

Family Worship

From Babel To Pentecost

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Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

LET PRAISE ARISE

让赞美飞扬



在这美丽的时刻，我们相聚在一起。
神的爱拥抱着我们，神的灵充满这地。
当称谢进入他的门，当赞美进入他的院，
击鼓跳舞扬声欢呼，凡有气息都要赞美他。
让赞美从四处响起，让音符在空中飞舞，
让我们的心向神敞开，让赞美从四处响起，
让音符在空中飞舞，让我们的心向神敞开。

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Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 16

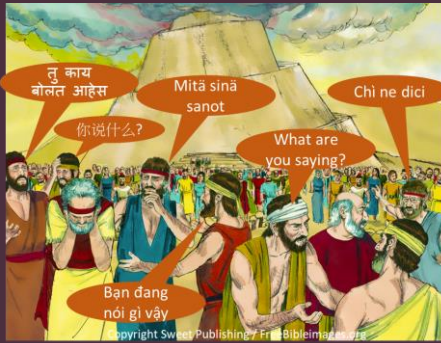
Q: What is sin?

A: Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, not being or doing what he requires in his law.

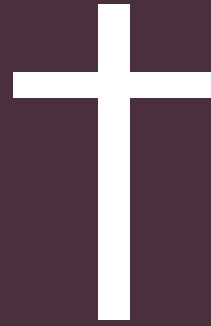
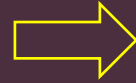
Bible verse (1 Jn 3:4)

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

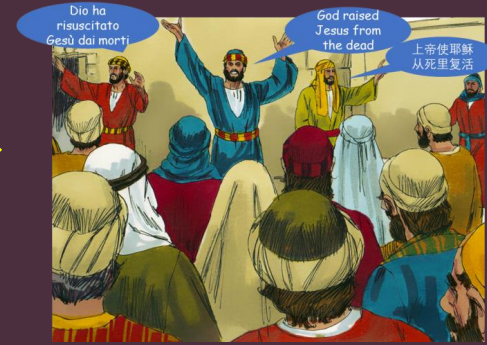
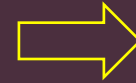
From Babel To Pentecost



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- The Bible is one big *STORY* of God's love for humanity
- Many stories in the big *STORY* are connected
- Today, we will learn how 3 stories are connected
- Can you guess what each of the 3 stories is about?

First, we learnt about the Tower of Babel a few weeks ago.
Remember what happened?



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- ❑ The Babylonians got together to build a city.
- ❑ They even tried to use new technology to build a tower to reach the heavens !
- ❑ Did they succeed in their building project?
- ❑ If not, why not?



- ❑ God saw the city and the tower the people were building.
- ❑ He knew people's hearts were evil. People were proud and wanted to do things their own way. They rebelled against God by plotting together.
- ❑ God didn't want people's wickedness to multiply. He confused their languages so they could not plan wickedness together.
- ❑ People could not understand each other. So they stopped building the city and tower...
- ❑ And they scattered over the earth.

- ❑ God confused people's languages
- ❑ The project to build the Tower of Babel failed
- ❑ People were scattered all over the world



But...what's wrong with trying to get back to God by our own way, like the Babylonians?

- ❑ God loves people and longs to be reunited with us.
- ❑ However, something must first be dealt with - that is called "sin". Sin is rebellion against God. Sin separates people from God.
- ❑ The Babylonians tried to force their way to God without dealing with sin.
- ❑ Jesus is God's answer to sin. Jesus died for us and restores our relationship with God. There is no other way.

