

# Lesson 20 – Go Forth!

Grade 2 – Chapter 20

## KEY CONCEPT

*The Church's mission is to share Jesus' love and to announce the Good News of the Kingdom of God. All members of the Church share in her mission.*

## QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

*STEP 1 - WELCOME*

*STEP 2 - INVITE*

*STEP 3 - DISCOVER*

*STEP 4 - LIVE*

*STEP 5 - CLOSING*

## Thank You for a Great Year!

- Without your help, this program wouldn't be what it is. I know that each class might not have been the easiest for you, but these kids needed the example that you have set for them. They need to hear the good news of the Gospel and experience the Faith in the profound way.
- Thank you for all that you have done for the parish and for all that you will continue to do. We are blessed to have you as a part of this community!

## ***STEP 1 - WELCOME***

### **TIP**

#### **Community Activity**

## ***STEP 2 - INVITE***

### **TIP**

#### **Let us Pray**

- **Our Father and prayer on pg. 267**
- Use this story after the opening prayer, before you tell the children we are called to share God's Word and life.
  - Ask volunteers to take turns reading as if they are TV anchors.
  - Discuss with the children how good news makes them feel. Share some good news from your parish or your community.
  - Connect our good news with the Good News of Jesus, then transition back to the lesson instruction.
- "Brother and Sister Stop Fighting"
- "Girl Obeys Her Parents All Week"
- "Second Graders Clean Up City Garden"
- "No Stealing in Town Last Night"
- "World at Peace"
- "Family Helps Poor"
- **Read God's word section**
- **Talk about What do you Wonder questions.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **Live the Gospel (pg. 268)**

- **Ask: How do we share the Good News?**
- **Read the paragraphs**
- **Ask: what is the final part of the Mass called? (Concluding Rites)**
- **Ask: When you leave, what should you do next? (Proclaim the Good News and give honor to God by the way you live)**

#### **Read God's Word section**

**Who did Peter say could be baptized? (anyone moved by the Spirit)**

#### **The Church's Mission**

- **Read paragraphs**
- **Do Share your Faith section**

#### **An Example for All (pg. 270)**

- **Ask: What did Mother Cabrini do?**
- **Read paragraphs**
- **Ask: Why did Frances Cabrini start her own community? (she was thought too sickly to join any group)**
- **Ask: What did Pope Leo XIII suggest to her? (That she go to the US to help Italian immigrants that had just arrived)**

#### **Activity – The Good News sheet**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Ask: Who can help you learn about Jesus?**
- **Read paragraphs**

**Activity – Go through each box and talk about what each person listed can do to help us learn about Jesus.**

#### **Pentecost (This is May 23rd this year)**

- **See attached sheet**

#### **Talk about Saint Anthony Claret**

#### **Take Homes**

- **Remind the children to review the Faith and Family section with their parents**
- **Chapter Review.**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Closing Prayer**

- **Our Father and Hail Mary**

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## The Good News

Answer the questions by filling in the missing words.

1. How do we begin our prayers?

With the Sign of the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who were Jesus' special helpers?

The \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who preached to the people of Jerusalem?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Who sent Jesus to save us?

God the \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sharing the Good News of Jesus and God's Kingdom is

the Church's \_\_\_\_\_

## **Pentacost**

Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. According to church tradition, Pentecost is always about seven weeks after Easter Sunday, or **50 days** after Easter, including Easter Day.

