

Journey Kids Club

JKTV Episode 35



This month we will start going through the book of Acts.

This is an exciting continuation of the story of what

happened to the followers of Jesus. Children will learn

that they are a part of the church, and that they matter in it! Children will be reminded that Jesus is Lord and he loves them, and he has a place for them in his church. One important thing to remember is that the church is people not a building. Whenever we talk about the church, we're talking about the people who are following Jesus and are a part of God's family.

This episode's Bible story is from Acts 1:1-11, 2:1-12. The Big Idea is: **I am a part of God's church.** When Jesus went up to heaven, the story didn't finish there. He gives each person who follows him the Holy Spirit - his Spirit! And together we continue what Jesus started: telling others the good news about God's kingdom.

Activity 1: Pentecost Puzzle

Supplies: Puzzle (provided)

Before Activity: Cut out the puzzle along the lines and mix up the pieces

- Guide your child to put together the puzzle pieces. Help them as needed.
- As the children work on the puzzle, tell them that it's a scene from today's Bible story. It's about God sending the Holy Spirit to be with us.
- When the puzzle is complete, explain that in the story there are flames that don't burn or smoke!
- Say the Big Idea together: **I am a part of God's church.**

Activity 2: Memory Verse Activity "When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come.

The old is gone! The new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)

Supplies: Caterpillar colouring page (supplied), crayons/markers (from home)

- Read the memory verse and practice saying it together.
- You can use the actions from JKTV to practice as well.

Activity 3: Bible story

Supplies: The Early Church Flip Book (provided)

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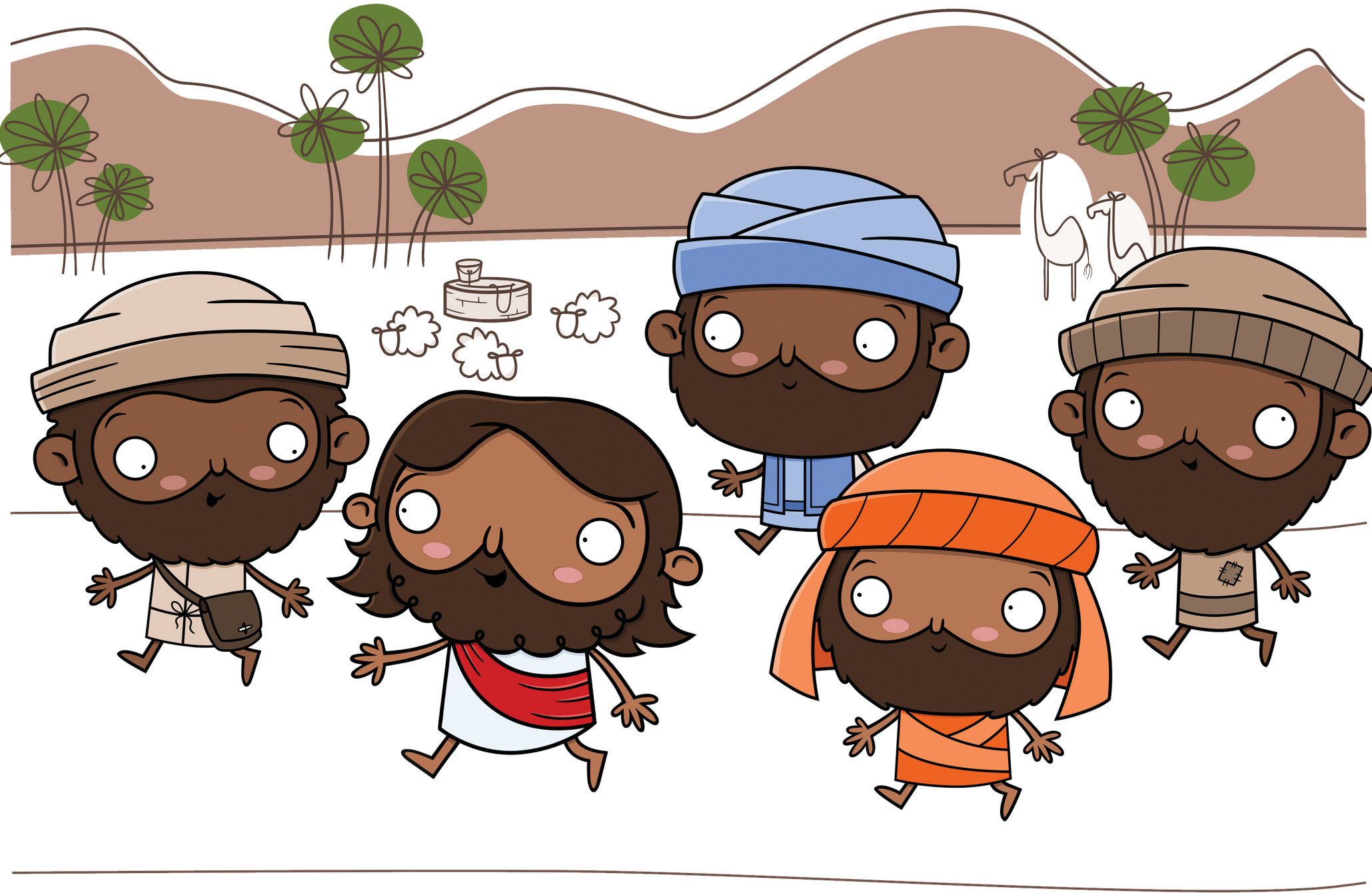
- Explain that today's story is from the Bible.
- Read the story of Pentecost from The Early Church Flip Book.
- Pray, "Dear God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to live in us and help us share about you with others. Amen."
- Save the flip book for use on other weeks.



