

Beginning of the Church

Acts 1:12-Acts 2:47



New Testament 4
Part 1: Disciples of the Early Church

SUNDAY MORNING

New Testament 4 [Class Attendance Sheet](#) provided in activity sheets (NOTE: The document is interactive, allowing the teacher to type in the Class, Teacher, and the children's names.)

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TEACHING ALERTS:



- Acts 2 indicates that only the 12 apostles had the tongues of fire on them (i.e., Holy Spirit baptism) at Pentecost, not any of the other disciples. Be aware that some children’s books and artwork depict other disciples, including women, with tongues of fire. See the article “[On Whom did the Tongues of Fire Rest?](#)” by Kyle Butt on the Apologetics Press Web site for more information.

INTRODUCTION: (YOUNGER CHILDREN)

Today we are going to study about something that is very important! We are going to learn about when the Church first started. We know that the Church is made up of people. It’s not a building. The Church means those who are saved or Christians. We can learn about how this happened in Acts chapter two.

INTRODUCTION: (OLDER CHILDREN)

What were some of the things that Jesus did while He was here on this Earth? What were some of the things He wanted to “accomplish” while He was here? (Prepare the apostles for what they would do after He left; prepare the people for the New Law; etc.) One of the reasons Jesus came was to establish His Church. His true Church is not a building, but the people who obey Him and become Christians. Today, we are going to learn about when His Church first started.

POINTS TO EMPHASIZE:

1. Jesus only had about three years on Earth to teach people what they needed to do to be pleasing to God. He had chosen certain men (the apostles) to carry on His work after His death. He told them to be prepared for the coming of His Church, the “kingdom of Heaven” or “kingdom of God” (Matthew 16:18,19; Mark 9:1). After Jesus was resurrected, He spent about 40 days appearing to many different people, including the apostles (1 Corinthians

15:5-7). He took advantage of this time to teach the apostles more about the Church and their part in helping others become part of it (by becoming Christians). Before Jesus went back to heaven (i.e., ascended), He told them they should stay in Jerusalem (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4,12) and wait for special powers from the Holy Spirit (miraculous powers that would confirm the Word they spoke, just as they had for Jesus; Mark 16:20) that would help them convince others He was the Son of God. Then Jesus told the apostles that they should go to many different places in the world and preach the good news about Him to **everyone**. [The apostles would not fully understand the concept of “everyone” until divine intervention occurred for the sake of Cornelius in Acts 10.]

2. After Jesus’ ascension, the eleven remaining apostles (Judas having betrayed Jesus and killed himself) and some other disciples (including His mother Mary and His brothers) went to an upper room in Jerusalem to wait as He had told them to do. It may well have been the same upper room where He and the apostles ate their last supper together. They prayed about choosing someone to take Judas’ place. Then they chose Matthias.
3. On the Day of Pentecost, some very strange things happened:
 - A sound **like** a great rushing wind filled the house where they were.
 - The noise, **heard** by many in the city, was followed by something **seen** by everyone: “**tongues as of [like] fire**” that “rested” (“sat,” NASB) on each of the apostles.



NOTES: The word “cloven” used in the KJV to describe the “tongues” which rested on the apostles’ heads is correctly translated in the NASB as “distributing themselves.” The word comes from a Greek word meaning “to cut in pieces as a butcher does meat.” With that in mind, it seems that a “fire-like appearance presented itself at first, as it were, in a single body, and then suddenly parted in this direction and that, so that a portion of it rested on each of those present” (*Word Pictures in the New Testament*, Vol. III, p. 21).

Many in the crowd would have spoken Aramaic, in addition to the languages of their respective countries. Many were from widespread parts of the Roman Empire, and Greek was the accepted language of the Empire. It would not have surprised the multitudes to hear the apostles speak in Aramaic or Greek, but to hear their own languages so far from home—all at the same time—was astonishing.

- The apostles were “filled with” (enabled by) the Holy Spirit in a miraculous way, and they began to speak to the crowd in languages they had not been taught, languages which everyone in the crowd (from about 17 countries) **heard** and **understood**. This was yet another miracle to prove that the words of the apostles were from God, Himself.

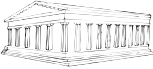


NOTE: The ability to do miracles, like speaking in languages (tongues) that a person has not studied, could be passed on when the apostles laid their hands on others. When the apostles died, and those on whom they had laid their hands died, miracles ceased. The Word was being written down and passed on. So the miracles eventually would not be needed to confirm the message. Besides the direct gift from God to the apostles in Acts two, the only other instance of God directly giving miraculous powers to anyone in the New Testament is to Cornelius and his household in Acts 10. (There is no direct indication that they were able to pass on the ability to do miracles.) Cornelius and his household received special gifts simply to verify, to prove, that Gentiles should be accepted without reservation into the Church.



