

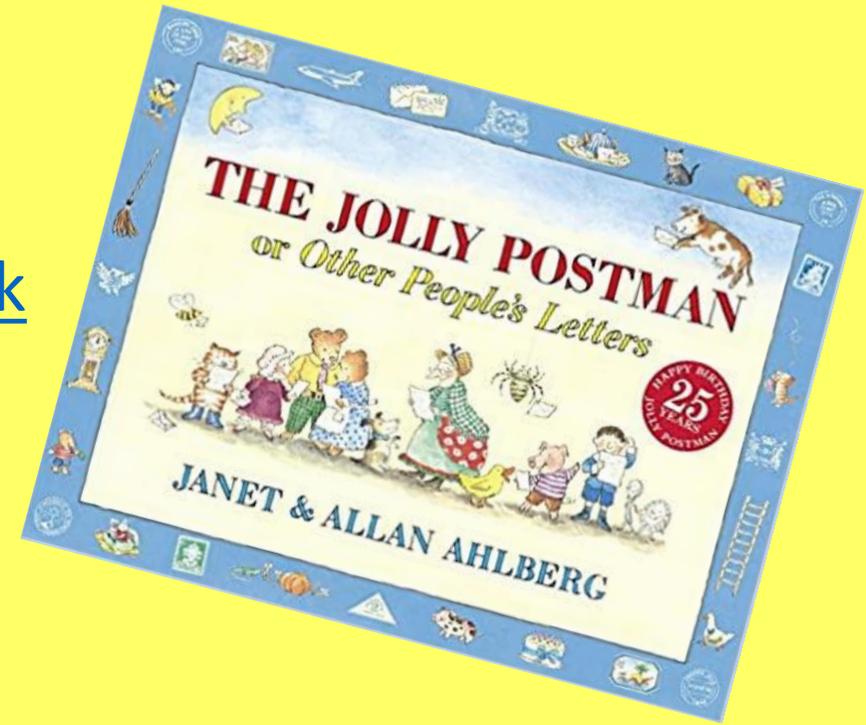
Reception: Pentecost Good News



Week 1: To talk about your good news.

Read or Listen to the story - The Jolly Postman:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpeo_0yoD0k



Some Key Questions:

- Who received the good news?
- How did they receive the good news?
- How did they feel?

Activity: Week 1

- With your family, tell each other a piece of good news and share amongst each other.
- Collect items of good news i.e. letters, cards, emails, photographs, certificates etc. which recall your or the children's good news.



I will be tweeting my good news on Friday
24th April.
It would be lovely to hear all of your
good news!

Reflection

Gather around in a circle together. Have a quiet moment together to reflect on and appreciate that everyone has good news.

Play some quiet music. Celebrate the good news that they have heard. In the circle, Sing *If you are happy and you know it* with actions.

Week 2

To begin to recognise the Pentecost story as a Religious story.



