

Lesson 34



4-25-2021
LEADER GUIDE

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES

ACTS 1:1-2:47

To teach children about Jesus' ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit is one part of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Trinity: There is one God, but He exists as three people: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each person of the Trinity represents a different aspect of God, but God is still one person. God has always existed as all three entities.

Acts 2:38: "Repent and be baptized every 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."

Acts 2:38: To receive the Holy Spirit and forgiveness of our sins, all we need to do is repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. We gain so much by giving so little.



OVERVIEW



Read Acts 1:1-2:47: Before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He met with His disciples for a period of 40 days. While eating a meal together, Jesus told them to remain in Jerusalem because the Lord was going to send the Holy Spirit to them. After Jesus ascended, the disciples spent their time together in prayer and fellowship. On the day of Pentecost, the sound of a mighty wind from Heaven filled the house where the disciples were staying. As they tried to figure out what had happened, they noticed that tongues of fire had appeared over each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. People from many foreign countries who had gathered in Jerusalem for the holiday overheard the disciples speaking to each other, and these foreign people recognized their native languages. They were amazed! When the disciples spoke, each person in the crowd heard the message in their own language. How could these men from Galilee know how to speak their languages?! Peter stood up and explained to the crowd what was going on. He told them that, just as He had promised, God had sent His Holy Spirit to them. Peter boldly preached that Jesus, the man they had crucified, is Lord and the promised Messiah. The people in the crowd were shocked and shamed. They begged Peter to tell them what they needed to do. Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins and that when they had done that, they would receive the Holy Spirit. On that day, 3,000 people were baptized and became believers. These people began to meet on a regular basis to learn about Jesus from the disciples, to pray, and to fellowship. This was the birth of the Christian church.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: Jesus told the disciples to stay in what city?

A1: Jesus told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem.

Q1b: Have you ever had a friend move far away or start going to a different school than you?

TN: At first, the disciples were sad because Jesus had left them. But the angels told them that Jesus would come back someday. Getting to see a friend every day is definitely a better situation, but knowing that we will get to visit again soon makes it a little easier to deal with our friend's absence.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: Where did the disciples gather in Jerusalem?

A2: The disciples gathered in the upstairs room of the house where they were staying in Jerusalem.

Q2b: Why didn't the disciples just go out and start telling people about Jesus?

TN: First of all, the disciples were afraid of what the Jewish leaders might do to them for preaching about Jesus. Secondly, sometimes taking action without having a full understanding of how that action could impact the overall goal can be a bad idea. Prayer can open our minds, hearts, and ears to what the Lord is leading us to do. If He has asked us to do something, He will help us figure out how to accomplish it.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: What sound filled the house where the disciples were staying?

A3: The sound of a mighty wind from Heaven filled the house.

Q3b: Do you speak more than one language?

TN: Often our families speak more than one language, so we have learned to speak both as we grew up. Others have learned to speak other languages through lessons. Learning to speak another language can be difficult and time consuming. The disciples had not taken any lessons, and in some cases, they may have never even heard the languages they were suddenly able to speak! This was clearly the Holy Spirit imparting knowledge to them.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: Why were there so many people in Jerusalem?

A4: There were many people in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



Q5a: Who did Peter tell the crowd Jesus was?

A5: Peter told the crowd that Jesus was God's son, the Lord, and the Messiah.

SLIDE 6



Q6a: What did the people in the crowd ask Peter?

A6: The people in the crowd asked Peter what they needed to do to be saved.



SLIDE 7



QUESTION & ANSWER

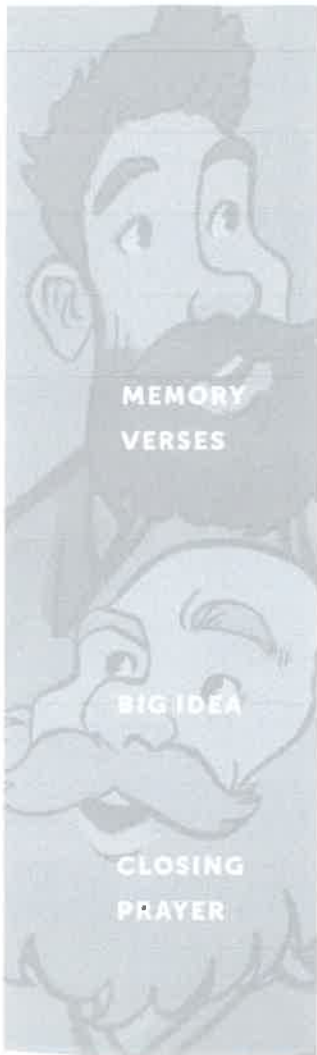


Q7a: How many people were baptized that day?

