

Story 8 : The First Church

Main Bible verse
[Acts 2:4]

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.
They began to speak in languages they had not known before.
The Spirit gave them the ability to do this.

Jesus rose from the dead three days after being crucified.

40 days after rising from the dead, He was taken up into heaven.

Then the disciples gathered in the loft and prayed together.

Ten days later came the day of Pentecost.

On this day, Jesus' disciples and His followers gathered in the loft room to pray.

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

The disciples and the other followers began to speak in languages as the Spirit enabled them.

Peter began to preach the Word to the people.

"After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit has come who helps us understand the teachings of Jesus. God sent Jesus to save you all."

"Those who heard Peter speak asked him questions."

"Then what should we do to be saved?" Peter answered.

"You believe in Jesus then repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

Those who heard Peter were filled with awe.

Those who embraced his message were baptised and about 3000 were added to the believers that day.



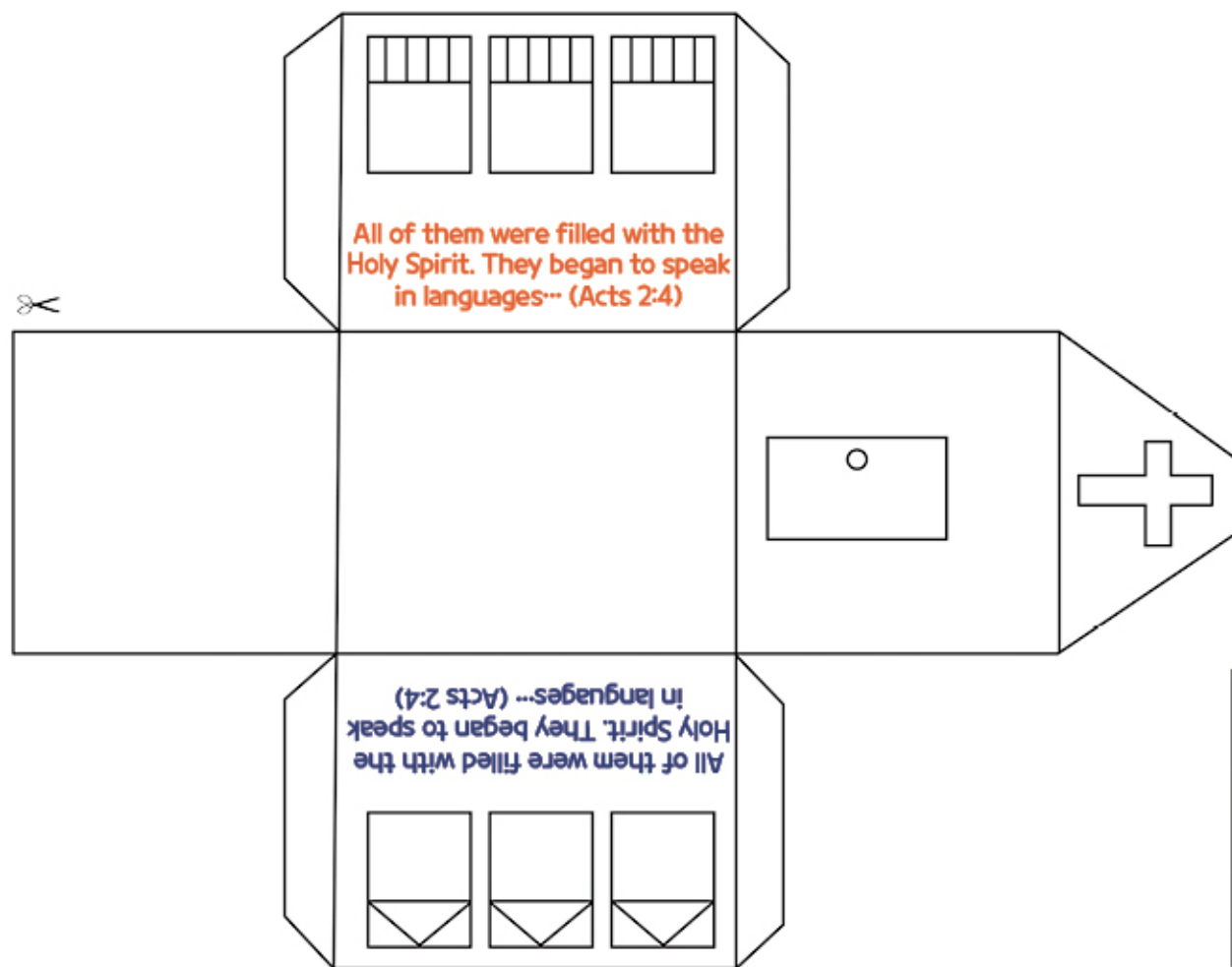
Jesus' apostles and believers gathered every day in the temple courts to pray and praise God.
They sold their possessions and goods to give to anyone in need.
When these things happened after the Holy Spirit came, Those who saw them praised Jesus' disciples and those who believed in him and were saved by believing in God.
This was the First Church.



Activity 1.

Think about what we learned today, color the church below, cut it out and assemble it.

Materials: scissors, glue, colored pencil.



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Activity 2.

Please mark the correct explanation with an (O) and the incorrect explanation with an (X).

	Explanation	O	X
1	Jesus ascended to heaven after 40 days of being resurrected.		
2	The disciples gathered in their homes and prayed alone.		
3	On the day of Pentecost, fire came like tongues upon the heads of the disciples, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.		
4	To be saved, you must give offering.		
5	This lesson tells us about how the first Church was formed.		

- Read and memorize the Bible verse. (Acts 2:4)

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