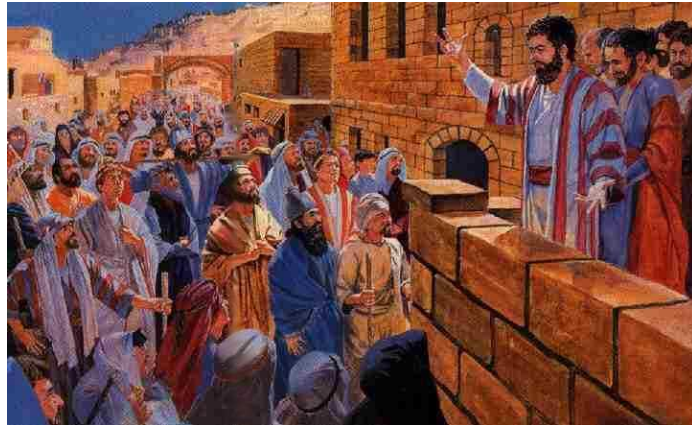


Sunday 14th June



Our God Saves

Last week we looked at Peter speaking at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit Peter stood up and challenged the crowd. "Let all Israel know that God has made Jesus, who you crucified, both Lord and Christ!" As Peter shared the Gospel, the Holy Spirit began to work in the lives of the people listening. Realising the wrong they had done they called out to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Read in Acts 2:38-39 what Peter told them to do.

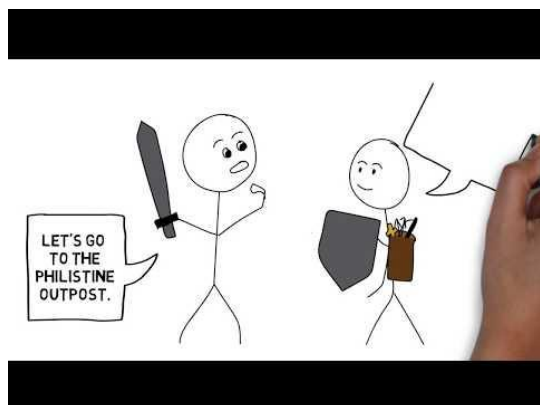
Peter continued preaching, calling on people to trust in Jesus and be saved from their sin. Three thousand people believed the good news of the gospel that day! They were baptised and became part of the very first Christian church.

Our memory verse today comes from the book of 1 Samuel in the Old testament:

"Nothing can stop God from saving, whether by many or by few." (1 Samuel 14:6)

At this time King Saul's army were up against a much larger Philistine army. His people were afraid and beginning to lose heart. Watch the

clip below about how Saul's son Jonathan and his armour bearer trusted God for a mighty victory against Israel's enemies.



The part of the story we're focusing on today is the first 3 minutes of this clip. You can stop it there if you like, although if you want to watch the whole clip that's fine too.

Jonathan trusted God for the victory against the Philistines, He knew that the victory would be God's not the Israelites.

Just as it was God who gave the victory to Jonathan saving the lives of many Israelites. It was God who, through the Holy Spirit, gave Peter both the words to say and the courage to say them, enabling many people to put their trust in Jesus and be saved that day.

Both Peter and Jonathan put their trust in God, and were willing to serve him faithfully where they had been put. The Holy Spirit gave both men the courage to step out in faith, and he does the same for us. The Holy Spirit enables us to trust God, and he gives us the power to live for him in this world and share him with others in word (what we say) and deed (what we do). Praise God!

Below is a colouring, along with today's memory verse, to print off and colour in.

Finally, can you think of any other times that people in the bible stepped out in faith and trusted God for the outcome? Or maybe you have examples from your own life, or the lives of other family members? Feel free to share with the group over the next week.



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