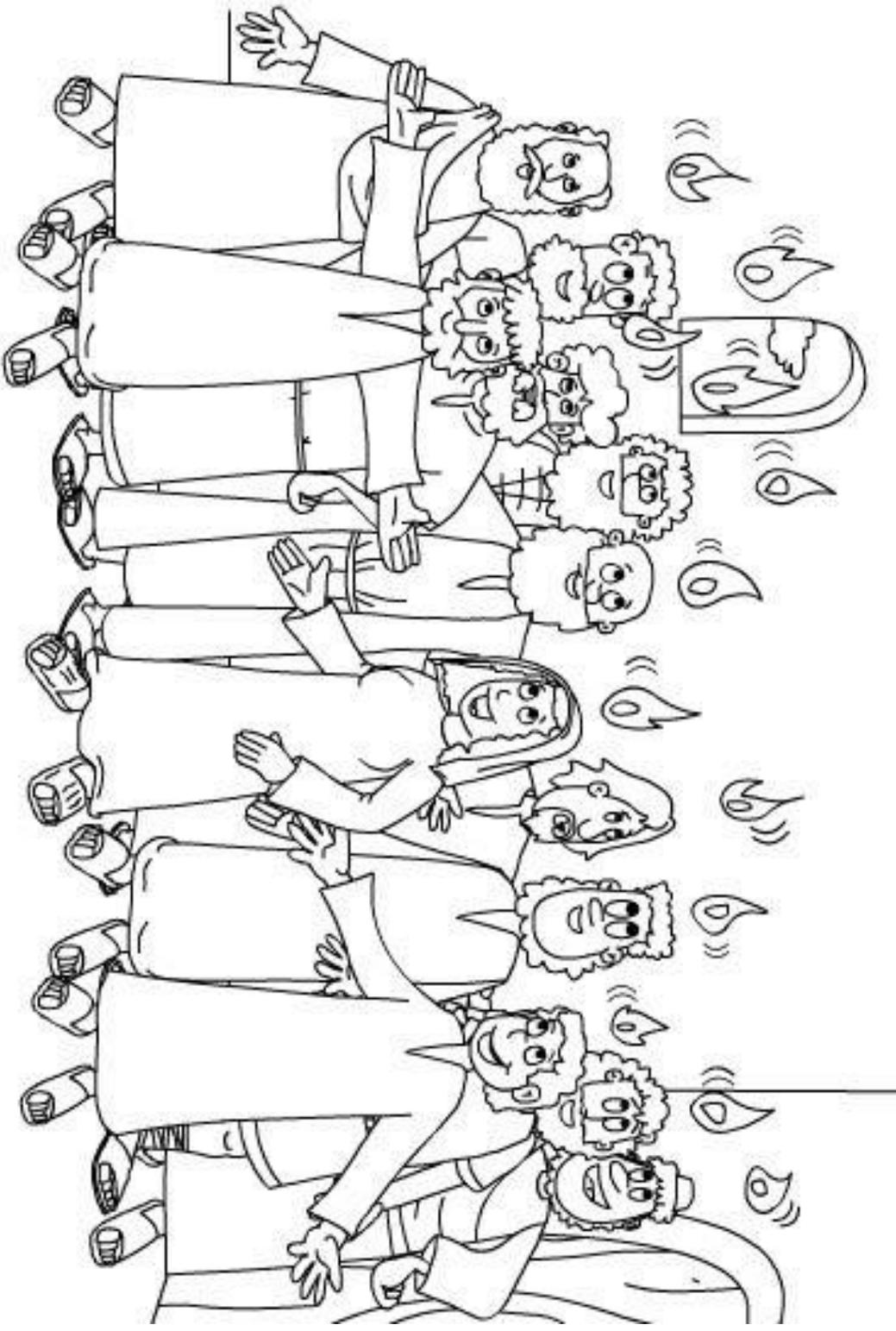
A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and that the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

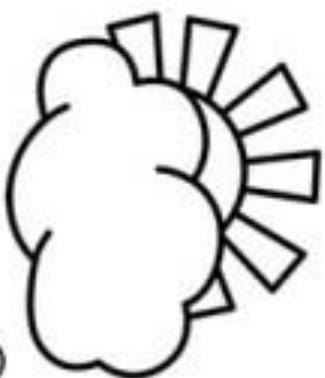
The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

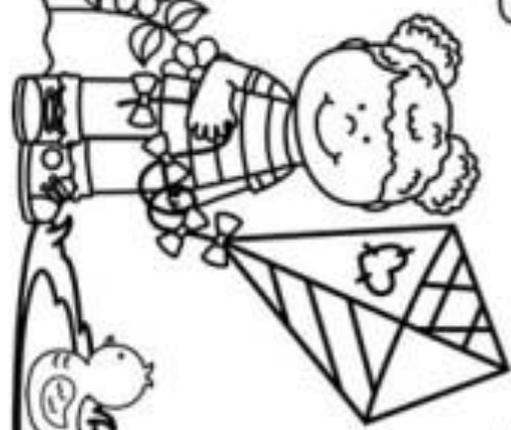
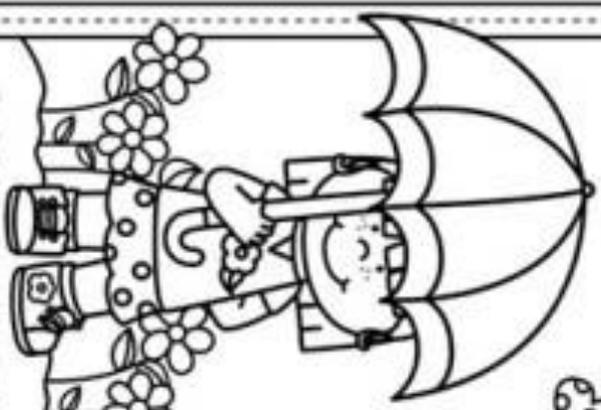
He also tells the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which “cuts them to the heart.” When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorts them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter’s sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.





