



# The story of Pentecost

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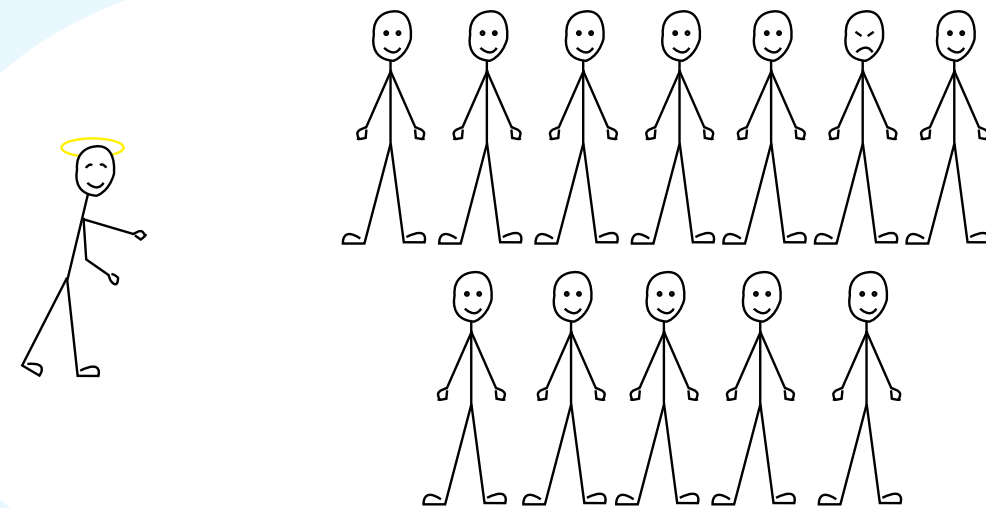
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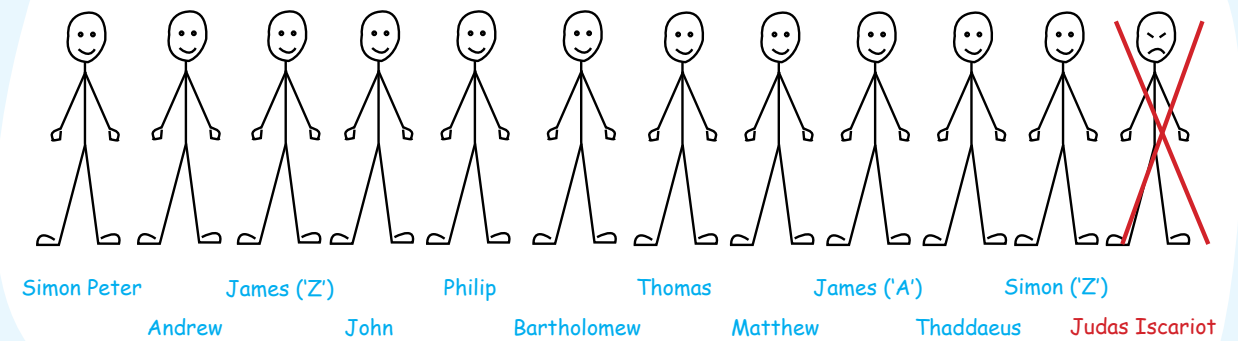
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## Remember this?

Jesus had **12** disciples. The disciples were people who followed him and learned from him. They watched him heal sick people and perform other miracles. They heard him teach. It was like a travelling classroom. They knew that Jesus was no ordinary man. He was the son of God.



Okay, but then one of them betrayed Jesus and then there were **11** disciples.

