

Living Together

Based on Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35

When children move in next door, it takes time to get to know each other. As you play together, you learn how to get along. For example, you find ways to agree on the rules for a game you are playing. After all the people were baptized on Pentecost, they needed to learn how to get along.

The people who believed in Jesus wanted to be together. After they were baptized, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. But how were they going to live together day after day?

The disciples taught them about Jesus and what he taught. The people ate meals together like a family. They spent time together like a family. They also prayed for one another.

When one person was shivering in the cold, someone gave him a coat, and he was warm again. Perhaps another person was hungry. Someone gave her food, and they ate



together. When anything was needed, those who owned things sold them. They gave the money to the believers so that everyone had enough. No one was left out.

Because they were all faithful Jews, the people went to the temple every day. When they got home again, they ate together. They prayed, and ate, and laughed together. Everyone was happy and loved.

Other people watched them. More and more, people believed in Jesus. More and more, people were baptized. More and more, people showed everyone God's love by the way they lived.

Hear: What does it sound like when people are praising God? How do you praise God? Ask someone you love how it sounds when they praise God.

See: Who is in your church? Look around next time you are there. Draw a picture of the people you see. These people are part of your church family.

Act: Look at the pictures on these pages. How are the people showing love or helping others? What are some ways you can share with others?