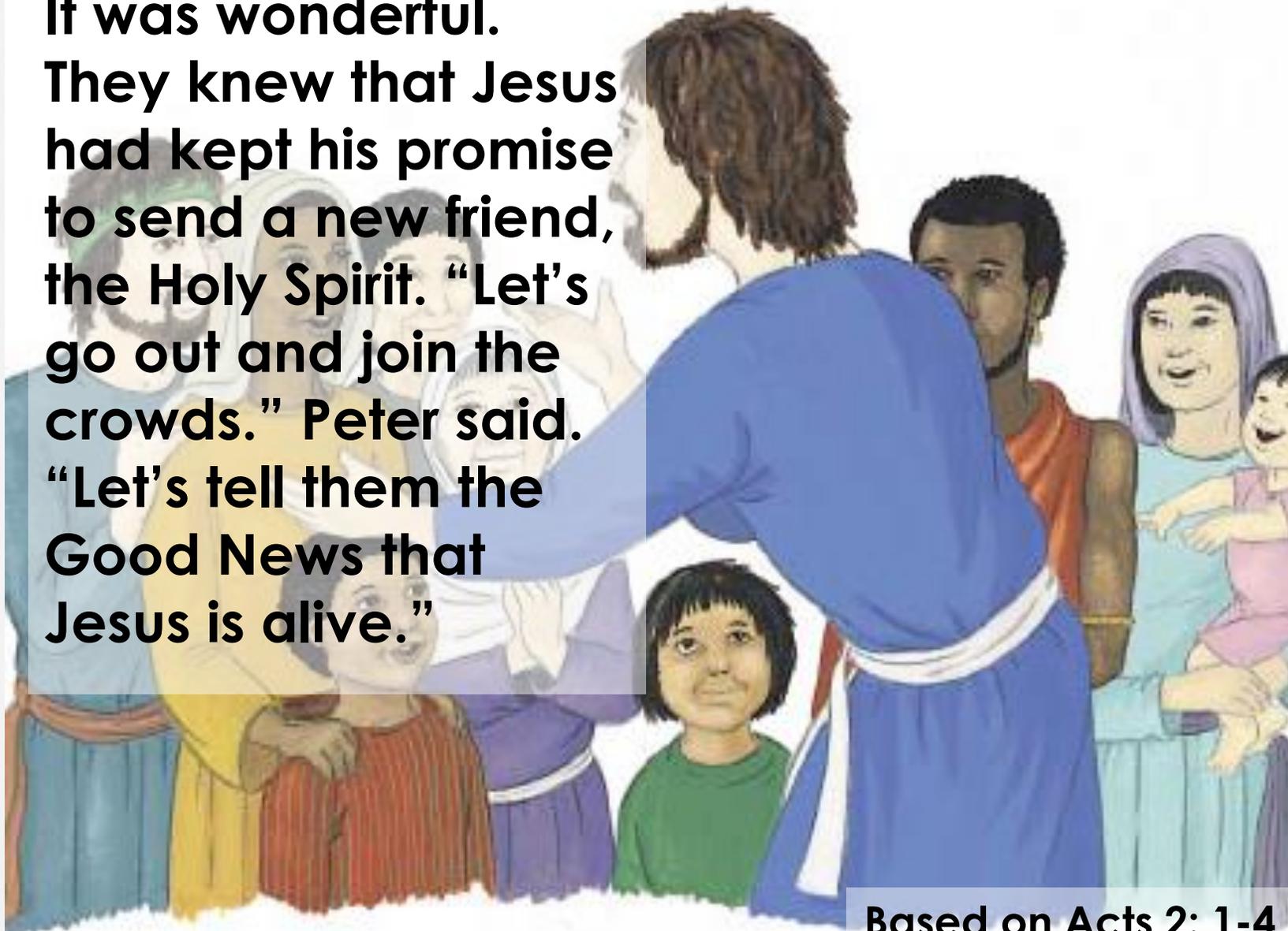
After Jesus had gone back to his Father in heaven, his friends were sad. They missed him. They felt lonely and afraid without him.

On Pentecost day, they were all together in the house. Crowds of people came to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast.

The friends of Jesus did not go out to join them. They stayed all together in the house.

They talked about Jesus and remembered what he had told them. They began to feel different. Joy and happiness filled their hearts.

**It was wonderful.
They knew that Jesus
had kept his promise
to send a new friend,
the Holy Spirit. “Let’s
go out and join the
crowds.” Peter said.
“Let’s tell them the
Good News that
Jesus is alive.”**



Based on Acts 2: 1-4

Some key questions you could ask:

- Q How did the friends of Jesus feel after he went back to his Father?
- Q Have you ever felt like that? When?
- Q What did the friends of Jesus do?
- Q What happened on Pentecost day?
- Q How did the friends of Jesus feel?
- Q What did the friends of Jesus do after the coming of the Holy Spirit?

Activities you can do at home:

- Retell the Pentecost story and ask the children to use facial expressions and actions to show how the friends of Jesus' feelings changed as the story progresses.
- Make windmills and take them outside to see the effects of the wind. Talk about what you see happening to the windmills (this can be related to the power of the Holy Spirit).