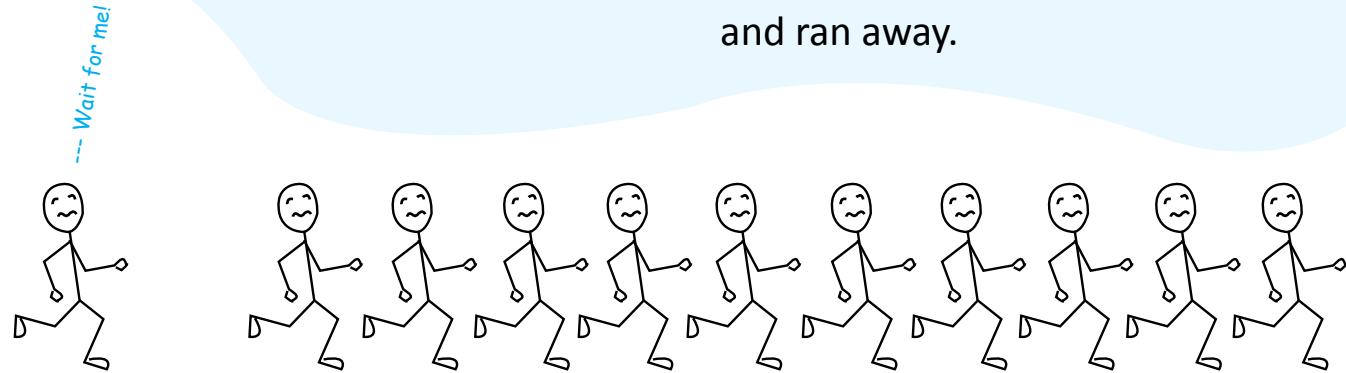


**So what happened to Jesus?**

Well, he was arrested and killed.



The disciples were frightened and ran away.



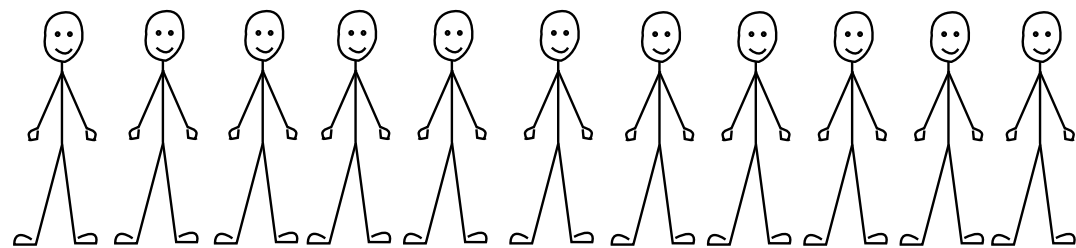
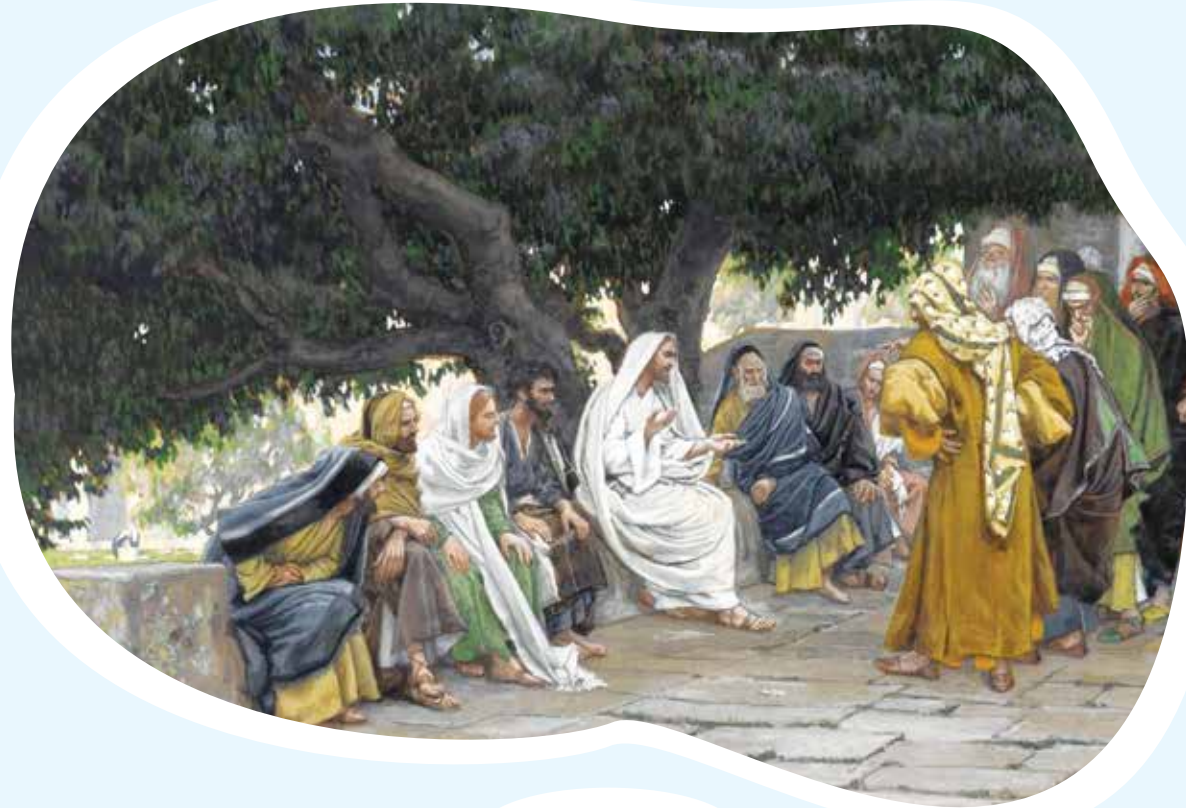
**But then something amazing happened.** Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus appeared to all of the disciples and ate with them so that they would know he was not a ghost.