RECOMMENDED READING FOR TEACHERS: See the article titled “**Modern-Day Miracles, Tongue-Speaking, and Holy Spirit Baptism: A Refutation**” by Dave Miller on the Apologetics Press Web site for an in depth study of New Testament miracles and their duration in the Christian age.

4. All of this happened on the Day of **Pentecost**. The apostles went outside the house and saw thousands of people who had gathered because of the loud noise they had heard. (Thousands of Jews had come from many different parts of the world to celebrate Pentecost and to worship God. Many had come for the **Passover** and stayed in town for the next feast because travel was so difficult and time-consuming.) So the apostles had a ready-made audience.



HISTORICAL NOTE: **Passover** was the most important feast of the year for Jews because it was a time to remember their ancestors’ escape from slavery, under the leadership of Moses. It was a one day feast [the 14th day of Nisan or Abib (the first month on the Jewish calendar, i.e., mid-April)], followed by seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. **Pentecost** was celebrated on the 6th day of Sivan [June], 50 days after the Passover. [“Pentecost” means 50th.] It is also called the Feast of Harvests because it falls during the wheat harvest.

5. Most of the people who heard them speak in their own languages were excited and amazed, but some accused them of being drunk! Peter spoke up and assured the crowd that they were not drunk. After all, it was only 9:00 in the morning. Then he began to use Old Testament prophecies from Joel and the Psalms to tell the Jews that the man Jesus, who had been crucified seven weeks before, really was the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Weeks before, Peter had been afraid to even say that he knew Jesus. But on that day, he stood bravely before thousands and told them that **they were responsible** for Jesus’ death! He assured them that Jesus did not remain in the tomb though; God had raised Him from the dead.
6. Peter wanted to make the people feel sorry for what they had done so that they would accept responsibility for their actions and change their lives. Many in the crowd believed Peter’s message which had been confirmed with miracles and were convinced they really had been responsible for the crucifixion of the Son of God. They asked him, “What shall we do?” Peter took advantage of that question to tell them to repent (change their thinking and proceed to change their actions as well) and be baptized for the remission (forgiveness, wiping away) of their sins. [Before His ascension, Jesus told the apostles to preach that very message in Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, and Luke 24:46-47.] That day—the Day of Pentecost—about 3,000 believed Peter’s message and were baptized into Christ. They were the first Christians [although the word “Christian” isn’t used until Acts 11:26].
7. Can you imagine how excited the apostles were? Every day after that they went to the Temple area to teach other Jews about the Savior, Jesus Christ. God gave them the ability to perform miracles to further confirm their message (2:43). “And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (2:47). In a short time, there were many thousands of Christians in Jerusalem.

YOUNGER CHILDREN: MAY WANT TO SAVE THE REMAINDER OF THE LESSON FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT



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8. When you are old enough to understand what sin, forgiveness, repentance, and Christian responsibilities are, you can become a Christian in the same way those people (and many more) did 2,000 years ago. God has given us the same instructions in the New Testament:

Hear: Before we can obey, we have to know what God wants us to do. We listen to preachers, teachers, and parents; and we read the New Testament for ourselves (Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 2:15).

Believe: We must believe that Jesus is God’s Son and our Savior (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:37; Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24).

Repent: We must change the way we think about sin and decide to change the way we live (Acts 17:30; 3:19; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

Confess: We must be willing to say with our mouths that we believe that Jesus is God’s Son (Romans 10:9-10).

Be baptized: Baptism is a burial/immersion with Christ (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 8:38; John 3:23), not having water sprinkled or poured over my head. Baptism washes away our sins and saves us (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; 22:16). Baptism clothes us with Christ (Galatians 3:27), and is the point at which we have officially chosen to submit to the authority of Christ (Matthew 28:18-20). Being baptized makes us Christians and a part of Jesus’ Church (His family, His body; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:47). [No person or group of people have the right to “vote us into the Church.” Jesus alone has the right to make us part of His body (Acts 2:47). The Church is not a group that we can “join” like a club.]

Obey God: We must do all these things and continue to do those things God expects of us as Christians and not do those things He has told us not to do (Revelation 2:10). We do them because we love our Heavenly Father and because He told us to (John 14:15)!



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PRE-CLASS ACTIVITIES/LEARNING CENTERS (TO BE USED AS CHILDREN ARE ARRIVING—BEFORE CLASS, AND UP TO THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES OF CLASS; OR AS HOMEWORK):

- Click here for complete [Activity Book](#) and [Answer Key](#).

