

# Salford Elim Kid's Church

## Acts Chapter 2 :1-12

Hi Everyone, hope you're all doing ok 😊 This week we're looking at Acts Chapter 2:1-12 and I've included a video of me going through this resource as best I can without being present to interact with anyone (!) It does mean that I ask some questions and so it might be helpful to your child/children if you could ask them after they've watched it, if there was anything they wanted to discuss further.

As always, go through what's here and decide which bits you'd like to do with your household, there's no expectation for you to do it all! And feel free to share anything your child/children have done with the church Facebook page, or with any other church kid's via their carers (if you need a contact number, please ask and I can check with people and then pass it on), as a way to try and connect them with each other and with church.

Today we are thinking about how the Holy Spirit helps us to communicate with others, even when we think it'll be impossible. We'll think about how we communicate the gospel, and do we adapt depending on who we are speaking to and what opportunities lock-down could create for us to share in a new way or with others we haven't yet.

In the passage, we learn again about how important communication is and being able to understand what someone is saying to us, as well as being understood. Suddenly, because people could hear the wonders of God in a language they could understand, they could be told of Christ crucified for them, accept the message and be baptised.

GAME: How about taking turns to 'mime' an emotion through facial expression? See if anyone can guess correctly what your face is trying to say! (E.g. Happy, sad, excited, nervous, surprised, shocked, interested, uninterested, bored, confused, etc) Did anyone misinterpret what you were trying to show? Did anyone get frustrated? How did it feel when people knew what you were miming?

BIBLE BIT: Here is the passage from the International Children's Bible. Have someone read it:

Acts 2 International Children's Bible (ICB)

## The Coming of the Holy Spirit

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages.

5 There were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. 6 When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 They were completely amazed at this. They said, "Look! Aren't all these men that we hear speaking from Galilee?[a] 8 But each of us hears them in his own language. How is this possible? We are from different places: 9 Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near Cyrene, Rome 11 (both Jews and those who had become Jews), Crete and Arabia. But we hear these men telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!" 12 They were all amazed and confused. They asked each other, "What does this mean?"

OR

WATCH:

- This video features children around the age of 10-12 telling the story we are looking at today <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuUK6REOWuE>
- This one includes puppets for those little ones who like them and looks at Acts Chapter 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtokHQOmFu0>
- And for those who like Lego... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ww-0sCm0ge4>
- And an animated version of Acts Chapter 2 (It appears in the 15 minute videos too). It goes beyond the passage we are looking at today, but that's ok 😊 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M&list=PL5aPdmniG3y\\_n7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws&index=81&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M&list=PL5aPdmniG3y_n7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws&index=81&t=0s)
- This video is a bit of an extra and gives a detailed explanation and overall teaching on God's spirit and is more suited to those children aged 12+ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNNZO9i1Gjc> It'd be good for those who want to know a bit more or have questions 😊

The two videos that follow, could be good for those of you who are struggling for time, but would like your children to be able to watch something of the story with a bit of follow-up:

- This is a 15 minute video (aimed at children aged about 7/8-12) that includes a song (from Acts 1:8), the animated account of Acts Chapter 2 and a lesson after with an 'alter call', in which the teacher says you can speak to your leader afterwards, so it might be worth saying to your child/children that they can come to you if they want to ask Jesus to be their Saviour. It doesn't really go into much detail of what happened on the day of Pentecost itself, but talks of the Holy Spirit as our guide and power more generally.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKYF-3h8hE8&list=PL5aPdmniG3y-BHf3qhIMn6clmJJb358mh>
- This is a 15 minute video (aimed at children aged about 4/5-7/8) that includes the animated story of Acts Chapter 2, two songs (including the one from Acts 1) and a lesson on the Holy Spirit using a science experiment.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i\\_TBpmey9iA&list=PL5aPdmniG3y-QFOZVm\\_dBGZUMMuFEp463](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_TBpmey9iA&list=PL5aPdmniG3y-QFOZVm_dBGZUMMuFEp463)

DISCUSS: Following the reading, or video, ask the following:

- Can you think of a time when you tried to explain something to a friend, teacher, parent or carer or anyone and they didn't understand you? (Link back to the game if you played it and your child can't think of any times.) How did it feel? How do you think it felt of those who couldn't understand you? What did you do?
- Can you think of a time when you couldn't understand something someone was trying to say or teach you? Have you ever been at school and couldn't understand what the teacher was saying? Did they do anything to help you understand? How did it make you feel?