For 40 days after his resurrection, Jesus appeared many times to his followers and spoke to them about the kingdom of God.



--- Here's Thomas, who missed seeing Jesus the first time he appeared to the disciples. Thomas did not believe what had happened. He said he wouldn't believe it unless he got to touch Jesus' wounds. So then Jesus appeared to them all when Thomas was there, and he told Thomas to touch his wounds. And Thomas did. I bet he felt a bit embarrassed though.

The disciples understood better than anyone else what was going on because Jesus had helped them to understand the scriptures, and also because they had seen everything that happened with their own eyes.



The 11 disciples went to a hill called the Mount of Olives where Jesus had told them to go.

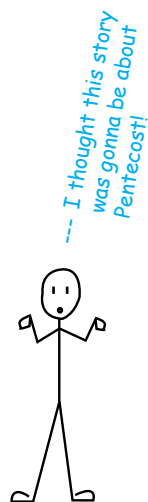


So there they were, all together on the Mount of Olives, and Jesus appeared.

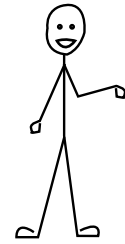
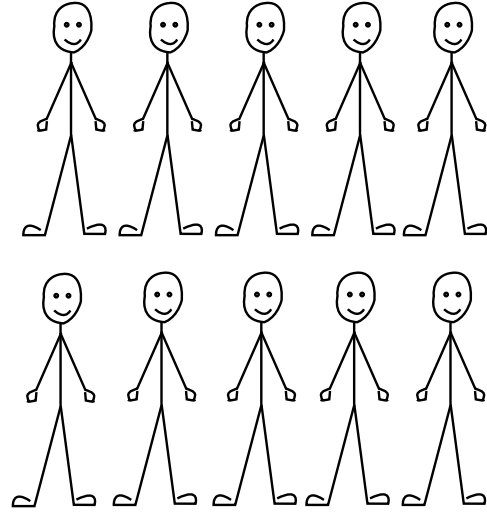
He raised his hands and blessed them, and he also gave them a job to do, something we call “**the great commission**.”

“You must go and tell people that they must change and turn to God, which will bring them his forgiveness. You must start from Jerusalem and tell this message in my name to all of the people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have told you to do. But for now, wait in the city until you receive what the Father promised to send. In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit and given power from heaven.”

And then Jesus was taken up into heaven before their very eyes.



Okay, so that’s actually what we call “**the ascension**,” but what happened next was that the disciples returned to the city to wait for what the Father promised... and that’s when it happened...



--- Now we get to be called "apostles" instead of "disciples." Disciples are followers. We're still followers of Jesus, but now we have been sent on a mission! Our new title means that we have a mission and a special role as messengers of God and to build churches!