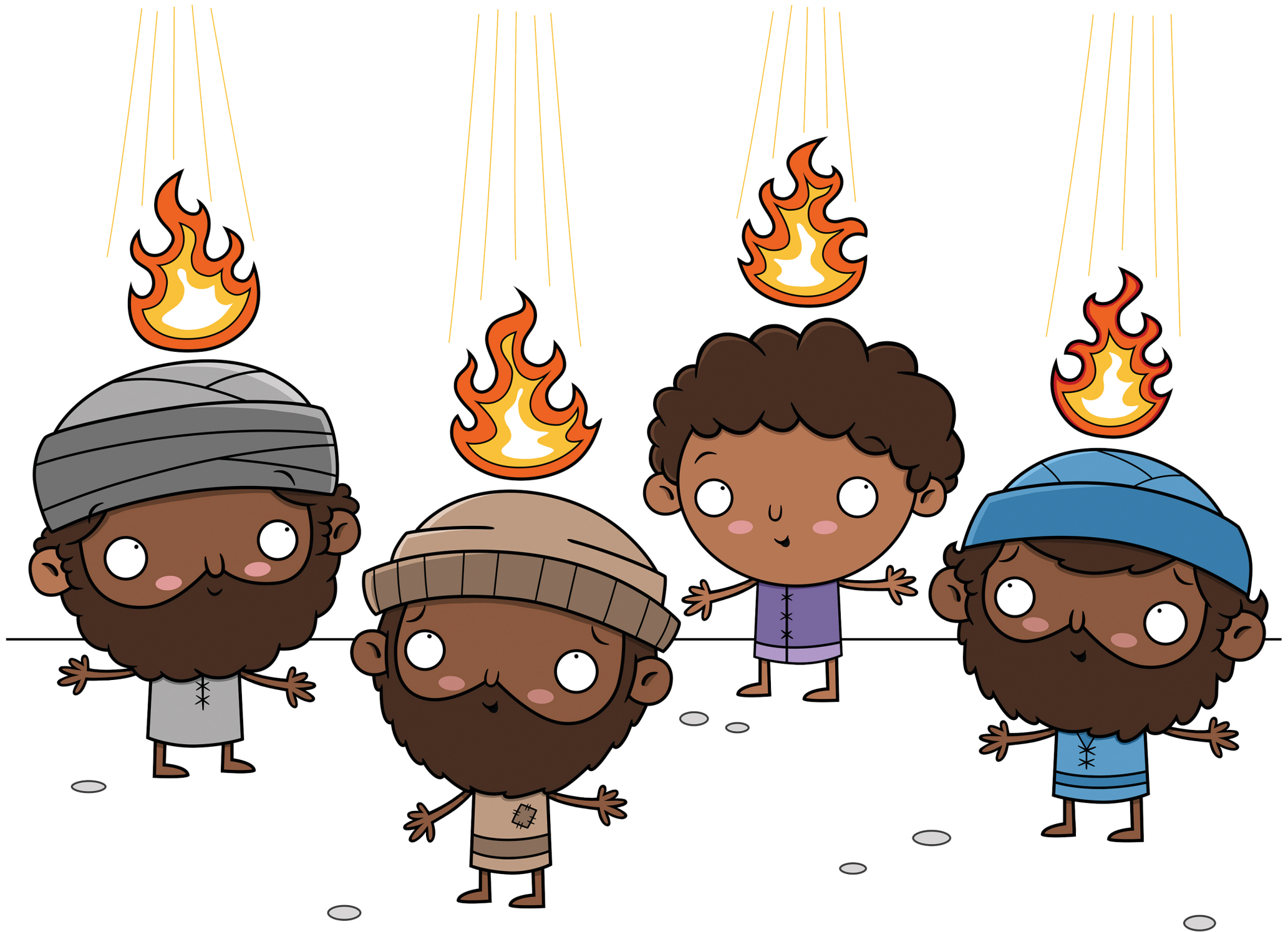
The Early Church Community

based on Acts 2:42-47

When Jesus was on earth, he had followers who learned from him. We call them his disciples. Jesus told his disciples to go and teach other people everything that he had taught them. Jesus also told them to baptize the new disciples. Baptism is how we tell everyone we want to follow Jesus forever.



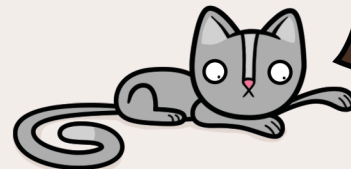
Later, Jesus went back to heaven. When he did, God sent the Holy Spirit to live inside anyone who follows Jesus as Lord. The Holy Spirit helps us and reminds us of God's way. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples do what Jesus told them to do.



Because of the disciples, more people learned about Jesus and wanted to follow him. The number of people who loved Jesus grew and grew. They met in peoples' homes to learn more about Jesus and his way of living. When people gathered together because of Jesus, it was called church. We call it church, too! The church isn't a building; it is the people. We are the church.



The first church spent time together. They ate together. They had communion - communion is sharing bread and wine together to remember Jesus' death on the cross.



The first church encouraged and built up one another. They prayed together. Some of them were able to perform miracles because of the power of the Holy Spirit. A miracle is something that seems impossible to us, but something God can do!



They shared everything they had. If someone had a need, they found a way to help them. They shared their money and all that they had.

