



The Story @ Home

3rd - 6th

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2019-2020)

Lesson #2-37

Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Last Week

Paul focused his teaching on clarifying the concept of resurrection. The Corinthians were arguing about this belief, and Paul points out that it is not a matter of just raising the dead, but of new life in God's kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57).

This Week

This week is the final reading in this year's lectionary. The end is shown to be a beginning, in which the Holy Spirit comes to the community of believers. The 1 Corinthians text describes how the Spirit gives each of us gifts so that we together can be a complete body of Christ (Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13).

Story Summary

In Acts 1, just before our Bible readings begin, Jesus tells his disciples to wait in Jerusalem, where they will soon be filled with the Holy Spirit and with God's love and grace. In Acts 2, historic events are happening as a new relationship between God and God's people is established. Pentecost signifies this new era, the dawning of the age of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a gift given to us for the glory of God among all people and nations.

Practice: Fellowship

The Corinthians argued over whose spiritual gifts were more valuable to the community, but Paul argued that each gift was necessary and valuable. Today we argue over whose gifts are more valuable. But if everyone was the musician, who would teach or clean? Our fellowship is found in our ability to see each other's gifts, to build each other up, and to build up the community. Make a commitment as a family to worship with your church family this summer.

The Point

Each of us is given gifts by the Holy Spirit to serve others.

Bible Nuts & Bolts

What is Shavuot?

Shavuot is a Jewish festival that commemorates the giving of the Torah (Law) to Moses. It is also known as the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost. Shavuot takes place seven weeks, or fifty days, after Passover. Shavuot is one of three pilgrimage festivals, the other two being Pesach (the Passover) and Sukkot (The Festival of Booths). They are called pilgrimage festivals because participants were expected to journey to the temple in Jerusalem to celebrate. The first Shavuot after the death and resurrection of Jesus has special importance among Christian traditions as it was the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in Jerusalem. Christian traditions celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Church and a celebration of the Holy Spirit.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ In what way does this text teach about our theme of The Power of God's Love?
- ✚ What does this scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Many gifts, one Spirit

Talk about which spiritual gift you feel you have.

Monday—Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

One body, many members.

Which part of the body are you? Why?

Tuesday—Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

You are the body of Christ.

Talk about how you can use your gifts to help in the church.

Wednesday—Read Ephesians 1:15-23

Thanksgiving for faith.

Share one thing about each person for which you are thankful.

Thursday—Read Ephesians 2:1-10

GRACE can be thought of as **G**od's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense. How does this help you think about the gift of grace?

Friday—Read Ephesians 2:11-22

Made one in Christ.

Make a family mural with photos of people from around the world. Pray for the people represented in these images.

Saturday—Read Ephesians 6:10-17

The armor of God.

Use large sheets of paper to create the armor depicted here. Dress someone in the armor.