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NOAH

- God told Noah to build an ark.
- Noah and his family went into the ark. They took with them two of every kind of animal.
- The ark floated on the water for forty days and nights.
- The ark came to rest on the high mountains of Ararat.
- The rainbow is a symbol of God's promise to Noah—that there would never be another great Flood.

God made a promise to Noah and his family. God is faithful in keeping his promises. What promises do you make to God?



NOAH

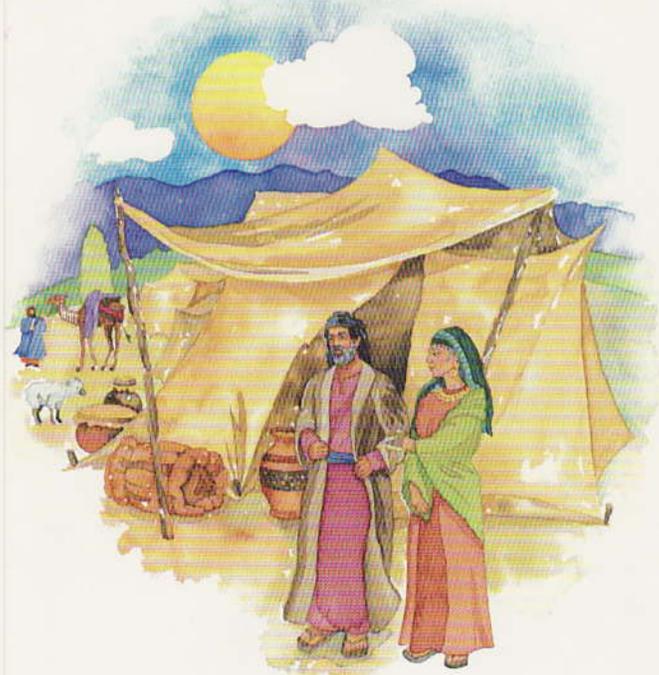
“I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

—Genesis 9:13

ABRAHAM AND SARAH

- Abram and Sarai obeyed God's call to go to a new place.
- They traveled for a long time.
- God changed the names of Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah.
- Abraham and Sarah trusted God's promise to give them a new land.

Abraham and Sarah obeyed God's call because they wanted to. In what ways do we obey God today?



ABRAHAM AND SARAH

“By faith Abraham obeyed . . . and he went out, not knowing where he was to go.”

—Hebrews 11:8

ISAAC AND REBEKAH, JACOB AND ESAU

- Isaac was the son of Abraham and Sarah.
- Isaac married Rebekah.
- Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons—Jacob and Esau.
- Esau traded his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of soup.

Jacob and Esau liked to do different things. They were not very kind to each other. What would you have said to these brothers?



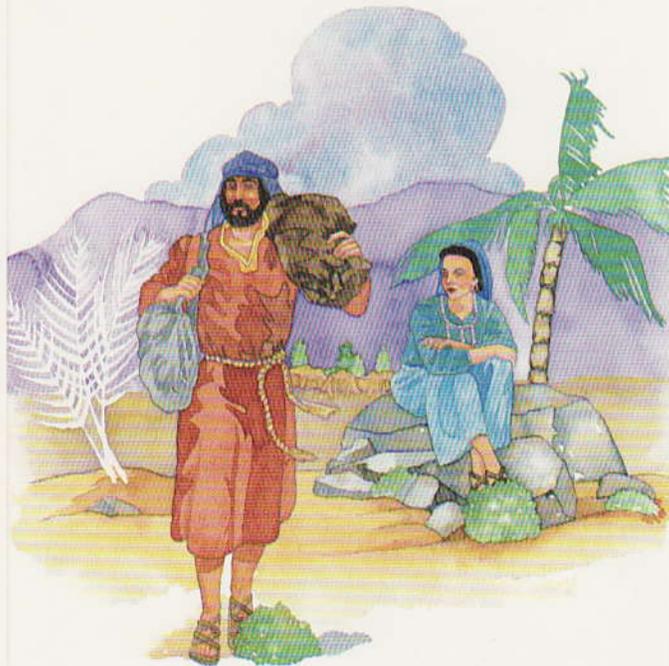
ISAAC AND REBEKAH, JACOB AND ESAU
“When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.”

—Genesis 25:27

JACOB AND RACHEL

- Jacob had a dream about angels.
- God changed Jacob’s name to Israel.
- Jacob married Rachel.
- Jacob had twelve sons. Their names were given to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jacob received the blessing of God and was told that he would be leader of a great nation. What do we remember best about him?



JACOB AND RACHEL
“. . . but Israel shall be your name.”

—Genesis 35:10c

JOSEPH

- Joseph was a son of Jacob and Rachel.
- Jacob gave Joseph a long coat with sleeves. His brothers were jealous.
- The brothers sold Joseph into slavery in Egypt.
- Jacob thought Joseph was dead.

Joseph made his brothers angry. They decided to get rid of him. How do you think Joseph felt?



JOSEPH

“... and they took Joseph to Egypt.”

