Jesus.

Have children shrug their shoulders and repeat the words, “How could they possibly tell everyone?”

Have children repeat the word “Pentecost.”

Flashcard 2-2:

Have children blow out of their mouths to make the sound of wind.

Flashcard 2-3:

Have children shrug their shoulders and ask, “How can this be?”

Flashcard 2-5:

Have children shrug their shoulders and ask, “What should we do?”

Bible Learning Game

Choose two children or two helpers to stand facing each other with their arms up to form a “bridge.” Have the remaining children form a line that will continually walk in a circle going under the bridge while singing the words below to the tune of “London Bridge.”

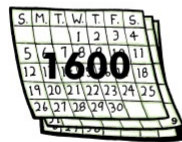
“God wants you to witness, witness, witness.
God wants you to witness. Witness today.”

When the song is finished, the “bridge” will lower gently around the child going under the bridge at that time. Teacher says to that child, “A witness is someone who tells others about Jesus. What is one way you can tell others about Jesus today?” If the child cannot think of a response, you can suggest ideas like: sing them a song about Jesus, tell them the story we learned today, draw them a picture with Jesus on the cross and explain it, teach them our memory verse, etc. Repeat as time allows, giving other children a chance to be caught under the bridge or to become the bridge.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #2

Learning about the Bible



(Place figure #1.) God used about 40 different men to write the Bible. **(Place figure #8.)** It took over 1600 years. **(Place figure #9.)** Although these men were not writing all the time, or even at the same time, what each man wrote agreed perfectly with what the other men had written. This just reminds us that God is really the Author of the Bible. **(Place figure #13.)** Adam and Eve did not have a Bible, but God talked directly to them. One day, God spoke to Moses, and the words of God were written down on tablets of stone. **(Place figure #14.)** In the years before the printing press was invented, the Bible was copied by hand on scrolls. **(Place figure #15.)** Those who copied the Bible were called *scribes*. **(Place figure #16.)** They had to be very careful as they copied so that there would not be any mistakes. You and I should be very thankful to have a copy of the Bible in our homes. We should treat the Bible with reverence and respect by not throwing it around and by not stacking other things on top of it. Next week, we will review how the Bible is divided into two parts.



GO AND TELL BOX

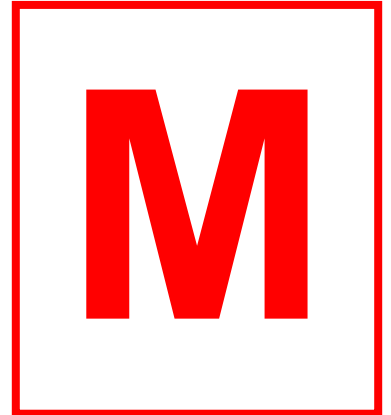
WEEK #1 – INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS

INFORMATION

(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – the letter “M”.)

Each week during our Good News Club (Released Time Class), we will have a special time to learn some important things about missions. We will sing a missionary song, learn about some people who are missionaries, check on how close we are getting to our offering goal, and hear part of an exciting missionary story.

We also will be using this “Go and Tell” Box. *(Show box.)* The pictures on the box are some of the ways missionaries “go” or travel. An item inside the box will help us learn special things about the missionaries who “tell” others of Jesus. While someone comes to look in the box, we will sing a chorus that says, “Go tell somebody today, of Jesus, of Jesus; Go tell somebody today, Of Jesus.” *(Practice singing the song with motions. Each time you sing “Jesus,” have the children hold up their left hand with palm toward themselves. Using the pointer finger on the right hand, start at the top of the pointer finger on the left hand and come down and then up to the top of the thumb making a “J” for Jesus.)*



Let’s sing it one more time while _____ comes up here to look in the “Go and Tell” Box. *(Wait until after singing the song to open the box.)* What does the letter “M” have to do with *going and telling*? *(Let the children share their ideas.)* If a person who has received Jesus as Saviour goes and tells someone else about Jesus, what is that person called? Yes, he or she is called a missionary. Many times, God calls a person to leave their home country and travel to another country to tell people about Jesus. But we can be a missionary right here at home if we tell someone that Jesus loves them and died on the cross to take the punishment for their sin.

PRAYER

THANK God for the privilege that you and I, who know Jesus as our Saviour, have to tell others what Jesus did for us and how they can receive Him as their Saviour from sin.

ASK God to help us and all missionaries to be faithful in telling others about Jesus.



