

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 2, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Even in the darkest times, God has not abandoned His people.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Living in the presence of God is not something believers will only experience at some future date. God is with us even now. He is with us in joyous times, and He is with us when life is hard or painful. Even in the darkest time in history, God will still be with us, working on our behalf.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Acts 2:1-42

Live It Out: Ask your child to tell you the Bible story she heard at church. Remind your child that she learned about Jesus from teachers. Help your child say today's Bible verse.

Peter and the other disciples were in a house. They heard a sound like a strong wind. People gathered outside the house after hearing the sound.

The disciples began to speak in different languages. They went out to tell the people about Jesus. The people were surprised that the disciples could speak in many languages.

Peter stood up and talked to all the people. "Listen to me," Peter said. "God did this. God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus did many miracles. Jesus told us about God. He died but now is alive. Now Jesus, God's Son, is in heaven with God."

Many people listened to the message that Peter spoke that day. Peter told the people to start making right choices and to learn more about God's Son, Jesus. Three thousand people believed what Peter said. They met with the disciples to learn more about Jesus.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 2:1-42

Live It Out: Discuss with your child how God helped the disciples lead thousands of people to believe the good news of Jesus that day, the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' believers gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. A sound like a strong wind filled the whole house! They saw what looked like flames of fire sitting on each of them. Each person was filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in other languages!

People from other countries were in Jerusalem. They were excited but confused because everyone was hearing their own language spoken by the disciples.

Peter stood and spoke. He told the crowd that God promised to send His Spirit, and now He had done it! Peter told the people about God's promise to send the Savior. He told the people about Jesus, the one they had crucified. The people asked, "What shall we do?"

Peter answered, "Turn away from your sins. Be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins." Three thousand believers were added that day.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Matthew 24:15-22

- What does Jesus's knowledge of the future teach us about Him?
- How are Christians particularly equipped for seasons of difficulty? How can we support each other during difficult or frustrating seasons?
- How has God's mercy in the past helped you trust Him for the future?

Live It Out: In the Jewish culture of Jesus's day, though a Father could disown a biological son, he could never disown a son he'd chosen to adopt. The Bible teaches clearly that God has adopted us as sons and daughters, and from this, we can be assured that God will never abandon His children. We will face difficult times, but He will always be with us.

When we feel abandoned by God, other Christians in our lives can be clear reminders of God's presence and powerful encouragements to press forward. Ask your student to consider who has been a reminder of God's presence in his or her life. Then consider how you can both be a reminder to someone else who might feel lonely or abandoned today.