A7: About 3,000 people were baptized that day.

Q7b: Have you ever tried something new and found that you're really good at it?

TN: A few hours before he stepped outside and started telling the thousands of people milling around the streets of the city that Jesus is the Messiah, Peter had no experience preaching to huge crowds. The Holy Spirit entered the scene and gave them the motivation to go out and tell everyone the truth about who Jesus was and what He had done for them. The Holy Spirit gave Peter and the other disciples the words to say to touch people's hearts and change people's minds. Leading 3,000 people to their salvation in Jesus isn't bad for a first day at work!



MEMORY
VERSES

BIG IDEA

CLOSING
PRAYER



QUESTION & ANSWER

▶ **Acts 2:38:** "Repent and be baptized every 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."

▶ **John 14:26:** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

▶ When the Holy Spirit came, Jesus came to live in our hearts forever!

▶ Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending us Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for the guidance and comfort it brings to us. Help us to hear Your Spirit's still, small voice leading us on the right path through our lives. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

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CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY

Across

3. About 3,000 people were (**Baptized**) that day.
7. Jerusalem was packed with people for the (**Festival**) of Pentecost.

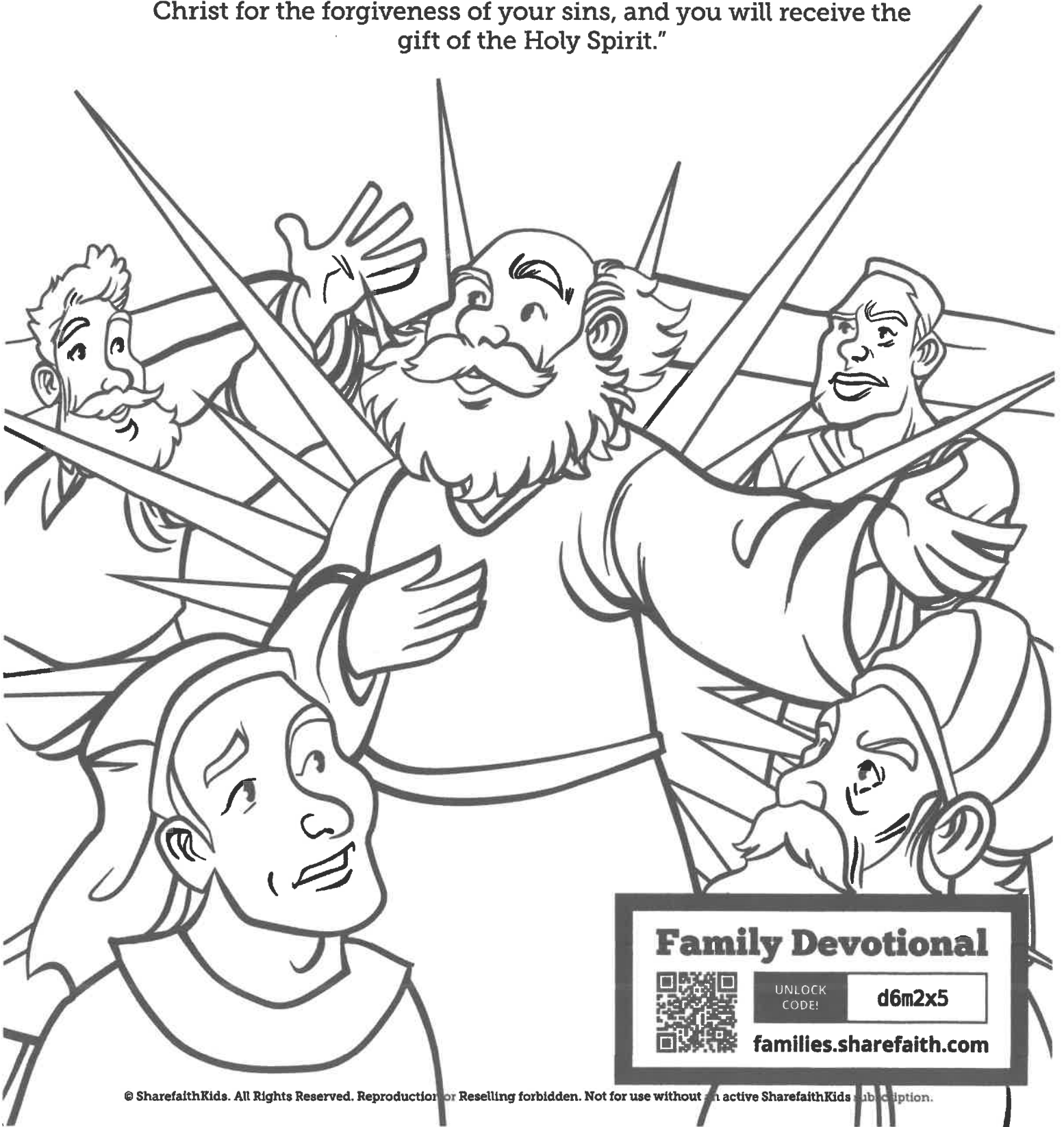
Down

1. The disciples gathered in the (**Upstairs**) room of the house where they were staying.
2. Peter told the crowd that Jesus was God's Son, and He had (**Risen**) from the dead.
4. Jesus told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem to receive a (**Gift**) from God.
5. A rush of mighty (**Wind**) from Heaven filled the house.
6. The people asked Peter, "What do we need to do to be (**Saved**)?"

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Acts 2:38

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Family Devotional



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Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

