

# Acts 2:22-41



## Starter question

Have you even had to deliver an important message?

## Pray

Dear God, please help us to learn more about you so we can love you more and follow Jesus more closely. Amen.

## Background

Two weeks ago, we learned how God sent his Holy Spirit onto the first disciples so they could tell people about Jesus. They started talking about him and everyone listening could understand them in their own language! One of the disciples, Peter, took the lead and we're thinking today about what he said.



## Watch an animated retelling of the story:

<https://youtu.be/hKa9jqvJ378>

or



## Read the story from the Bible: <https://tinyurl.com/ycrea2m9>

*(the full text of the passage is also printed at the end of this pack)*

## ? Questions

This is a talk given by Peter, one of Jesus' friends, to the crowd of people in Jerusalem. He had a special message for them.

- Who is he talking most about?
- What does he tell the crowd about Jesus?
- What does he tell the crowd they should do?
- What is promised for all those who follow Jesus?

Peter tells the crowd that Jesus was very special and did many miracles, signs and wonders. Jesus died on the cross but God raised him to life again. This was all part of God's plan. He has made Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Jesus has gone into heaven and has sent the Holy Spirit on his followers.

Peter tells the crowd: "Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will

receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” This command is for everyone who believes in Jesus and wants to follow him. Baptism is a way of publicly showing that you want to follow Jesus. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven by God and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit to help them to change their hearts and lives to live more like Jesus.

### **Pray**

Dear God, thank you that you sent Jesus to be our Lord and Saviour. Please help us to follow him every day. Thank you that you have given us the Holy Spirit to help us. Amen.

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## **Suggested activities**

*Choose one or two of these which suit your family.*

*The templates for the puppet theatre craft, the colouring page and the wordsearch can all be downloaded from the Thetford Team Ministry website: [www.thetfordteamministry.org.uk](http://www.thetfordteamministry.org.uk).*

**Game:** play ‘Follow my Leader’. Think about following Jesus in everything, every day.

**Craft:** use the templates to cut out and create a puppet theatre. Act out Peter talking to the crowd. What did he say? What might the people in the crowd have said to each other? (If you can’t print out the pictures, perhaps you could draw your own.)

**Craft:** colour in the picture of the people in Jerusalem or draw your own.

**Puzzle:** complete the cryptogram below.

**Puzzle:** find the words in the wordsearch.



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<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus from Nazareth was a very special man. God clearly showed this to you by the miracles, wonders, and signs God did through him. You all know this, because it happened right here among you. <sup>23</sup> Jesus was given to you, and you killed him. With the help of evil men you nailed him to a cross. But God knew all this would happen. This was God’s plan which he had made long ago. <sup>24</sup> God raised Jesus from death. God set him free from the pain of death. Death could not hold him. <sup>25</sup> For David said this about him:

‘I keep the Lord before me always.  
Because he is close by my side,  
I will not be hurt.

<sup>26</sup> So I am glad, and I rejoice.  
Even my body has hope.

<sup>27</sup> This is because you will not leave me in the grave.  
You will not let your Holy One rot.

<sup>28</sup> You will teach me God’s way to live.  
Being with you will fill me with joy.’ [Psalm 16:8-11](#)

<sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I can tell you truly about David, our ancestor. He died and was buried. His grave is still here with us today. <sup>30</sup> David was a prophet and knew what God had said. God had promised David that he would make a person from David’s family a king just as he was.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>31</sup> David knew this before it happened. That is why he said:

‘He was not left in the grave.  
His body did not rot.’

David was talking about the Christ rising from death. <sup>32</sup> So Jesus is the One who God raised from death! And we are all witnesses to this. <sup>33</sup> Jesus was lifted up to heaven and is now at God’s right side. The Father has given the Holy Spirit to Jesus as he promised. So now Jesus has poured out that Spirit. This is what you see and hear. <sup>34</sup> David was not the one who was lifted up to heaven. But he said:

‘The Lord said to my Lord:  
Sit by me at my right side,

<sup>35</sup> until I put your enemies under your control.’<sup>[b]</sup> [Psalm 110:1](#)

<sup>36</sup> “So, all the people of Israel should know this truly: God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ. He is the man you nailed to the cross!”

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were sick at heart. They asked Peter and the other apostles, “What shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> This promise is for you. It is also for your children and for all who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself.”

<sup>40</sup> Peter warned them with many other words. He begged them, “Save yourselves from the evil of today’s people!” <sup>41</sup> Then those people who accepted what Peter said were baptized. About 3,000 people were added to the number of believers that day.

*Footnotes:*

- a. [2:30](#) **God . . . was.** See [2 Samuel 7:13](#); [Psalm 132:11](#).
- b. [2:35](#) **until . . . control** Literally, “until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

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