

# BUBBLES, RAINBOW CLUB & JUMP

## Children's Sunday Morning Activity

### Today's Memory Verse:

"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard". Acts 4:20

**Date:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Title:** The First Christians: The Apostles Speak about Jesus

**Bible Passage:** Acts 5:12-42

### Introduction Activity: What's making all that noise?

Gather a collection of different items from around your homes which make noise. These can range from musical instruments to things that you create yourself (eg: rice in a bottle), so feel free to be as creative in your thinking as you like. When you have gathered all these items, put them in a bag / or play them behind your back and ask your child to listen really carefully to the sounds that are made and see if they can guess what item is making all that noise.

Explain to your child that even though there has just been a lot of noise, they had to listen really carefully to actually hear the object. Today we are going to think about another group of people that were making a lot of noise, but they weren't talking about instruments and toys in a bag, but these people were called the disciples, they were Jesus' friends and people needed to listen very carefully to them to hear the amazing good news about Jesus.

The Disciples had lived with Jesus for 3 years and they got to see some of the wonderful things that he did and listened to the amazing things that he said.

### Discuss with your children:

#### **Q.1 Can remember some of these amazing things that Jesus did when he lived on Earth?**

Jesus' friends had watched him die on the cross, but they had also seen that he did not stay dead but that he rose again, and they saw him go back to heaven to live with God his father. Before Jesus went back to Heaven, he gave his disciples a really important job to do. He told them to go out into the world and tell people about him, the things that they had seen and to tell them the amazing good news that if they are sorry for their sins; the wrong things that they do that hurt other people and hurt God, they can ask God to forgive them and he will. Jesus did not want his disciples to be on their own, so he sent them his holy spirit to be with them and to help them with this very important job. Some people were so excited to hear what the disciples had to say about Jesus, but there were also some people that were not happy with the disciples and they wanted them to stop talking to people about Jesus.

**Read & Watch:** Together as family read Acts 5:12-42 and then watch "The Apostles and the High Council" by Saddleback Kids on YouTube. Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKjWIETMYxc>

**Bible Story:**

The disciples spent a lot of time in the temple, telling people about Jesus and many people listened carefully to them and decided to follow Jesus as well, but remember we said that some other people were not so happy about the disciples speaking about Jesus. The Jewish religious leaders were getting jealous that more and more people wanted to follow Jesus. They wanted to stop the disciples from talking about Jesus, so they threw them into prison!!

Discuss with your children:**Q.2 Do you think this would have stopped other people hearing about God and his son Jesus?**

No! Earlier when we read the bible or watched the video on YouTube we saw that nothing is more powerful than God and he sent an angel to free the disciples from prison and told the disciples to go back to the temple and tell more people about Jesus. When the religious leaders heard this, they were very very angry as the disciples had not listened to them. The disciples told them that they were listening to God and that he had told them to tell people the good news about him and that is what they continued to do. We know that it wasn't always easy for the disciples, they were put in prison and they were hurt very badly but they believed that God was with them and that he would look after them and they believed that the good news they had to tell was worth sharing.

We have made lots of noise this morning with our different objects, maybe even some of you have created your own brand-new instruments, but with all that noise we had to listen carefully to hear the object that was playing played. The disciples were hearing different things from the religious leaders, but they continued to listen to God and what he had told them to do. The disciples were talking to people about the amazing good news of Jesus, and God used what they said to change people's lives and they also became his followers, but there were people who just did not want to hear.

Discuss with your children:**Q.3 Why do you think God wants everyone to know about Jesus?****Q.4 Who can we tell about Jesus?**

Jesus died so that anyone can ask God to forgive them for their sins and that they can be with God forever. This is the best news and God wants us to both listen really carefully to it for ourselves and then when we have decided to follow him, just like the disciples, he wants us to tell others, and remember that nothing can stop our God, even when people seem like they don't want to hear.

**Song:** Together as a family sing 'We want to see Jesus Lifted High' by KWSCM on YouTube and for any child that attended HBC at Home last summer they can also add in the actions. If not, you can also come up with some actions of your own!

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfpJ1SY4uJU>

**Craft Activity Options:**

1. Using Lego or building blocks, build a model of the Temple Courtyard and the prison and then use some of your Lego figures to act out the story.
2. Using strips of paper, coloured paper or card, create a paper chain. When thinking of chains in a prison we think of being locked up, but we know that through what Jesus has done, he can free us from the power of our sins and this is amazing news that we want to pass on to others. On each strip of paper on your chain, write or draw something that tells people about the amazing news of Jesus and then connect all these strips together to create your own paper chain. You can then hang these up somewhere in your house.

**Pictures:** We hope that you have enjoyed this morning's Children's activity. Please send through pictures from your introduction and craft activities to Hayley (07598329604) and we will share them on the Church Facebook page. Though we are all apart from each other again, it would be great for our children to see that their friends from Church have been learning the same things as them each week and as a Church family we are still together. Seeing the amazing things that our Children create each week always acts as such an encouragement to our entire church family.