BAPTIZED
FESTIVAL
DISCIPLES
RISEN

GIFT
GOD
HOLYSPIRIT
WIND

SAVED
PENTECOST
JESUS
PETER



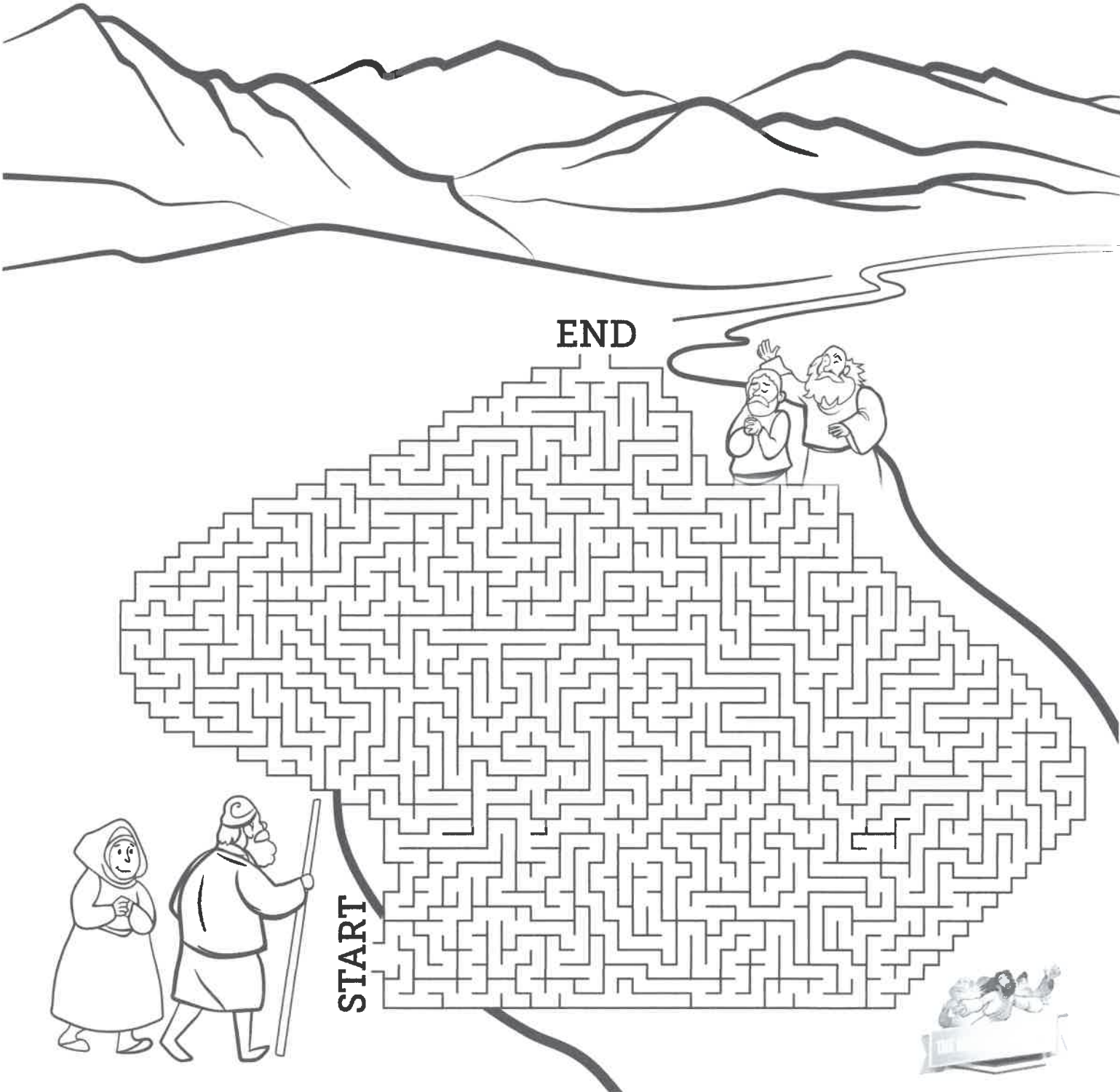
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