

JEWS 1 & 2: [*Put hands on heart.*]

STORYTELLER: They say to Peter and to the other apostles,

JEW 1: Brothers, what should we do?

PETER: ‘Repent, and be baptized.

Every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
so that your sins may be forgiven.

And you will receive the gift of the Spirit.

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who
are far away, everyone whom God calls.

STORYTELLER: And Peter testifies with many other arguments
and exhorts them, saying,

PETER: Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.

STORYTELLER: So those who welcome Peter’s message are
baptized.

EVERYONE: *Kneel or bend in the attitude of prayer.*

STORYTELLER: That day about three thousand people are
added. They devote themselves to the apostles’ teaching
and community, to the breaking of bread and the sharing in
prayers. Here ends the reading. Thank you for listening to
our amazing Pentecost story. May God bless us all with
understanding in our own language. Amen.

Thank you. You may return to your seat.

Acts 2:1-42 Dramatised

Storyteller: _____ Peter: _____
Disciples (all congregation); Disciple 1: _____
Jews 1: _____ & 2: _____

Leader: Hear the familiar story of that Pentecost Day almost
2000 years ago which we celebrate today. We are reading from
the Acts of the Apostles, chapter two, beginning with verse one.

STORYTELLER: The day of Pentecost has come, and the
disciples of Jesus are all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven comes a sound like the rush of a
violent wind. Everyone help us out.

EVERYONE: *Make wind sounds (with mouth and/or hands
rubbing together)*

STORYTELLER: And the sound like wind fills the entire house
where they are sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appear
among them, and a tongue rests on each of them.

DISCIPLES & PETER: *Hold a tongue of fire over your head.*

STORYTELLER: All of them are filled with the Spirit and begin
to speak in other languages, as the Spirit enables them.

DISCIPLES & PETER: *In another language: French? German?
Welsh? Setswana? Christ is risen. God is good. Bless you.*

STORYTELLER: Now there are devout Jews from every nation
under heaven living in Jerusalem.

JEWS 1&2: *Come forward with hand up to ear, as if listening.*

STORYTELLER: At this sound the crowd gathers and is bewildered, because each one hears them speaking in the native language of each. They are amazed and astonished.

JEWS 1&2: [*Look astonished!!!!!!!!!!*]

JEW 1: Are not all these who are speaking from Galilee?

JEW 2: How is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Judean and Greeks!

JEW 1: Residents of Iraq, Samaria, and Lebanon!

JEW 2: From Turkey, Jordan and Egypt, even Libya and Crete!

JEW 1: And visitors from Rome!

JEW 2: Both Jews and proselytes!

JEW 1: And Arabs!

JEW 2: In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power!

STORYTELLER: All are amazed and perplexed.

JEW 2: What does this mean?

STORYTELLER: But others sneer and say,

JEW 1: They are filled with new wine!

STORYTELLER: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raises his voice and addresses them:

PETER: People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not

drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning!

DISCIPLE 1: [*Point to clock.*]

Actually, Peter, the clock says 11:20 [actual time].

PETER: Well, close enough. Still, too early to be drunk!

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all people,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young folk shall see visions,
and your old folk shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, regardless of gender identification,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

And they shall prophesy.

STORYTELLER: And Peter tells them many more things about the prophets, King David and Jesus.

PETER: Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know, with certainty, that God has made him both Ruler and Messiah, this Jesus, whom you crucified.

STORYTELLER: Now when they hear this, they are cut to the heart.