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138.) The Power of the Spirit of God

It was time for the good news to be spread around the world—the news that Jesus was God's Son, and that all who believed in His love and forgiveness could have eternal life. As the disciples waited in Jerusalem, just like Jesus told them to, one day they heard the sound of a strong wind right in their house. It was the wind of God.

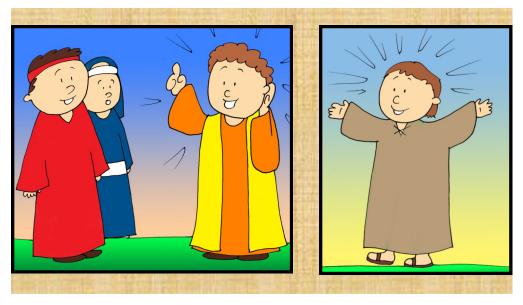


God's Holy Spirit came to each one of the disciples, to give them the power to do the job of spreading the good news. To show them that they now had God's Spirit, little flames of fire from God appeared above each one of them for a while. They were filled with power from Heaven.

The disciples then went out to tell others about Jesus, and something amazing happened.



All of a sudden, they could speak in new languages!—Languages they never knew before. Many people who had come to Jerusalem from all over the world could hear and understand the words they were saying, and believed in Jesus! The Holy Spirit of God can help us to be filled with His love, and to tell others about Jesus.



139.) Together

Jesus' disciples continued to tell others about Him, and many others wanted to love and follow Him as well. Many people were healed, and God's power made many miracles and wonderful things happen!



Those who believed in Jesus worked together as a team and helped one another. They shared their things with each other. They were like a big family now—God's family. They were brothers and sisters, all sons and daughters of their Heavenly Father.



140.) The Lame Man Walks

There was a man who never had been able to walk in his whole life. Everyone knew him, and those who went into the temple saw him sitting there asking for gifts of money and food.

When Peter and John went into the temple one day, they were able to give this lame man the best gift he'd ever received.



Peter and John told the lame man that Jesus could heal him. The man believed and gained strength to stand up right then! He was instantly able to walk, run, and jump! All who knew him were surprised to see him walking.



Peter and John told everyone who was watching about Jesus and His power to heal. They also explained His gift of love and forgiveness to all. Many people listened and believed in Jesus that day.



141.) Power, Protection, and Perseverance

Every day the disciples would visit the temple area where there were many people, and spread the good news of Jesus to all. Some people who were in charge didn't like them doing that, and tried to stop them.



The followers of Jesus prayed for the Spirit of God to give them even more power to keep on talking and telling people about Jesus.

They didn't give up! God sent angels to help them and protect them, and as a result many others came to know about Jesus too.



142.) Seven Wise Helpers

There were so many people who chose to follow Jesus' way, along with the disciples. There was lots to do to make sure that each one of them was being well cared for. The believers all worked together and helped each other.



Seven men who were strong in faith, wise, and filled with God's Spirit, were chosen to help look after the needs of the new disciples—especially those with children who needed extra care.



Stephen was one of those chosen. He was a powerful witness, and told many about Jesus. Many miracles were done through him.

People were amazed to see the light on his face, as he spoke the words God told him to.



Before he went to Heaven to receive his reward for a job well done, he had a peek of Jesus and the angels in the sky! If we are faithful to do our job for Jesus and help to pass on God's Word, we'll make Jesus happy too, and receive great rewards.



143.) Philip's Amazing Trip

As Philip was travelling to tell people about Jesus, he saw an important man riding in a chariot. God told him to talk with that man, and to tell him about Jesus. The Ethiopian man was reading a Bible scroll that told about Jesus coming to the world, but he didn't understand it.



Philip was able to explain to the man what it meant. The man happily listened to Philip and believed that Jesus was God's Son. He asked to be baptized in the first pool of water they saw while travelling.

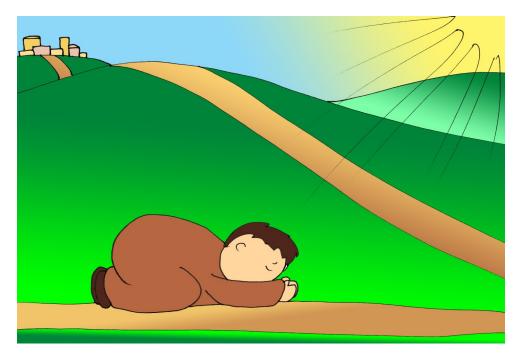


When they came out of the water, God's Spirit suddenly took Philip away to another town. He just disappeared from that place and appeared in another! The Ethiopian man was amazed and praised God! Philip could spread God's message to new places, right then.



144.) Saul Is Stopped—Paul Preaches

Paul was a changed man, after what happened to him one day. At first his name was Saul, and he didn't know the truth about Jesus. Saul was trying to stop Jesus' followers from teaching others about Him.



But as he was travelling one day, Jesus stopped him with a bright light. He was so surprised that he fell to the ground.

Jesus spoke and told him the truth, and said he should stop the wrong things he was doing.



God then told a man called Ananias to visit Saul and to pray for him, as he couldn't see after that very bright light shone in his eyes.

Then Saul was healed and could see again, and wanted to be one of Jesus' disciples too.



