

# Week 2 - A Witness Shines Bright

## Read Acts 2:14-41(Peter's Witness on Pentecost)

**\*\*For preschoolers, read "The Holy Spirit Comes" from The Beginner's Bible by Zonderkidz**

On a clear night, have you ever noticed how bright the stars shine? They seem to light up the whole sky and are just so beautiful to look at.

When I think about how to be a witness for Jesus, I think about how bright the stars shine in the night sky. A witness for Jesus shines bright in this world (just like the stars) and lets others know about Him. Their actions and their words point others to Jesus. They stand out and are bright so that others can see Jesus through them.

One disciple that shone bright for Jesus was Peter. In today's story we are reading about the day of Pentecost. This is the day we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. After the Holy Spirit arrived, Peter stood up and spoke to the large crowd of people that were gathered in Jerusalem. He asked them to listen carefully to everything he was saying. He told them all about Jesus. He quoted Scripture from the Old Testament and showed how the prophets had prophesied about Jesus (which means to tell of what is to come).

I think my favorite verse in this passage is Acts 2:32, *"God has raised this Jesus to life and we are all witnesses of it."* He tells them that they saw Jesus with their eyes and they witnessed all the miracles He performed and they witnessed the most powerful miracle...His resurrection. Peter is basically saying, *"Hey guys! We are so blessed to have actually witnessed the resurrection of Jesus! Isn't that so cool?"*

Peter got up and spoke in front of a very large crowd. He spoke boldly about Jesus and who He was and what He did for them. He listened to Jesus and what He told them to do by going and making disciples of all nations. Peter was a shining light for Jesus that day. And because he shone brightly for Jesus, many people came to believe in Jesus that day. And do you want to know how many? The Bible says around 3,000 people! Isn't that amazing? 3,000 people came to believe in Jesus because Peter was a witness for Him and spoke boldly about Him. Peter wanted so many people to know about the amazing God he served. And because he spoke and was a witness for Jesus, 3,000 people were saved that day.

Did you know that you can shine the light of Jesus? You can tell others about Jesus and who He is and what He has done for you. Take time to discuss as a family way you can tell others about Jesus. How can you be a shining light where you are?

*Light of the World, thank You for the story of Peter and how he boldly spoke about You to many people. Help me to do the same and tell others about Your love for them. Amen.*

# Week 2 - Family Game

## Glow Star Hunt

**Supplies Needed:** *16 glow-in-the-dark stars*

*Before you use your glow-in-the-dark stars, you will need to expose them to light to get them ready so they can glow! Also, you will need to write one word from Acts 2:32 onto each star: "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact." (The 16th star will be the words "Acts 2:32"). Then you will need to hide the stars around your home (in dark rooms so they can glow).*

In this game, you will search for the glow-in-the-dark stars that are hidden in the room. Each star has a word from Acts 2:32 printed onto it.

Your job is to find the stars and put them in the correct order of the Bible verse.

Next, go in search of the 16 stars. Make sure to keep the lights off as you search for them so you can see the glowing stars.

When all stars have been found, put the Bible verse in the correct order. Talk about how Peter shone brightly for Jesus and spoke about all he had witnessed about Jesus' resurrection.

*\*\*If you have preschoolers, you can shorten the Bible verse to "God has raised this Jesus to life." This will be easier for preschoolers to remember and recite.*

## Week 2 – Family Craft

### Telescope

**Supplies Needed:** *empty paper towel roll, small plastic cup, markers, paint, paintbrush, stickers*

One thing we use to see stars clearer is a telescope. It helps us get a better look at something far away. It helps us see the stars shine brighter. A witness for Jesus shines bright in the world. And when people look at you, you want them to be able to see Jesus in you.

Today, you are going to make a telescope! First, take an empty paper towel roll and decorate it. You can use paint, markers, or stickers. Then, take the small plastic cup and cut out the bottom. Slide the cup onto the paper towel roll (top of cup should be pointing out). Tape or glue the cup to the paper towel roll if needed. Decorate the cup as you like.

Then, use your telescope to look at things up close or far away. Another fun way to use it is to use it while you are reading the Bible!

Remember to shine brightly for Jesus so that when people look at you, they see Jesus in you!

## **Week 2 – Family Snack**

### **PB&J Sandwich Stars**

Bread

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Star-shaped cookie cutter

*\*\*If allergic to peanut butter use sunflower butter or almond butter*

An easy and quick snack for kids that they love is PB&J sandwiches! Make your sandwich with peanut butter on one side and jelly on the other. Then cut star shapes out of the sandwich using a star cookie cutter. Serve star-shaped sandwiches for a fun snack.