Ages 2-5:

- “[Tongues of Fire Coloring Sheet](#)” (provided in activity sheets)
- Help kids make paper chains with each “step” of salvation written on a link ([provided](#) in activity sheets).
- Help kids draw an outline of their hands on pieces of paper. Write one of the steps of salvation on each finger, and “Live Faithfully” on the palm of the outlined hand.

1st-2nd Graders:

- “[Paper Chain Cutout](#)” (provided in activity sheets)
- “[Church Growth Activity Fill in the Blank](#)” (provided in activity sheets)
- Play Hang Man or Bible Word Scramble with key words from this lesson: Peter, apostles, miracle, repent, believe, baptism, sermon, etc.

3rd-4th Graders:

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- Give the students verses that go with the steps of salvation. Have them look up the verses and decide which step goes with each verse. You can divide the class into teams and play as a race game.
- Have the children read:
 - Acts 2
 - *Discovery* magazine: [April, 2005](#) (“The Spiritual Family of God”); [January, 2002](#) (entire issue); [February, 2006](#) (entire issue)
 - *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, by Liz Curtis Higgs, Tommy Nelson Publishers

FINGERPLAYS:

“WHO DID IT FIRST?”

Author: Unknown*

Who preached the Gospel, (spread hands with puzzled look on your face)

The very first time? (hold up one finger)

One of the twelve apostles—Peter— (hold up one finger)

Just as Jesus had told him he would. (point upward)

And where? In Jerusalem!

“ON PENTECOST”

I have ten fingers. (hold up ten fingers)
Is that enough to show the number baptized that day? (finger to head, as if thinking)
I show three fingers. (hold up three fingers)
Then three zeroes (draw three circles in the air)
3,000 were baptized that day! (repeat number actions)

“HERE’S THE CHURCH BUILDING”

Here’s the Church building. (all fingers linked together backward, facing palms)
Here’s the steeple. (take two index fingers out of double fist and put fingertips together)
Open the door, and there’s the Church—the people!
(Completely unfold double fist, with fingers still linked together)

SONGS:

“WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?” ([Click to Hear](#))

Author: Lora Laycook
(Tune: “Wonderful Story of Love”)

(This song works best if half of class asks questions and the other half responds.)

“What must I do to be saved?”
The question comes today.
“What must I do to be saved?
O answer me, I pray.”

The gospel of Christ, you must hear;
Believing, you then must repent.
Confess the name of our Savior,
Who down from Heaven was sent.

CHORUS:

Be bap-tized, be bap-tized,
Be baptized, from your past sins you’ll be saved.

“THE CHURCH WAS BUILT BY CHRIST” ([Click to Hear](#))

Author: Lora Laycook
(Tune: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”)

VERSE 1:

The Church was built by Christ, our Lord;
Our Father tells us in His Word.
‘Twas on the Lord’s day, this we know,
On Pentecost of long ago.

CHORUS:

'Twas built by Jesus, God's own Son,
We know that He built only one.
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VERSE 2:

Then let us worship Christ, our Lord;
As He commands us in His Word;
We'll give and teach, we'll sing and pray,
And we will worship on His day.

(CHORUS)

VERSE 3:

On the first day of every week,
Our Lord has taught us we should meet,
He gave His body; we eat the bread.
We drink the cup; His blood was shed.

(CHORUS)

“THE FAMILY OF GOD” ([Click to Hear](#))

Author: Unknown*

(Tune: “The Farmer in the Dell”)

The family of God, the family of God,
We grow in Jesus day by day,
The family of God.

The family of God, the family of God,
We learn God's Word and pray each day,
The family of God.

“THE CHURCH” ([Click to Hear](#))

Author: Unknown*

(Tune: “Mary Had a Little Lamb”)

On the day of Pentecost, Pentecost, Pentecost,
On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came.

Peter preached the Gospel first, Gospel first, Gospel first.
Peter preached the Gospel first.
3,000 souls were saved.

That was the day the church began, church began, church began,
That was the day the church began.
God fulfilled His promised plan.

Believe the Word and be baptized, be baptized, be baptized.
Believe the Word and be baptized.
Then God adds you to the church.

The church of Christ is not a building, not a building, not a building.
The church of Christ is not a building. It's the baptized believers inside!

“CHRIST BUILT HIS CHURCH” ([Click to Hear](#))

Author: Lora Laycook
(Tune: “There’s a Fountain Free”)

“On this rock I’ll build, I will build my church,
And the gates of hell shall not prevail.”
Our dear Lord thus said in the long ago,
And we know this promise did not fail.

CHORUS:

“I will build, I will build my church;
I will build, I will build my church.”
And He did, yes, He built His church,
He built it for you and for me.

