

# WILD ZONE

## FISHING TOURS UNLIMITED

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### DRAG NET

"Stand here on the beach and hold this pole," Uncle Maui told Cooper. "Torrance and I will pull this net, roped to the pole, in a big circle through the surf. Then we'll all drag it in and see what we catch."

Cooper held on as Uncle Maui and Torrance waded out beyond the breakers. They held the net straight with the bottom of it close to the sea floor. When they came ashore, they all started to drag the net in. It was exciting! Two fish were flapping in the net – a butterfish and a red gurnard.

They barbequed them on the beach and they tasted great. Then it was time for another Bible story from Uncle Maui.

butterfish



red gurnard



### THE FIRST BIG CATCH

Do you feel sad when a good friend or someone you love in your family goes away?

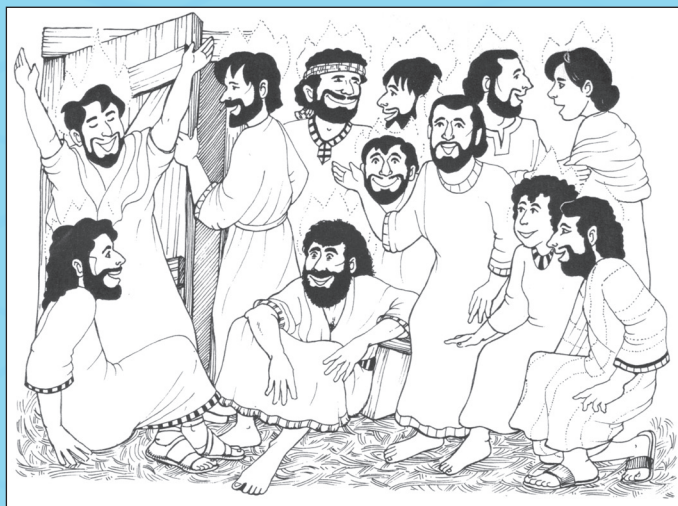
After he died on the cross and came back to life again, Jesus left his friends to go back to be with his Father God in heaven. But they didn't feel sad.

Before he left, Jesus said: "Wait in Jerusalem until I come back to you in a new way. I will send the Holy Spirit to be with you and live in you. The Holy Spirit will give you power to tell people everywhere that I am alive and I can save them from their sins."

So all the friends of Jesus waited in Jerusalem, praying with great joy. Ten days later there was a harvest festival called Pentecost. It was 50 days after the Passover festival, when Jesus had died and risen to life again.

The friends of Jesus were all together in one room. Suddenly there was the sound of a mighty, rushing wind. A massive fire shaped like a tongue appeared and split into flames on each of their heads. They were all filled with joy. The Holy Spirit had come as Jesus promised.

A very big crowd of Jewish pilgrims were in Jerusalem for Pentecost. They came from many different countries and

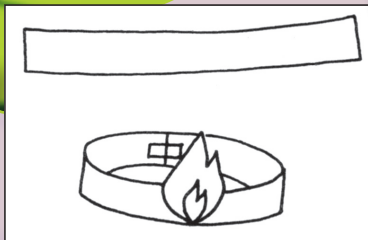


spoke many different languages. With great courage and power the twelve special friends of Jesus went out into the streets to tell people that Jesus is alive. Everyone was amazed that they could each understand in their own language.

Peter stood up and said: "God has poured out his Holy Spirit on us. Anyone who prays to God for help will be saved.

"You all know that Jesus did many wonderful miracles which showed that he came from God. But you and your leaders handed him over to be killed, nailed to a cross. However, God raised Jesus and we saw him alive. This shows that Jesus is

## MAKE A FLAME HEADBAND



trust Jesus and follow him we have his Holy Spirit. Make a flame headband to remind you of this.

At Pentecost there were flames on the heads of the friends of Jesus. This showed that the Holy Spirit had come to live in them. We don't have flames now, but if we

You will need:

- a strip of card 2 cms wide and 56 cms long
- some more card
- red, orange and yellow felt pens
- scissors
- sticky tape or a stapler

Fit the strip of card around your head. Staple or stick it to make a head-sized circle. Cut off the ends.

Draw yellow, orange and red flames on the other card. Cut them out and staple or stick them together to make one flame. Stick this to the front of your headband.



## A VERSE TO LEARN

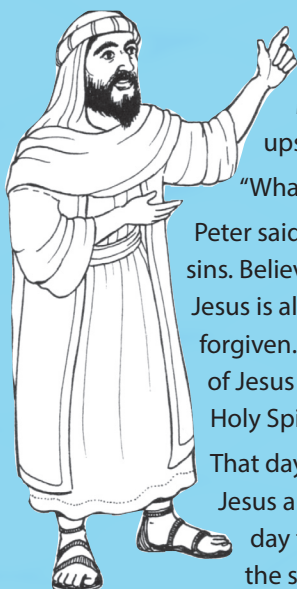
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Can you read the verse?

J2s5s s13d.... "Wh2n th2 H4ly Sp3r3t  
c4m2s 5p4n y45, y45 w3ll b2 f3ll2d  
w3th p4w2r, 1nd y45 w3ll b2  
w3tn2ss2s f4r m2..."

Acts 1: 7-8

*Look up the reference in a Good News Bible to check your answer. Learn the verse by heart.*



the Messiah God promised to send us."

Many people were very upset when they heard this.

"What shall we do?" they asked.

Peter said, "Turn away from your sins. Believe the good news that Jesus is alive and your sins will be forgiven. Be baptised in the name of Jesus and you will receive the Holy Spirit, too."

That day 3,000 people trusted Jesus and were baptised. Every day they met with the apostles, the special friends of Jesus,

eating meals together and learning about Jesus. They shared the things that they heard and were full of joy.

When Jesus called Peter from being a fisherman to be his special friend, he said: "Now you will catch people instead of fish." Peter's first big catch of people was at Pentecost.

**Read about it yourself from the Bible in Acts 1:1-14; 2:1-47.**

## MAKE A FISH NET COLLAGE

You will need:

- a piece of the netting used to hold fruit or vegetables
- some card
- felt pens
- scissors
- sticky tape

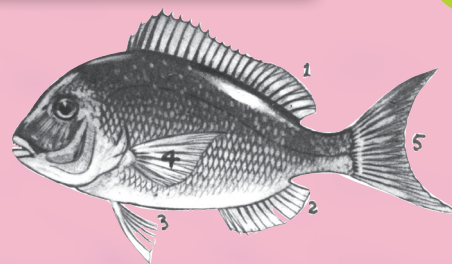


Cut the netting to make a rectangle shape. Cut a smaller rectangle from the card. Make this nearly as big as the net. Draw as many fish as you can on one side of the card. Stretch the netting over your fish and tape it all round on the back of the card.

## FISHING FOR FACTS

Did you find the names of the fish fins? Here's the answer:

- 1 Dorsal fin, 2 Anal fin,
- 3 Pelvic fin, 4 Pectoral fin,
- 5 Tail fin.



Well done! Next month

Uncle Maui will take Torrance and Cooper big game fishing. Can you find out which is bigger – a black marlin or a striped marlin?

## A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you that you have come to be with us in a new way through the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit keep on working in my life to make me more loving and to give me courage to tell my friends about you. Amen.

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