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An rfour.org Children's Time Message

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Written for Sunday, May 24, 2015 Pentecost Lectionary Year B

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

[Summary: The disciples do what Jesus did. Yes!]

Supplies Needed: Print and use the 5 pictures at the end of this file

ASK (a.k.a <u>The On-Ramp</u>)

· Good morning!

- To start, today, we're going to look at some pictures from Bible stories
- Then, we're going to put them in order of when they happened, what story happened first, second, third and so on.
- So here are the six Bible stories that are not in order:
 - We have today's story, Pentecost, where the disciples (including Jesus' mom, Mary) receive God's Holy Spirit.
 - We have Jesus' baptism where he receives God's Holy Spirit
 - We have Jesus teaching to his disciples
 - We have Jesus during Holy week
 - · We have Jesus calling his disciples to follow him
 - We have Jesus ascending after his resurrection
- So let's put them order [have the kids help you put them order]
- (Correct order: Jesus' baptism, Jesus calls disciples, Jesus teaches the disciples, Jesus during Holy week, Jesus' ascension, Pentecost)
- You did it! Well done!

TELL (a.k.a *The Freeway*)

- In today's scripture reading, we heard the story of Pentecost.
- Pentecost is when we see the disciples put into action everything they had learned from and experienced with Jesus:
 - They spend time praying together
 - Then they receive God's Holy spirit
 - Then they share the same good news that Jesus taught them with the people around them
 - And then a whole bunch of those people who hear the Good News from the disciples decide to become disciples of the disciples!

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

- So if we look at the first few things that Jesus did [point at pictures while speaking]: Receives God's Spirit, calls disciples, teaches the disciples about God...
- ...then we see how the disciples are doing the exact same things that Jesus did.
- The reason the disciples can do these things in today's story is because Jesus showed them how.
- And guess what? Just like the disciples learned from Jesus, so can we.
- Just like the disciples prayed, received God's Spirit and shared the good news with others, so can we.
- When we do the same things that the disciples and Jesus did, then we are also helping the people around us how to do the same things that the disciples and Jesus did.
- And that's the good news for today!
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God.

Dear God.

Thank you for the disciples...

Thank you for the disciples...

...who learned from Jesus...

...who learned from Jesus...

...how to receive your love and spirit...

...how to receive your love and spirit...

...and then share it with others.

...and then share it with others.

Help us to do the same.

Help us to do the same.

Amen



Jesus is baptized



Ascension of Jesus



Jesus teaching to his disciples



