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Pentecost

Lectionary Year A

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

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 in 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.
- While something like a cold or a laugh can be passed on without any thinking, it does take some learning to “catch” God’s Holy Spirit.
- In fact, this is one of the main things Jesus taught his disciples 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.
- Then, once they caught God's Holy Spirit, we hear that the disciples started talking to the people around them about God and Jesus.
- And, a lot of the the people were curious about what the disciples were saying. The story says that 3000 people believed that day.
- In other words, Jesus' students had become teachers and now had their own students!
- And, one of the main things the disciples started to then teach their new students is the same thing that Jesus had taught them – how to receive God's Holy Spirit and then pass it on to others!

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

- When God's Holy Spirit is being passed on, it is God's love, hope, healing and wisdom that is being shared with one another.
- And, today's story reminds us of how God's Holy Spirit is best shared - from one person to another.
- Today's story also reminds us that, just like the disciples, we too can learn how to catch God's Holy Spirit from Jesus and from each other.
- Then, we too can share God's love, hope, healing and wisdom with those around us – just like Jesus and the disciples did!
- And, when we do that, we are helping keep God's Holy Spirit contagious just like the disciples did in today's Pentecost story!
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me 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 pass it on to others.

...so that we can then pass it on to others.

Thank you and Amen