He was filled with the Holy Spirit, and then went by the name Paul—a new name for a changed man. Paul now did what God wanted him to do. He travelled around preaching and telling many people about Jesus! Paul was a faithful follower and disciple of Jesus.



145.) Arise

When Peter travelled and told people about Jesus, he also prayed for the sick, and they were healed. Aeneas had been sick in bed for eight years. "Jesus can heal you right now!" Peter told him. "Get up and make your bed."

Aeneas was healed right then, and got up!



Tabitha was very kind to others, and made clothes for the poor. One day she got very sick, and people were so sad. They thought she'd never get well again. A message was sent to Peter asking him to please come. They said Tabitha had died.



Peter prayed for her, took her by the hand, and she rose from the bed all healed and full of life again.

Many people who heard about those miracles of healing were amazed and believed in Jesus.



146.) Cornelius

A man called Cornelius was praying one day, when God sent an angel to him with a special message. The angel told Cornelius about Peter, and told him the place where he was living. He said to find Peter and talk with him.



Cornelius obeyed and sent his helpers to the very place God had said that Peter would be, and invited him to his house. At that same time, Peter had been praying. God told him that there were three men coming to the house, and that it was important for him to talk with them.

Peter obeyed God's voice, and talked with these messengers when they arrived at the house.



Peter then travelled back with these men to meet Cornelius and talk with him about Jesus. All that were in his house listened, and believed what Peter told them about Jesus. They also received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Everyone was very happy!



147.) Peter's Adventure

There was a king who was trying to stop Peter from telling others about Jesus. He put Peter in a room where he had to stay. There were some men watching over him, to make sure he stayed there.

The disciples were praying for Peter, so he could be free again to travel and tell people the good news about Jesus.



In the night, an angel woke Peter up and told him to get up and put his sandals on. Then the angel walked with Peter right out of there.

The doors and the big gate opened up by God's power, and Peter was free to walk to the house where the disciples were praying.



They were so happy and surprised to see him again! Peter told them the amazing story about the angel, and continued on his journey of teaching and telling others the good news.



148.) Paul's Adventures

Paul was a man who had courage and did his best to tell many others about Jesus' love. He had difficult times and it wasn't easy for him, but he didn't give up.

Paul prayed for people to be healed, and wonderful miracles happened! He travelled around to many places, and had an adventurous life.



Paul experienced all kinds of difficulties, and also the joy of helping many people to believe in Jesus. He didn't give up telling people about Jesus, no matter what happened.



Paul wrote many letters and books to be sent to those he met in the cities and towns all around. He wanted to teach them more about Jesus, and how to do things God's way. Those who do their best for Jesus, and don't give up, will get great rewards!



149.) Heaven

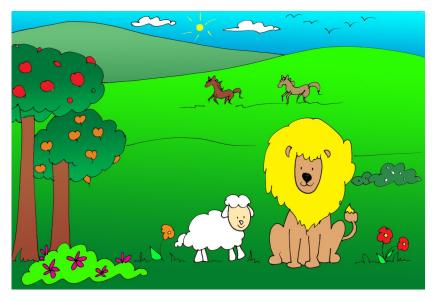
Jesus loves you so much that He has prepared a very special place for you to live in one day. Are there things that are difficult for you now? Do you ever get sick or hurt? Are people sometimes unkind? Are you ever too hot or cold, hungry or thirsty?



Well, in Jesus' new land called Heaven, you will only have joy, happiness, and well-being. His love will be all around, and you will be so very happy there. It's the most beautiful place that has ever been made.



If you love Jesus and have let His love into your heart, you will get to go to this marvellous and wonderful heavenly place. Are you excited? There will be lots of fun for those who believe in Jesus and follow Him now.



150.) The Millennium

One day, Jesus is going to make the whole world all nice again. There won't be any pollution or harmful things any more.

All the animals will be nice and friendly. The thorns and thistles will be gone, and only beautiful and helpful plants will grow.

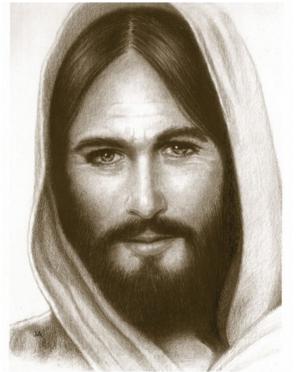


Those who love Jesus and have followed His ways will get to help to teach others how to live in love, and how to make things on Earth pleasant. Won't that be a great job?



Would you like to be one of Jesus' princes or princesses, helping to teach and instruct the people on Earth how to live and make the world a nice and happy place to be?

If you believe in Jesus now and follow Him, you will be an important ruler from Heaven one day!



Jesus Christ, God's Son loves you! He left His heavenly home to live on Earth for a while, over 2,000 years ago, to be God's gift of love to the world—to all of us.

Do you want to receive the best gift of all? Say a little prayer to receive Jesus' gift of eternal life with Him forever! He loves you!

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for coming to Earth long ago, so that You could bring us love and forgiveness. I want You to forgive me for the wrong things that I have done.

Please fill my heart with Your love, and help me to do the things that make You happy.

I'm so glad that You will love me for eternity—and that because I believe in You, I will live forever in Heaven with You!

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