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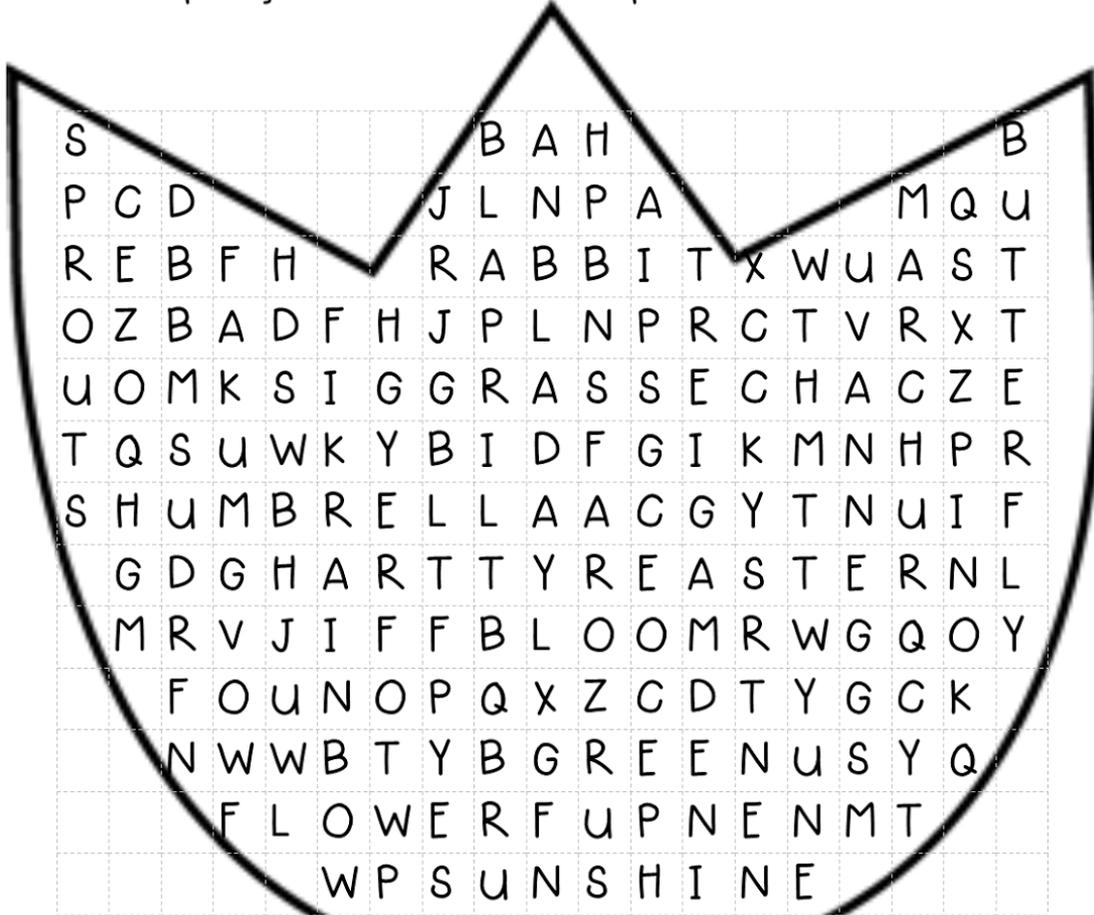


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### Spring Word Search

Find the spring words in the flower puzzle below.



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|---------|----------|--------|-----------|
| green   | April    | rabbit | butterfly |
| March   | Easter   | flower | sprout    |
| grow    | sunshine | bloom  | umbrella  |
| rainbow | basket   | eggs   | hatch     |
|         |          |        | grass     |

