

Acts 2:1-41

*The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,
but everyone to come to repentance.*
2 Peter 3:9

Readings this week:

S	Luke 24: 44-53
M	Acts 2: 1-13
T	Acts 2: 14-21
W	Acts 2: 22-28
Th	Acts 2: 29-36
F	Acts 2: 37-41
S	1 Corinthians 15: 1-9

Think back to the last lesson. What did Jesus promise the disciples before he went into heaven?

Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem. What do you think they were waiting for?

Read Acts 1:4 and 6. What do you think they were expecting?



Read Acts 2:1-4 together and talk together about the way the Holy Spirit is described. Why do you think it says it is like wind and like fire?

Can you think of other ways that the Holy Spirit is described in the Bible?

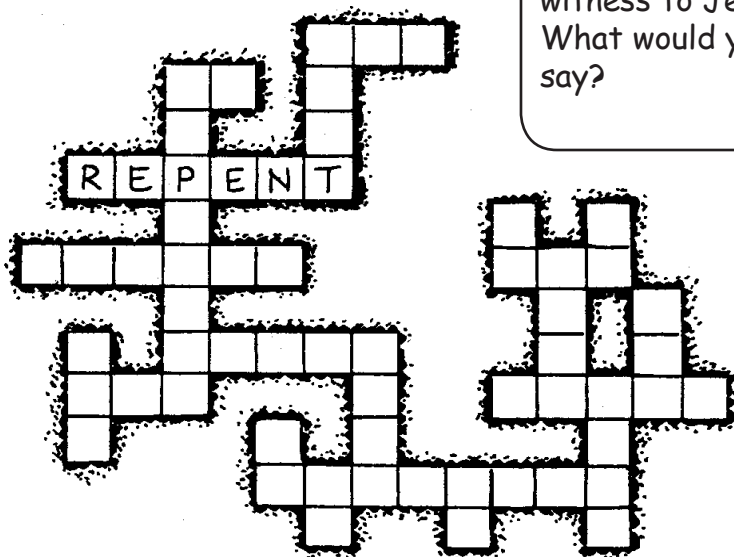
In his speech, Peter is describing the important points of what he believes. Can you pick out the main points of what he says and summarise it?



What was the people's reaction?

Use the New International Version and fit the beginning of Peter's speech into the crossword.

What do his words mean?



Could you be a witness to Jesus? What would you say?

Digging Deeper

The word Pentecost has something to do with 50. (You may be able to think of other words starting with 'pent' which have some connection with 5) Find out what the day of Pentecost has to do with 50.

In Old Testament times the people had to come to celebrate before the Lord three times a year.

Make a table like this but in the second row fill in the different names of the 3 feasts instead of the references (two names for each feast) and in the third and fourth row, instead of the references, answer the questions.

	Feast 1	Feast 2	Feast 3
2	Exodus 23:15 Deuteronomy 16:1	Exodus 23:16 Deuteronomy 16:16	Exodus 23:16 Deuteronomy 16:16
3	Later a new requirement was added to this feast. When was it and what did they have to bring? Leviticus 23:9-10	Which particular harvest was this feast celebrating? Deuteronomy 16:9-12	Which harvests was this feast celebrating? Deuteronomy 16:13
4	In New Testament times what happened of which the Passover was an echo?	How many days after the Passover was this feast? Leviticus 23:15-16. In New Testament times the Feast of Weeks was called Pentecost. The one in Acts was 50 days after Jesus' death.	What do these harvests mean? Revelation 14:15-20

You might like to think about

- who 'the first fruits from the dead' was;
- who were being harvested at Pentecost (Acts 2:5) and
- what you think the 'final ingathering' might be. (Revelation 14:15,16)

What do his words mean?

Pray that you may learn to be a faithful witness for Christ.