

# Children's Ministries Lesson – Twos/Toddlers

## Pentecost – Birthday Celebration!

Acts 2: 1-41; Luke 2:52

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Children's Ministries purpose is to **build a spiritual foundation in each child that lasts a lifetime.**

We hope this lesson provides additional opportunities for your family to strengthen your relationship with each other and with Jesus. This lesson has components of both Children's Church and Sunday School fused together.

As you prepare for this lesson and the space you will use, please gather supplies, create a worship focal point (ideas: A Bible, a cross, a candle and an offering container), and remove other distractions from the area. Read through this lesson before beginning. *Wording in BLUE italics is information for the family leader(s). BLACK italics are actions to do.*

With love, from your Children's Ministries Team and Worship Leaders, Ashley Hymel, Thanushka Lewkebandara and Tina Throckmorton.

**BIBLE STORY POINT:** When we celebrate Pentecost, we are celebrating the growth of the church and more people knowing God's love! Happy Birthday to the church!

**SUPPLIES:** Worship focal points: Bible, cross, candle (lit or unlit), and offering container; link to worship songs; link to Bible story video; blocks or other building materials for activity

**FAMILY CHANT:** *During Sunday School, your children begin with a "class chant". To bring that to your home, create a family chant that you can say each time. Create your own or use this one. The chant helps connect mind with body and connects everyone together. Motions/actions are in parentheses.*

Let's create our own family "chant" as we begin our time together. Repeat what I say and do.

I reach up (*reach both hands up to the sky*) **I reach up (*reach both hands up to the sky*)**

I reach down (*reach both hands down to their toes*) **I reach down (*reach both hands down to their toes*)**

I share a smile to everyone (*smile at each other*) **I share a smile to everyone (*smile at each other*)**

I see you (*point to each other*) **I see you (*point to each other*)**

You see me (*point to self*) **You see me (*point to self*)**

Together we make the [*insert family name*] family. (*put arms around each other's shoulders - form a huddle*)

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**OPENING PRAISE SONGS:**

[Click here](#) for the full playlist of St. Luke's Children's Praise Music.

**Supplies:** [Select the link for Praise and worship Music:](#)

["Happy Birthday & God is So Good"](#) (Tina Throckmorton, Sunday School Music Teacher)



**OFFERTORY:**

*Determine where your offering will go. You may select an organization of your choice, or save it until we return to Sunday School/Children's Church to give to our current mission, or add it to your 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary piggy bank. The scripture below is the scripture we use each Sunday during our Offertory time.*

Let us say this scripture together. "God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

**PRAYER:**

Let's put our praying hands together and pray:

Dear God, **Dear God,**

Thank you for letting us grow another year older. **Thank you for letting us grow another year older.**

Please hear our prayers. **Please hear our prayers.**

Help us show love to others. **Help us show love to others.**

Help us pray every day. **Help us pray every day.**

We love you, **We love you,**

Amen. **Amen.**

**LEARNING SCRIPTURE:**

Let us learn this scripture together.

"Jesus learned and grew." *Luke 2:52*

## **INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE STORY**

Jesus was once a baby, just like you were once a baby. When do we celebrate Jesus' birthday? (*Christmas*) As Jesus grew, he had birthdays just like you do! Guess who else celebrates birthdays? The Church does! We call it Pentecost. Let us watch our Bible story to find out more about it!

## **BIBLE STORY**

Our Bible story is based on the story of Pentecost found in Acts 2.

[Click here](#) for the Bible story.



### **Discussion:** *(ask some or all of these questions)*

1. What did Jesus' followers need to do? *Kingdom work*
2. What did Jesus' friends hear? *A loud sound like wind!*
3. What did Jesus' friends see? *Little flames above their head. (You may wish to explain here that the flame they see is like God and the burning bush – NOT a flame that would burn or hurt them!)*
4. What did Jesus' friends say? *They spoke in different languages*
5. What was the gift Jesus had promised? *The Holy Spirit*

We celebrate this day each year to remember how much the Church has grown and how far the joy of knowing Jesus has spread all over the world! And guess what, we can keep telling others about Jesus to keep growing our church!

### **ACTIVITY:** "Let's Build the Church"

**Supplies:** blocks or household items that can be used to build.

Let us build a church! What does the church look like to you?

We can build our church with Duplos or blocks or make a big church fort with blankets and pillows! Let's have fun building the church together! Then as a family, or individually, let your child spend a little bit of time building a church however they like.

## **CLOSING PRAYER:**

Now, let us say this prayer as an “echo” prayer. I will say some words and you repeat them with me.

Dear God,  
Thank you for birthdays, balloons and fun.  
We praise you for our amazing church.  
We pray that you will surround us with your Holy Spirit.  
Help us to celebrate you every day.  
In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG:**

**Supplies:** [Click here](#) for closing song, “We Will Worship” (Ashley Hymel & Thanushka Lewkebandara)

*Play the closing song.*



**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – to continue our worship all week! (see below)**

**LET’S HELP THE CHURCH GROW EVEN MORE!**

**Supplies:** sidewalk chalk (or other creative materials to share that it is the church’s birthday!)

Go outside and together as a family draw a “Happy Birthday Church!” picture with sidewalk chalk where all your neighbors and friends can see! You can draw balloons, or streamers, or party hats – whatever you like to help celebrate!

**Thank you!**