

# Kids' Chronicle

## Peter speaks in Jerusalem

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"What does this mean?" someone in the crowd asked.

"They have had too much new wine," someone else answered.

The promised Holy Spirit had descended on the Apostles as they were praying in Jerusalem. They rejoiced and praised God. Each of the Jews and visitors heard what the Apostles were saying in his own language. They knew something special was taking place. Peter stood up to explain.

"Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel. 'It will come to pass, God says, that I will pour out a portion of my Spirit on all flesh. I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below. And it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord.'"

The building where the Apostles had been waiting was completely surrounded by people from Jerusalem, Egypt, Libya, Arabia, Rome and other parts of the world. One man stood and said to Peter, "We hear these men speaking in our own tongues of the mighty works of

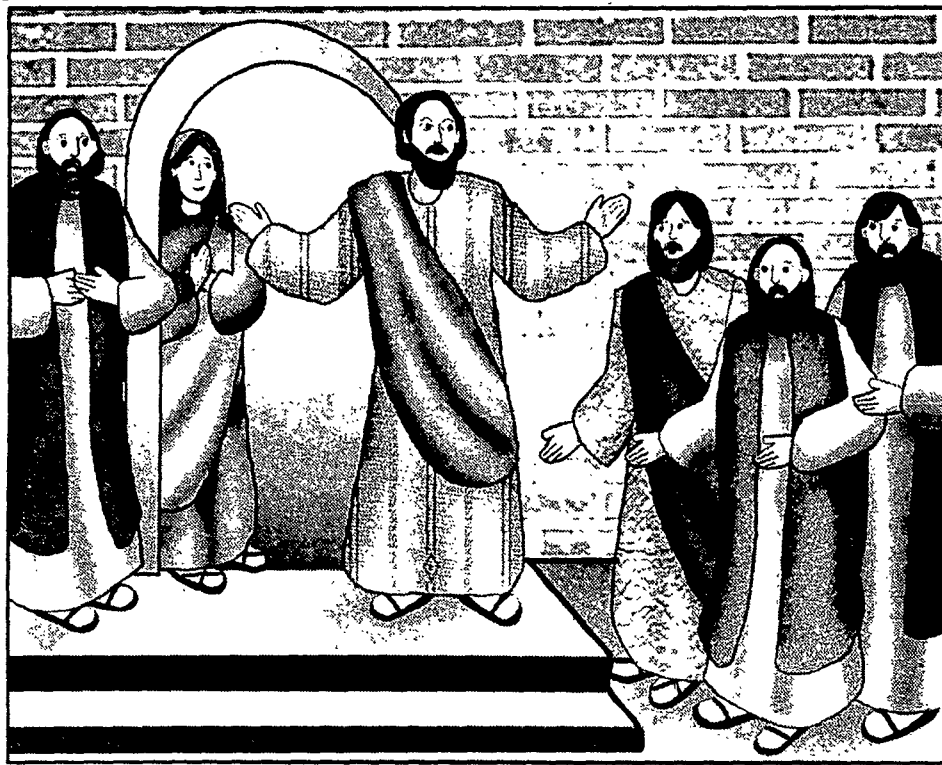


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God." Peter addressed the Jews first. "You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus was a man commended to you by

God with mighty deeds, wonders and signs. This man you killed, using lawless men to crucify him." Peter paused to emphasize what he was going to say next. "But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it."

Some people were amazed by the boldness of Peter. Others were ashamed that Jesus had been sentenced to death. Still others were afraid. Would the wrath of God visit their homes? "What are we to do?" someone called out.

"Repent and be baptized," Peter answered, "everyone 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 promise is made to you, and to your children, and to all those far off, whomever our Lord will call."

Many people heard what Peter said, and obeyed him. They went in front of the Apostles to be baptized and to ask forgiveness for their sins. One after another they came. By the end of the day, more than 3,000 people had been baptized.

### Sainthood

Sainthood is granted by the church to Christians who demonstrated holiness, compassion, selflessness and other virtues when they were alive. The process by which these men and women are selected for this special privilege is called canonization. The church teaches us that the saints continue to intercede for us in heaven. Many of us were named by our parents in honor of a saint that was important to them. Catholic churches are often named after saints. If you were to look at a map you would find many cities with names that have the prefixes St., San or Santa, all of which stand for "saint." A saint who is revered by a country or by people in an occupation, such as nurses or teachers, is called a patron saint. There are many books that tell the stories of the lives of saints. Look for one in your home or library to learn more about these important people.

### St. Galdinus

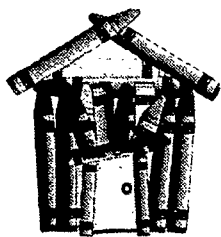
St. Galdinus served as both chancellor and archdeacon of Milan, Italy, in the 12th century. He earned the respect of his superiors and of the people because he was wise and capable in his duties. There was political disagreement between the emperor and the people of Milan. As a result, Galdinus and the archbishop had to live for a time in exile. After he had been promoted to cardinal, Galdinus made it his priority to rebuild and reunite the city of Milan. He encouraged other clergy to lead more disciplined lives and to care for the poor and unfortunate people of the area. He also preached with a goal of clearing up disagreements and misunderstandings of religious doctrine among Christians. He died doing what he loved best, presiding at a Mass. We remember him on April 18.

### Puzzle

Using the clues, fill in the blanks made from the word "prayer." A few extra letters have been given as hints. Answers on page 8.

1. P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Presider at Mass
2. R \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ A devotion to Mary
3. A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ The four weeks before Christmas
4. Y \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ A Hebrew name for God
5. E \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ The day we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus
6. R \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ A ceremonial act

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### Q&A

1. What did the people hear the Apostles saying?
2. What did Peter say the people should do?

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