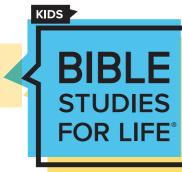


### UNIT 2. SESSION 1



#### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

This Bible story showed your child how a group of believers gathered to form a church and serve God together. The first church was formed on Pentecost when Peter preached to a crowd in Jerusalem.

## LIVE IT OUT

Remind your child that the church began and helped spread the good news of Jesus throughout the world. The church is still telling about the Savior of the world. Talk about ways your church helps spread the good news about Jesus.



#### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

A church is a group of Christians who meet together to worship and serve God.



Sunday: Acts 2:46 Monday: Hebrews 6:10 Tuesday: Ephesians 2:10 Wednesday: Isaiah 58:10 Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 5:15 Friday: 1 John 3:18 Saturday: Mark 9:35 CONVERSATION

# The First Church

#### ACTS 2

On a special day called Pentecost, Jesus' followers were together in one place. Suddenly, a sound like wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were staying. The Holy Spirit came to the believers like fiery flames and rested on them. When that happened, the believers were able to speak in different languages.

Travelers from all over the area were in the city of Jerusalem. They were faithful men from every nation under



heaven. When they heard these sounds, a crowd

gathered. The people were confused because each person heard the disciples speaking in his own language. "How can this be?" they asked.

Some people laughed and said, "They are not in their right minds!"

Peter stood up and said, "Pay attention! These people are doing what the prophets predicted. You allowed evil people to nail Jesus to a cross and kill Him, but God raised Jesus from the grave. We are all witnesses of this, for we have seen Him! So let all of Israel know that God has made Jesus—the One you crucified—both Lord and Messiah!"

When the people heard this, they became upset and filled with guilt. They asked Peter and the disciples, "What should we do?"

Peter said, "Confess your sins and turn away from them. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Those who believed Peter's message believed Jesus was the Savior and were baptized. That day about 3,000 people were added to the believers and formed the first church. They listened and learned all that the disciples taught. They gathered with other believers every day to eat together and to pray.

#### WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Acts 2:46

**LIFE POINT:** A group of believers gather to form a church and serve God together.