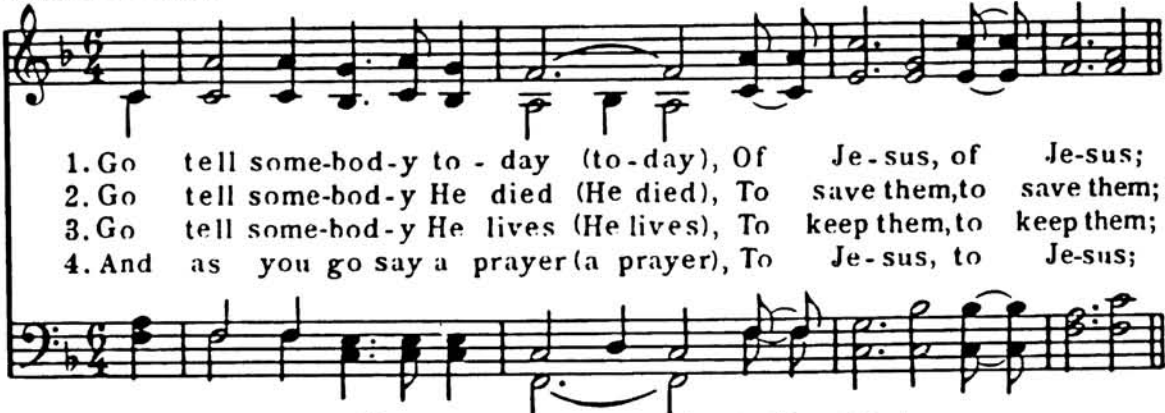
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GOD'S WAY

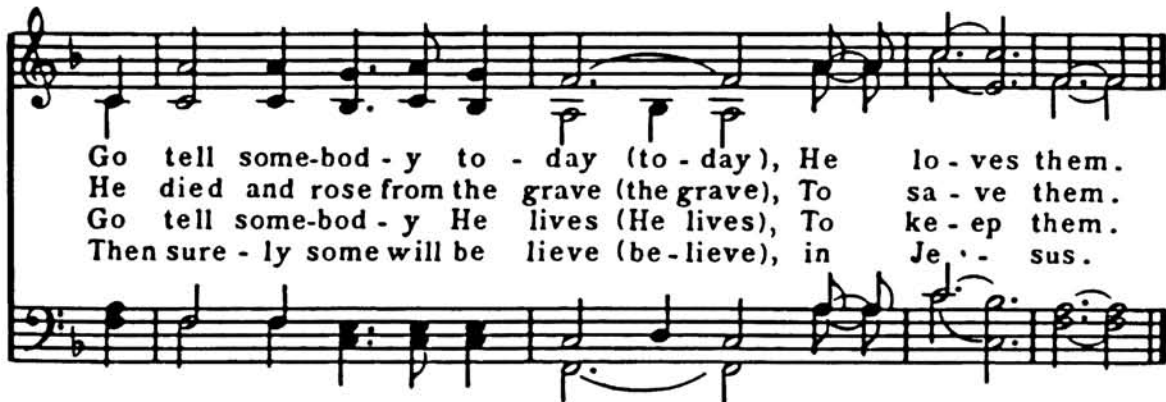
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1. Go tell some-bod-y to - day (to - day), Of Je - sus, of Je - sus;
 2. Go tell some-bod-y He died (He died), To save them, to save them;
 3. Go tell some-bod-y He lives (He lives), To keep them, to keep them;
 4. And as you go say a prayer (a prayer), To Je - sus, to Je - sus;

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Go tell some-bod - y to - day (to - day), He lo - ves them.
 He died and rose from the grave (the grave), To sa - ve them.
 Go tell some-bod - y He lives (He lives), To ke - ep them.
 Then sure - ly some will be lieve (be - lieve), in Je - sus.

**The Holy Spirit
will help you to
be a witness.**



- ...To encourage each other, and to learn more about God together.
- The HS did not force anyone to believe in Jesus. It was a choice each person had to make.
- You have to make that same choice today.

INVITATION

Acts 2:21 – “...Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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**BOW HEADS
RESPONSE**

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

**MT, PAS — THE HOLY
SPIRIT WILL HELP YOU TO
BE A WITNESS**

Acts 1:8 – “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me....”

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

W – Will you do it?