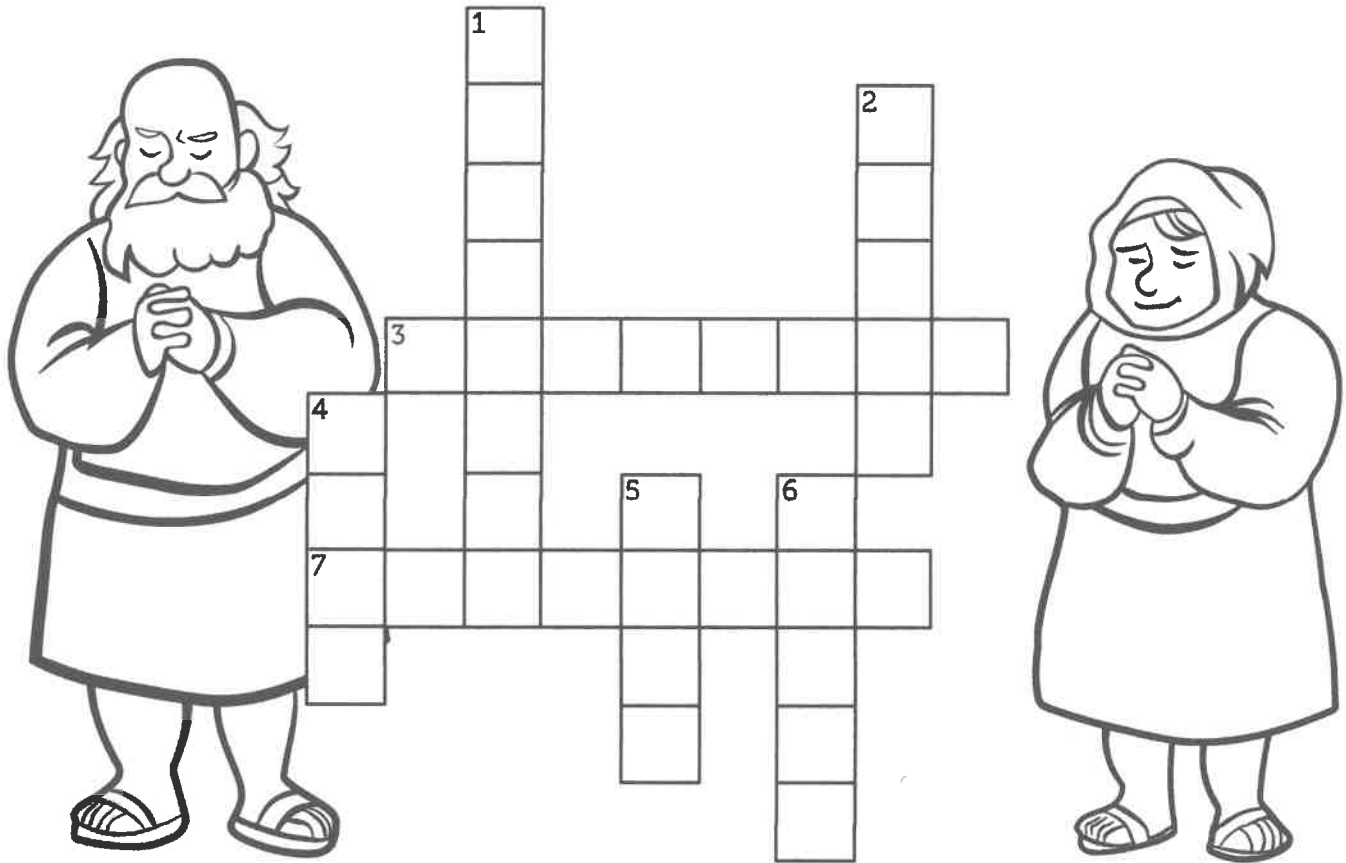
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Help the Christ Followers get baptized.



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