—*Genesis 37:28d*

JOSEPH AND PHARAOH

- Joseph was sold to a man named Potiphar.
- Later, Joseph was put into prison.
- Joseph could tell what dreams meant.
- When Pharaoh had important dreams, he asked Joseph what they meant.
- Pharaoh put Joseph in charge during a great famine.

When bad things happened to Joseph, God was with him. Joseph was able to help others. What do we learn from Joseph's story?



JOSEPH AND PHARAOH

“And Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Behold, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.’”

—*Genesis 39:41*

MOSES AND MIRIAM

- A new Pharaoh in Egypt was cruel to the Hebrews.
- When Moses was born, his mother hid him in the reeds by the river.
- His sister, Miriam, watched nearby.
- Pharaoh's daughter found the baby Moses and cared for him.

Even someone in the family of the mean Pharaoh could be kind and caring. Pharaoh's daughter saved the child Moses. What can we do to help others in trouble or danger?



MOSES AND MIRIAM

“And the child grew, and . . . Pharaoh's daughter, . . . named him Moses, . . .”

—Exodus 2:10



MOSES AND THE RED SEA

- God spoke to Moses from a burning bush.
- God called him to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt.
- Moses said to Pharaoh, “Let my people go!”
- Moses led the people across the Red Sea.

God saved the Hebrew people from the Egyptians and led them to freedom. What does our freedom mean to us?



MOSES AND THE RED SEA

“Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians.”

—Exodus 14:30a



ALL SAINTS' DAY

"For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in the fellowship . . ."

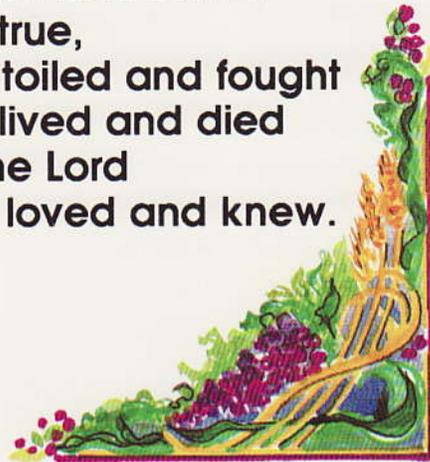
—*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 380

All Saints' Day is a time when Christians rejoice again in the promise of the resurrection. Who are some of the people we remember on this feast day?



sing a song
of the saints
of God,

patient and brave
and true,
who toiled and fought
and lived and died
for the Lord
they loved and knew.

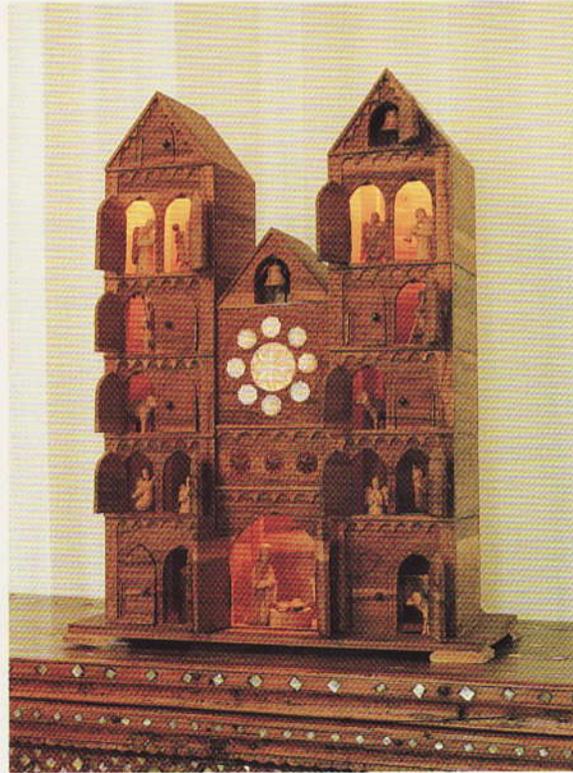


ADVENT

- Advent is the first season of the Church Year.
- In Advent, Christians prepare for the birth of Jesus.
- Advent is a time of waiting.
- Each Sunday, a new candle is lit on the Advent wreath.
- There are four Sundays in Advent.

Advent is a time to wait for the coming of Jesus. What will we do while we wait for Christmas?

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"Come thou long expected Jesus . . ."

—*The Hymnal 1982*, 66



MARY AND JOSEPH

- The Angel Gabriel told Mary she would have a baby.
- Mary was glad and sang a song of joy.
- Mary's song is called the Magnificat.
- Joseph had a dream.
- The angel told Joseph about Mary's baby.

Mary was filled with joy because of the angel's news. Think of ways you can share your joy about the birth of Jesus.



JOHN THE BAPTIST IS BORN

- An angel visited Zechariah in the temple.
- Elizabeth and Zechariah would have a baby.
- Zechariah could not speak until after the baby was born.
- They named the baby John.
- Zechariah made a speech about the baby.
- John the Baptist would prepare the way for Jesus.