In the story today, the very problem we've all experienced at some point of not being able to understand or be understood is there. But the most incredible thing happens which brings about a solution that sounds impossible; through the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples began to speak in other languages that they'd never ever learnt or known. It was Pentecost, (a Jewish festival meaning 50<sup>th</sup> and celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Passover), and so there were loads of Jews from all over in Jerusalem to celebrate. These all spoke different languages and could now hear the disciples declaring the wonders of God in their own languages and this led to many of them repenting (but that comes later...!)

- Think about how we communicate the gospel. Is it only in what we say and how we say it? Is it in our actions and how we live our lives? Is it in the choices we make daily? Help younger children by pointing out that when we do things like share, play with others, are kind etc, they are showing God's love. What are some ways you can tell a friend or family member about Jesus? Ask older children if they might adapt what they would do depending on who they were talking to. Is it a bit like some people 'speak a different language' and so would need a different approach?
- At the moment there is little opportunity for kids to speak to others face to face, so telling them about Jesus is a massive challenge. Can you help them to think of anything to overcome this? How about writing a letter, sending a card or picture you've created to a friend asking how they are doing? Remind them that showing God's love is all part of sharing the gospel and doing kind things often brings the chance to tell people why you've acted that way.
- Something for older children to ponder: in the passage, it is clear that the disciples had a part to play in allowing the Holy Spirit to work as they had to open their mouths and speak. Sometimes, we don't always find this easy. Sometimes the hard bit about telling our friends or others about God, isn't that we tried it and they told us to shut up, but it's daring to open our mouths and speak in the first place. There's a real challenge in asking the Holy Spirit to work in us so we can tell people about God, but not expecting that to be something that means we don't have to be bold and speak.  
In this time of lockdown, is there anything you could do to 'speak' about God to others? Have you got someone in mind that you'd love to share Jesus with but have never been able to up to now? Would a letter be an option? (They can't interrupt you!!)  
Have you got a question you'd really love to ask someone about faith or anything but you've always been a bit scared to? Could writing it down and sending it help?

#### CRAFT:

- How about making a poster to 'declare the wonders of God'. You could write something like 'GOD YOU ARE' and then fill the page with as many words as you like to describe God. Use colour, pictures, anything you want to make it eye-catching. Could you put it up somewhere so others you want to tell God about can see it? Maybe you could send it to someone you've always wanted to tell them about God.
- Have a go at making fire and wind streamers. You will need coloured paper (crepe or tissue if you have it) cut or torn into strips and then taped together at

the end to create a 'handle' or you could tape them to a lolly stick or you could use a straw.



- Or you could make the classic 'tongues of fire' headband, like the one below. I've attached a flame template to help if needed. To get a strip of card/paper long enough to go around your child's head, hold a piece of A4 paper horizontally and cut it in half lengthways. Then tape two ends together, decorate as desired, before measuring it around your child's head and taping it again. Add tongues of fire as below or in your own unique way!



- For younger children and those who like colouring in, why not print off the colouring page if you can 😊

**BONUS EXTRA ACTIVITY IDEA:** Talking of languages! Why not have a go at learning how to say 'Jesus loves you' or 'God's creation is amazing' or something else, in the language of someone else in our church? We have French, Portuguese, Spanish and sign language speaking people in our church. I'm sure they'd absolutely love to hear you speaking their 'home' language.