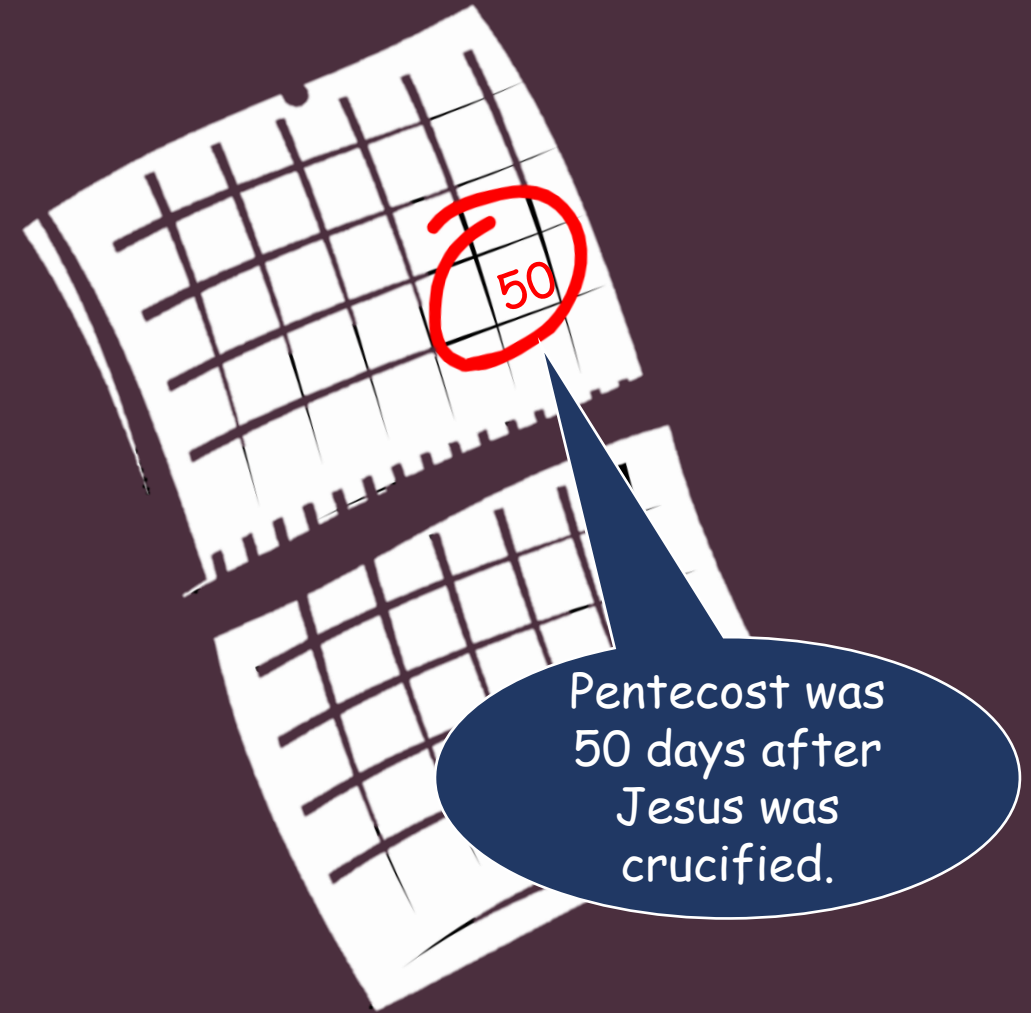




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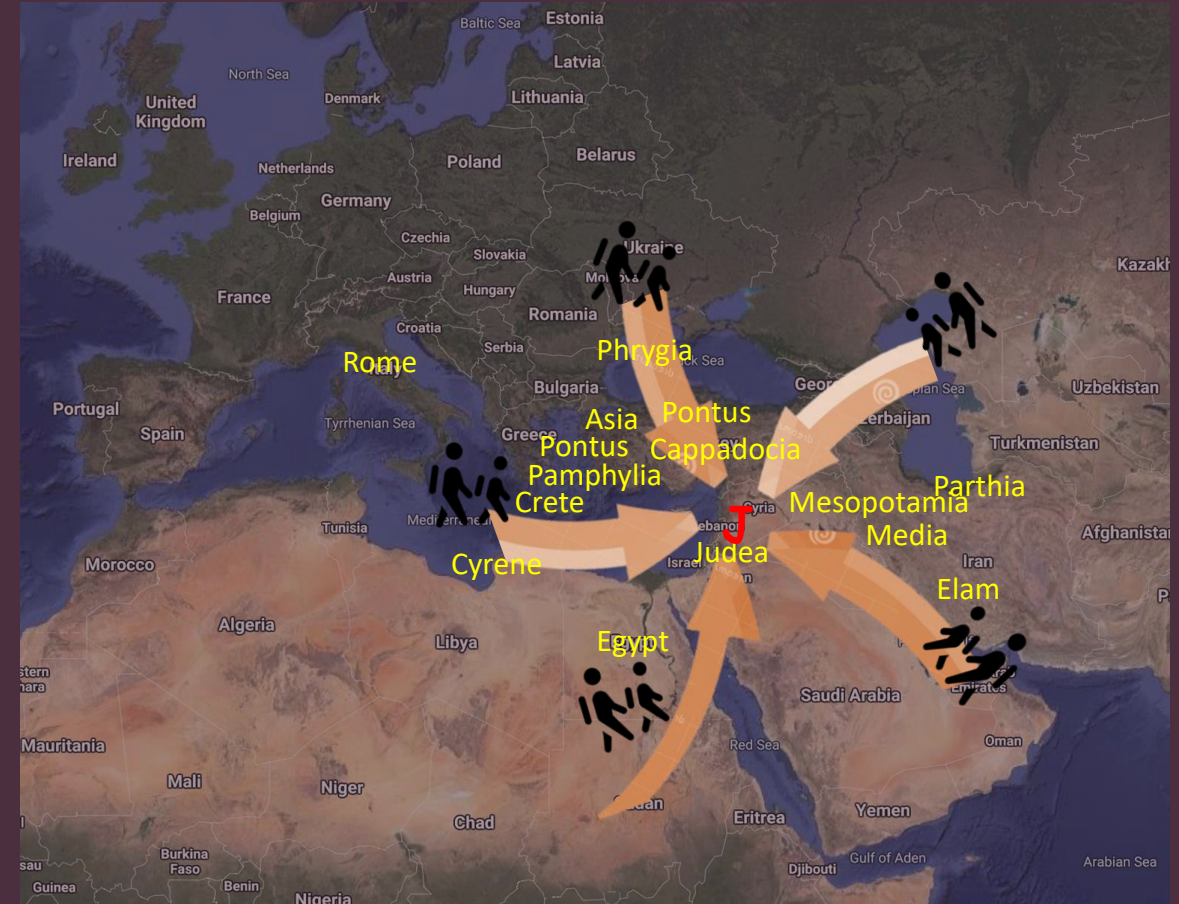
The Holy Spirit Came At Pentecost