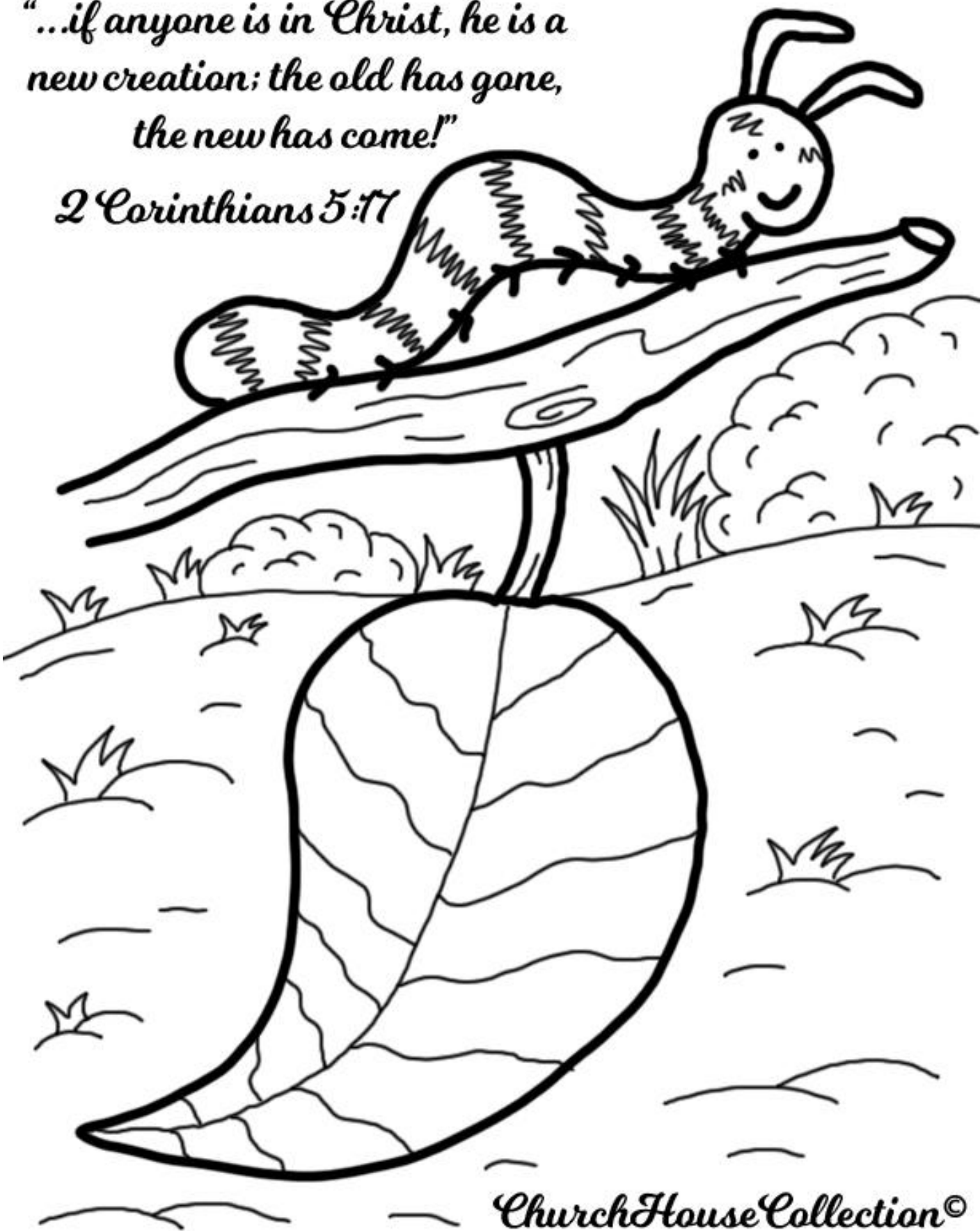


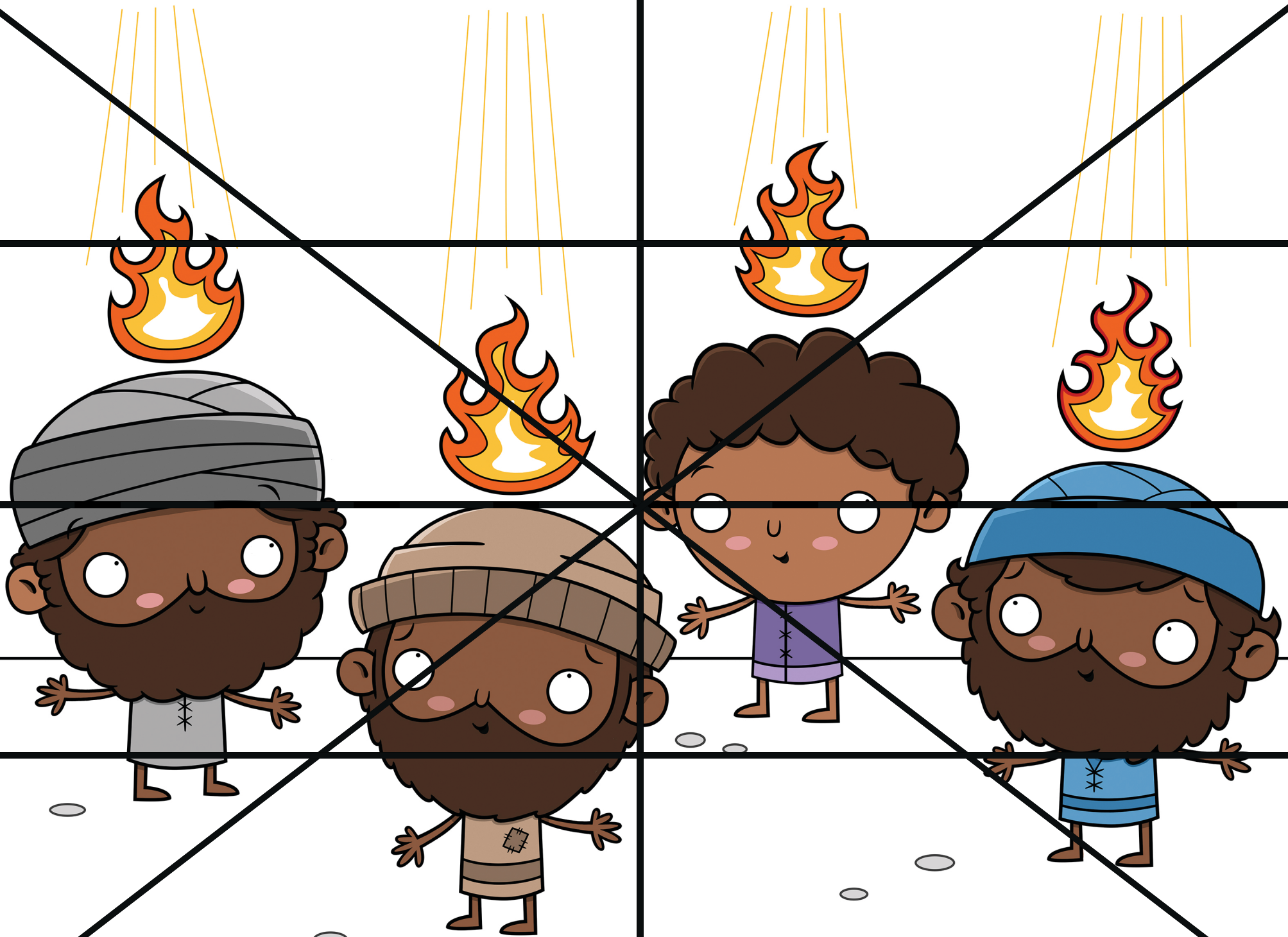
And guess what? Every day more people followed Jesus and the church grew!



*"...if anyone is in Christ, he is a
new creation; the old has gone,
the new has come!"*

2 Corinthians 5:17





PRESCHOOL

PENTECOST | ACTS 2:1-4

Activity 4: Sing & Dance together

Supplies: (from home) smart device to play song from YouTube: Yancy & Little Praise Party - He's Alive, He's Alive

- Play 'Freeze Dance' together.
- Let your child know that when the music is paused they have to 'freeze' until the music comes on again.
- Play as long as they are interested.