

The early church

Supplies:

Bible
1 plastic grocery bag
2 pipe cleaners
Scissors
Ruler
48 inches of string
Hole puncher

Bible verse: “They praised God and demonstrated God’s goodness to everyone.
(Acts 2:47)

Anchor point: I can help spread the good news.





Find the Book of Acts in your Bible.
Read Acts 2:1 - 47

Our Bible story is about Jesus' followers on Pentecost. It happened 50 days after Easter.

What was the helper Jesus promised God would send?

How did the disciples know the Holy Spirit had arrived?



Our Bible Verse for today is:

They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone.

Acts 2:47

Our Bible verse tells us Jesus' followers did two things.

What is the 1st thing the verse tells us Jesus' followers did?

What are some ways YOU praise God?

What is the 2nd thing the verse tells us Jesus' followers did?

How can YOU demonstrate God's goodness?

Any time we do God's work and share God's love we're praising God and demonstrating God's goodness.

That's the Spirit at work in us!

Let's sign our Bible Verse

They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone.



Praised

Point up with the index finger of your right hand. Then bring your left hand up and clap your hand several times.



God

Point the index finger of your right hand, with the other fingers curled down. Bring the hand down in front of your face as if you are drawing a shepherd's crook. Open the palm as you bring your hand down. End with your hand flat and your palm facing left.



Demonstrated

Point the index finger of your right hand into the palm of your left hand. Move the palm and finger forward.



Goodness

Touch the fingers of your right hand to your chin, Move the hand forward and drop the back of the hand into the open palm of the left hand.



Everyone

Make fists with both hands, with your thumbs out. Hold up the left fist and with the thumb of the right fist, stroke down the left thumb. Then move the right hand out and up with the index finger extended.

Time for a Science Experiment!

Gather these supplies:

- 1 plastic grocery bag
- 2 pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Ruler
- String
- Hole punch

Allow children to make a stick figure using the pipe cleaners.

Invite the children to gently toss their stick figures into the air.



What happened to your stick figure?
I wonder why it fell to the ground.

Can you see gravity?
How do you know it exists?

Make a Parachute



Directions:

1. Cut a 12-inch square piece of plastic from a plastic bag.
2. Use a hole punch to punch holes in each of the 4 corners of the plastic square.
3. Cut four pieces of string approximately 12 inches long.
4. Tie each piece of string to each corner of the plastic square.
5. Gather the loose ends of all 4 pieces of string and tie them around the stick figure.
6. Fold the parachute up and hold it flat against the stick figure and then toss them into the air.

Did the stick figure fall more quickly or more slowly with the parachute attached? Why?

Like gravity and air, we cannot see the Holy Spirit. But we can see and feel the effect of the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit that helps us feel God's presence and helps us do God's work.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is for all of us!

Most don't hear rushing wind, see flames of fire, or receive the ability to speak another language when the Holy Spirit is with us.

We have to pay attention to see signs of the Spirit at work.

The Spirit is God's presence always with us that helps us do God's work.

Any time you do God's work, or experience anyone doing God's work, you know the Holy Spirit is present.



Pray:

God,

We thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit.

Help us to remember that you are always with us helping us to do your work.

Amen.

We miss seeing YOU at church!

Send us photos of you and your parachutes!

We will share them with our church family.

Send photos to:

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