‘Twas at 9 o’clock on a Sunday morn,
On that Pentecost of long ago,
Peter preached to them at Jerusalem,
And the church of Christ began, we know.

(CHORUS)

“ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST” ([Click to Hear](#))

Author: Sarah Richey
(Tune: “If You’re Happy and You Know It”)

On the day of Pentecost, the church began—Acts 2!(REPEAT)
Jesus died on the tree, from my sins to set me free,
On the day of Pentecost, the church began—Acts 2!

In Jerusalem, when Peter preached the word—the first time! (REPEAT)
Many people did obey, all their sins were washed away.
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When Peter said, “Repent and be baptized”—they obeyed! (REPEAT)
More than 3,000 souls, the Lord added to the church.
When Peter said, “Repent and be baptized”—they obeyed!

“PLAN OF SALVATION” ([Click to Hear](#))

Author: Unknown*

(Tune: “Pop Goes the Weasel”)

Hear, believe, repent, confess,
Be baptized in the water.
Rise up again to walk with Christ,
And live like you ought too.

(REPEAT)

“GOD BUILT THE CHURCH” ([Click to Hear](#))

Author: Unknown*

(Tune: “Mulberry Bush”)

On the day of Pentecost, Pentecost, Pentecost,
On the day of Pentecost, God built His holy Church.

He placed Jesus at the head, at the head, at the head.
He placed Jesus at the head, at the head of the Church.

Elders or shepherds lead the Church, lead the Church, lead the Church.
Elders or shepherds lead the Church, by the Word of God.

Then the deacons serve the Church, serve the Church, serve the Church.
Then the deacons serve the Church, in the Church of Christ

Teachers and preachers teach God’s Word, teach God’s Word, teach God’s Word.
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All the members serve the Lord, serve the Lord, serve the Lord,
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OLDER CHILDREN

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2. Explain God’s plan for the organization of the Lord’s Church. Draw the shape of a human body on the board, labeling the head “Jesus” (Colossians 1:18), and the rest of the body “members,” or “Christians.” With Jesus as the Head of the Church, the elders are His shepherds over the Church. Deacons are given responsibilities over daily things by the elders, such as the building, dispersing funds, and helping other Church members, etc. Preachers, teachers, elders, and deacons help us learn and remember God’s Word.
3. God wants every member to work together, to help one another, just as the parts of a body must work together. Your brain (head) sends signals to every other part of your body so that each part knows what to do and when to do it. If your eyes see a piece of chocolate cake on a table, and your brain tells your feet to walk to the table, you expect your whole body to move that way. If your body doesn’t do what the brain tells it to do, you know something is seriously wrong somewhere in your body. [Spend as much time as you want/can on the ways involuntary and voluntary muscles work in response to nervous system signals through the brain.] If we (the body) don’t do what Jesus (the Head) wants us to, then there is something seriously wrong within the spiritual body.



RECOMMENDED READING FOR TEACHERS: See the Apologetics Press book, *What the Bible Says About the Church of Christ* by Dave Miller for a more in depth study of the Church described in the New Testament—Christ’s Church. See also:

- “**The Unique Church**” by Dave Miller
- “**Who Are These People?**” by Dave Miller
- “**Is Denominationalism Scriptural?**” by Dave Miller
- “**Choose the God of Your Choice?**” by Dave Miller
- “**Exclusivism and Christ’s Church**” by Dave Miller

4. You can write one or more of the following acrostics on the board (or make up your own) and talk about each point, illustrating with pictures from your picture file:

C **Christ** is the head of the Church; the Church belongs to Christ (because He bought our

salvation with His blood).

H Household of faith; the family of God.

U Unique; there is only one Church (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4).

R Respect for elders is crucial for the spiritual health of the whole church.

C Christians who want to be like Jesus.

H Heaven—the ultimate goal of all Christians.

B Bought with a price.

O Only one Church, and we care about one another.

D Devoted to Christ, we try daily to live for Him.

Y Yield to (submit to; obey) the leaders of the church and to the instructions of Jesus, Himself. No one part of the body can have its own way or choose to do whatever it wants.

F Forgiveness; Christians forgive one another.

A Acceptance; the Church provides an atmosphere of acceptance.

M Making time for one another; we share both happy and sad times together.

I Individuals working together; we are all different and we all have different talents.

L Love for one another.

Y Young and old are important in the family of God.

PRE-CLASS ACTIVITIES/LEARNING CENTERS (TO BE USED AS CHILDREN ARE ARRIVING—BEFORE CLASS, AND UP TO THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES OF CLASS; OR AS HOMEWORK):

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