- When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, God forgives us
- God will even come to live in us !!!
- This first happened 50 days after Jesus died



The Holy Spirit Came At Pentecost

- ❑ Last week we saw how the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost
- ❑ Because Pentecost was a big festival, many people came from all over to celebrate in Jerusalem
- ❑ Can you count the number of places people came from as mentioned in the Bible? (shown in yellow)




The Holy Spirit Came At Pentecost

The Holy Spirit came, like tongues of fire and rested on the disciples !



- ❑ All the people who came to Jerusalem heard the disciples telling them God's wonders in their own language
- ❑ Peter stood up and told everyone about the good news of Jesus
- ❑ 3000 people believed that day. The Church was born !



- ❑ If you compare Babel and Pentecost, you will notice this :
- ❑ Pentecost is the opposite of Babel !
- ❑ Like FAT is the opposite of THIN, TALL is the opposite of SHORT
- ❑ Let's see how... 

Can you say in your own words how Pentecost is the Opposite of Babel?

Tower of Babel

1. People's tried to reach God



2. People built a city/tower against God's will



1. God reached out to people



2. God built His church

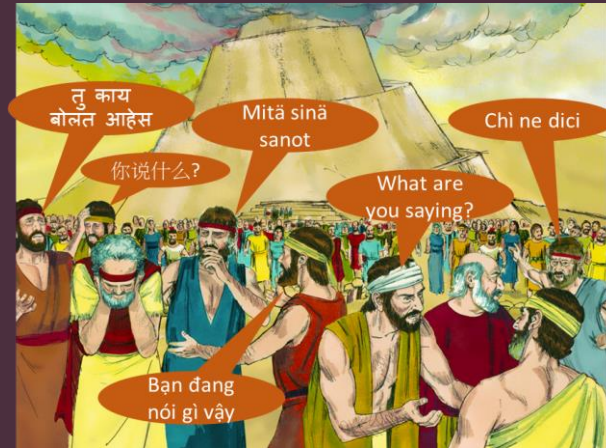


Pentecost

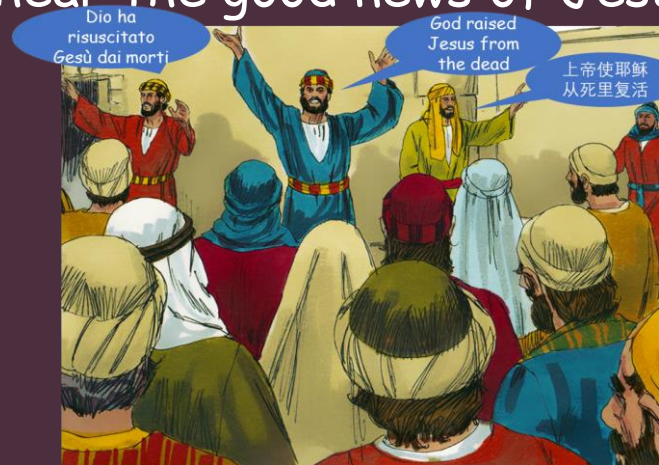
Can you say in your own words how Pentecost is the Opposite of Babel?

Tower of Babel

3. God confused languages to stop evil



3. God enabled many languages to hear the good news of Jesus



Pentecost

4. God scattered people to stop evil



4. God gathered people to save them

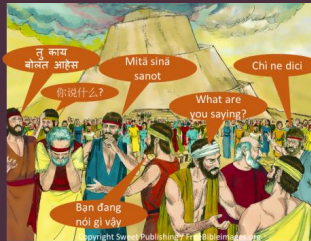


Summary

1. People cannot reach God by their own efforts because of their sins. Only Jesus can remove our sins.
2. If we accept Jesus, God is eager to come and live in us. It was true at Pentecost, it's true today.

Family Sharing

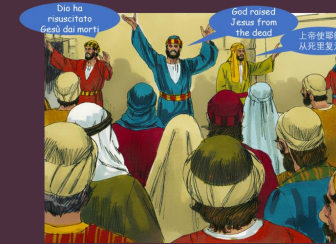
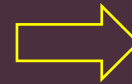
1. Can you describe the 3 stories and how they are connected?



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2. Through these connected stories, what do you learn about God's character?

3. Have you ever been "surprised" by God? What do you learn about yourself in those "surprises"?

Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

Father We Love You

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QltVKW6wXdo>

