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Day of Pentecost

Lectionary Year A

Scripture: [Acts 2:1-21, 41](#) [**Summary:** *Pentecost*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed

ASK (a.k.a. [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- Have you ever had a cold -- a coughing, sneezing, runny-nose cold?
- And what do your parents and teachers tell you to do when you cough? (*cover your mouth!*)
- And why do they tell you to do that? (*to keep your germs from spreading; so that others won't "catch" your cold*)
- Do you know the fancy word for when someone catches a cold from someone else? (contagious)
- That's right – *contagious!*
- Usually, when we hear the word “contagious,” we think of it terms of bad things being contagious – like colds. But good things can be contagious, too.
- Like laughing -- sometimes if someone is laughing really hard then you might start to laugh too. Ever have that happen to you?

TELL (a.k.a. [The Freeway](#))

- In the scripture story that we read today, we hear of another good thing that is contagious.
- And that is God's Holy Spirit.
- But where something like a cold or a laugh can be passed on without any learning, it takes some learning to know how to “catch” God’s Holy Spirit.
- In fact, this is one of the main things Jesus teaches the disciples how to do when they were following him.

- So in today's story, which we call the Pentecost story, we hear about how the disciples finally learned to catch God's Holy Spirit like Jesus taught them.
- The very last thing Jesus told the disciple to do was to stay together and pray together and wait for God's Holy Spirit.
- And guess what? The disciples listened! They stayed together and they prayed together and then ... they caught God's Holy Spirit.
- Did you hear what they did once they caught God's Holy Spirit?
- That's right, they went outside and started talking to the people.
- A lot of the the people were curious about what the disciples were saying. The story says that 3000 people believed that day.
- What that means is that Jesus' students, had become teachers and now had students.
- And, guess what the disciples are going to teach their new disciples? That's right! Exactly what Jesus taught them: How to catch God's Holy Spirit.

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- Just like the disciples, we too can learn how to catch God's Holy Spirit from Jesus.
- And then, like we saw in today's story, when we do catch God's Holy Spirit, we too can be like Jesus and the disciples and share with others how to catch God's Holy Spirit as well.
- When we do that, then we are helping keep God's Holy Spirit contagious.
- And, that's the good news for today.
- Let's pray – this is a repeat-after-me prayer (see CLOSING Prayer)

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,
Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus...

Thank you for Jesus...

...who taught the disciples and us...

...who taught the disciples and us...

...how to catch your Holy Spirit...

...how to catch your Holy Spirit...

...so that we can then share your Holy Spirit with others.

...so that we can then share your Holy Spirit with others.

Amen