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Acts 2:1-41

- It was hard for Carolyn to wait. Her grandparents were coming to spend a whole week.
- She loved them, but they lived in another state, and she only got to see them once a year.
- Carolyn couldn't wait for them to come.
- Waiting isn't always easy, but many times we do have to wait.
- Followers of Jesus are waiting for Someone important to come. Who? Listen and find out.
- Followers of Jesus had been with Him for 3 years, listening to Him, learning from Him, watching Him do miracles.
- Then Jesus was crucified – hung on a cross to die. Body was buried in a tomb.
- 3 days later they discovered the tomb was empty. Jesus had risen from the dead.

FLASHCARD 2-1

- Over next 40 days Jesus appeared to many people, proving He was alive.
- He showed the scars in His hands where nails had been.
- He encouraged people to touch Him to prove He was real

- Eventually, many people saw Jesus in person, convinced He had truly risen from the dead
- Before Jesus went back to Heaven, He reminded followers He would send a Helper – God the HS.
- Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem for HS to come
- Then Jesus gave them another promise, HS would give them power to tell everyone the Good News.
- Telling others about Jesus is called being a witness.

MT – THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP YOU TO BE A WITNESS

- Jesus told His followers that HS would give them power to tell the Good News of Him
- But there was only a small number of Jesus followers and a large number of people who needed to hear the Good News. How could they tell everyone?
- God had an amazing plan
- About 10 days after Jesus had gone back to Heaven, a Jewish holiday called Pentecost was being celebrated in Jerusalem.
- Many Jewish people came from many faraway places for this celebration.
- They spoke many diff. languages.

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- God knew about the sins of the people in the crowd.
- Now they, too, understood that they were sinners.
- They asked, “What should we do?”
- Peter answered, “Turn from your sin and start loving and obeying God.”
- “Trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of sin. Then you will receive the gift of the HS.”

FLASHCARD 2-6

- A wonderful thing happened!
- 3000 people believed in Jesus as their Saviour that day and were saved from their sin as the HS helped Peter to witness.
- The HS did something that day that Peter could not do; He convicted people of their sin and gave them a desire to know Jesus.
- What an amazing day that must have been!
- Every day after that, believers in Jesus met to pray together...

FLASHCARD 2-2

- On Pentecost, disciples/others were gathered together in one place. They were waiting for the HS to come.
- Jesus had said the HS would be their Helper.
- If they were going to be witnesses and tell people the Good News of Jesus, they would need the HS's help.
- Suddenly, there came a roaring sound like the sound of a mighty windstorm. That sound seemed to fill the whole place.
- Then something like little flames of fire appeared and settled on the head of each person.

FLASHCARD 2-3

- At that moment, every person was filled w/HS. HS had come just as Jesus had promised!
- HS cannot be seen, but God used the sound of wind and sight of flames to let the followers know HS had come.
- The followers started speaking in other languages they didn't know how to speak.
- They couldn't have done that by themselves.

- God the HS was helping them to do that.

- When Jews throughout Jerusalem heard about this, they came to see for themselves.
- How amazed they were to hear the followers of Jesus speaking to them in their own language they could understand.
- They had never seen anything like this before!
- God loved the people and wanted them to hear about Jesus in their own language.

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- God loved the people and wanted them to hear about Jesus, so He sent the HS to help the followers of Jesus speak in different languages to all the people.
- People, "How can this be? These people are all from Galilee, yet we hear them speaking in our own languages"
- Others mocked them, "They are drunk!"

FLASHCARD 2-4

- Peter, one of disciples, stood up and announced loudly...

- "Listen ... these people are not drunk."

- Peter went on to remind them that this was predicted hundreds of years ago by a prophet of God and was written in the OT part of the Bible
- Peter began to witness – to tell others the Good News about Jesus.
- How did Peter have the ability to witness? God the HS was helping Peter to be a witness.

MT, PAS – THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP YOU TO BE A WITNESS

Acts 1:8 – "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me...."

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- God the HS was helping Peter be a witness to the crowd that day.
 - Peter knew the HS had come, and he was trusting on HS to help him know what to say.

FLASHCARD 2-5

- Peter announced that even though the people were the ones who had killed Jesus, it was all part of God's plan.
- God knew we'd sin and need a Saviour. God sent Jesus to be the Saviour.
- P, E**
Romans 5:8 – "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
- God sent Jesus to be the Saviour.
- God the HS gave Peter the help he needed to witness to the crowd that day
- Peter told the crowd one more thing, "God raised Jesus from the dead. We are witnesses of this."
- When Peter finished speaking, the people in the crowd knew in their hearts that they were sinners.
- Boys/girls, do you know that you are a sinner too?
- S, PAU**
Romans 3:10 – "There is none righteous, no, not one."
- 1.