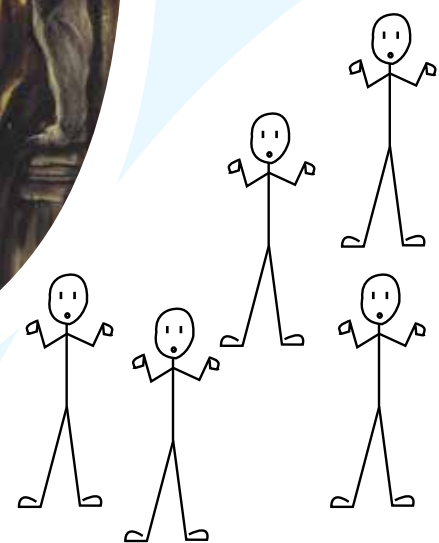


Matthias

--- The disciples decided to pick someone to replace Judas Iscariot so that there would be 12 apostles again. They picked me!

Okay, so there they were, all 12 of them, and other followers of Jesus as well.

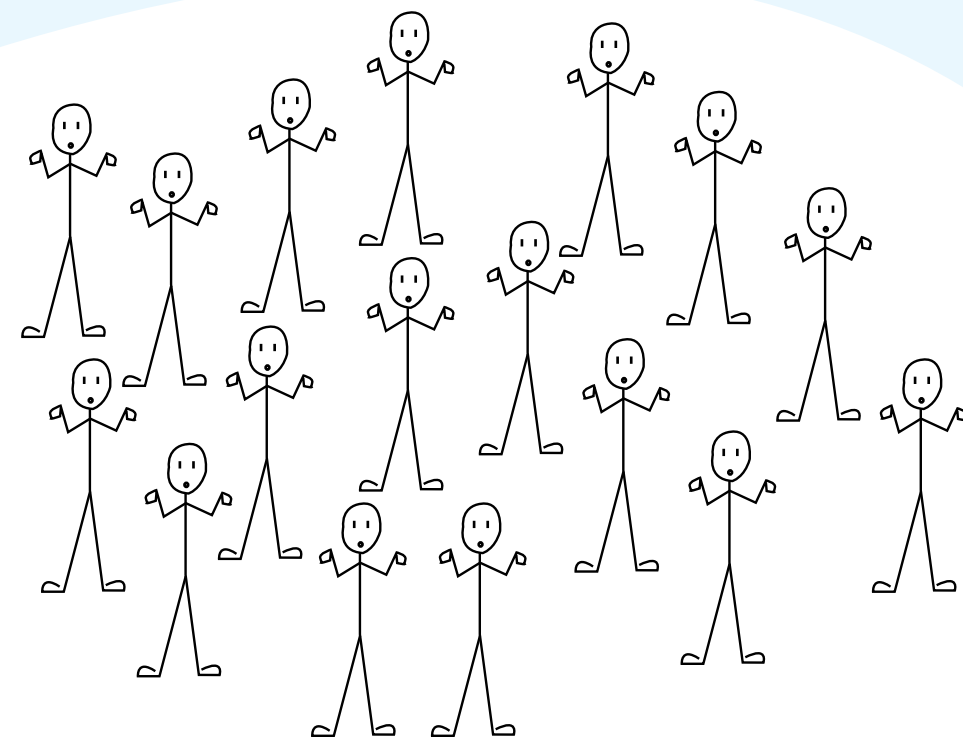
They were in a room in the city of Jerusalem where Jesus had told them to wait...



**Suddenly** a noise came from heaven.  
It sounded like a strong wind blowing.  
This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting.  
They saw something that looked like flames of fire.  
The flames were separated and stood over each person there.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,  
and they began to speak different languages.  
The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to do this.

A large crowd came together because they heard the noise.  
This crowd included people who were staying in the city  
from all over the world.  
They were surprised because, as the apostles were speaking,  
everyone heard in their own language.  
The people were all amazed and confused.  
They asked each other, “What is happening?”



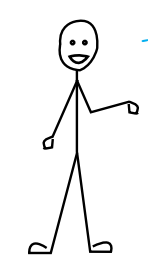
So then Peter stood up with the other apostles.  
He spoke loudly so that all the people could hear.  
And then he told them all about Jesus.



Then those who accepted what Peter said were baptized.  
On that day about 3,000 people were added to the group of believers...

**So what then?**

Well, the apostles went all over the known world in the power  
of the Holy Spirit and did just what Jesus had told them to do!



--- The Holy Spirit (or "Holy Ghost") is the third  
person of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit, and is Almighty God.  
The Holy Spirit is often referred to by symbols,  
such as fire, light, wind and the dove.





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