John prepared God's people for the coming of Jesus. During Advent we get ready for the coming of Jesus. How can we prepare?



JESUS IS BORN

- The angels told the shepherds about Jesus' birth.
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- The shepherds went to see the baby Jesus.
- The shepherds praised God.

Many of the Christmas hymns or carols tell the story of the shepherds and the angels. Think about the hymns or carols you know. Which ones tell this story?



EPIPHANY

- The Feast of Epiphany is on January 6.
- The story of the Wise Men is shared at this feast.
- The Wise Men followed a star to find the baby Jesus.
- Epiphany means “showing forth,” as a light shows the way.

During the season of Epiphany, we speak of Jesus as the “light of the world.” How does light make us think of Jesus?



“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

—*John 1:5*

WEDDING AT CANA

- Jesus, his mother Mary, and his friends went to a wedding at Cana.
- There was not enough wine for all the guests.
- Jesus was asked to help.
- Jesus changed jugs of water into wine.
- This was the first miracle Jesus did.

The disciples believed in Jesus after he made this miracle happen. How do the miracles of Jesus make us feel about him?

JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN

- Jesus was in the town of Bethsaida.
- A man who lived there was blind.
- The man’s friends asked Jesus to help.
- Jesus touched the man’s eyes two times.
- At first, the man could see only a little.
- Then he could see everything clearly.

The blind man’s friends cared about him. They thought Jesus could help. Take time to think about, and pray for, persons who need to be healed.

JESUS HEALS PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW

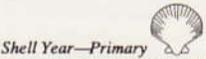
- Jesus had been preaching and teaching all day.
- He went home with Peter, his disciple, to rest and have dinner.
- Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever.
- Jesus took her hand, and she was well again.
- She got up and served a meal.

Jesus healed many who were sick. We pray to Jesus for those we love who are sick. Think about times when we pray for those who need Jesus' healing.



**Heavenly Father,
watch over
your children.**

**Bless those who are ill.
We trust them to your
care and keeping.
Love and comfort them,
we pray
in the name of
Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.**



JESUS HEALS JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

- Jairus was a religious leader.
- His twelve-year-old daughter was dying.
- Jairus came to Jesus to ask him to help.
- When they got to Jairus' house, everyone was crying because the child was dead.
- Jesus said everything would be all right.
- Jesus went to the girl and took her hand.
- She got up and was well.

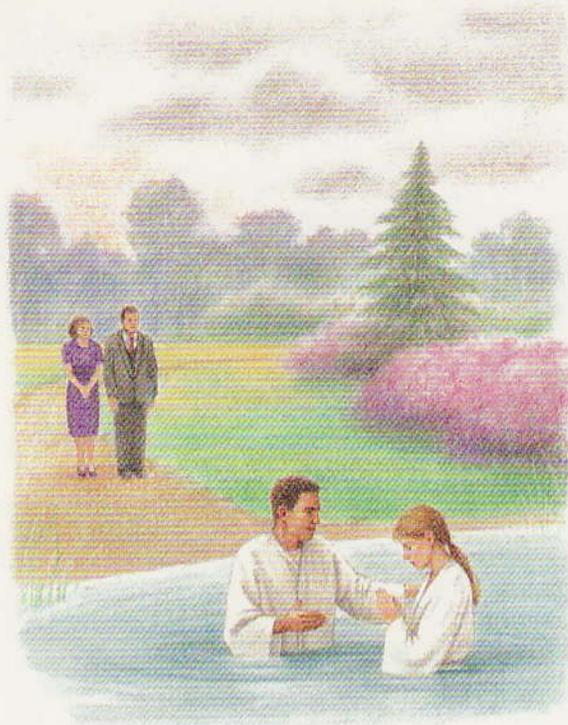
Faith is trust. Why do we say Jairus had great faith in Jesus?



JESUS WAS BAPTIZED

- John was baptizing in the River Jordan.
- Jesus came to be baptized by John.
- When Jesus was baptized, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
- Jesus began to preach, teach, and heal after he was baptized.

What do we remember best about the baptism of Jesus?



“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit”

—Matt. 3:11c

THE APOSTLES BAPTIZED PEOPLE

- Peter and the apostles began to preach and teach about Jesus.
- They asked people to repent and be baptized.
- After Peter’s sermon at Pentecost, three thousand people were baptized.
- The Church began to grow.

Think about the many, many people who heard the apostles and were baptized. What do you think they said to others about what happened?



“I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

THE CHURCH'S PEOPLE ARE BAPTIZED

- Ever since the Church began, people have been baptized.
- Different churches baptize in different ways.
- All churches baptize people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Baptized people are a community of Christians.

How are baptisms done at your church?



“. . . just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

—*Romans 6:4b.* (NRSV)



BAPTIZED PEOPLE MAKE PROMISES

- Promises are made at a baptism.
- Parents and godparents promise to help their children grow as Christians.
- The members of the church promise to support those who are baptized.
- Promises are made in The Baptismal Covenant.

What have you promised at a baptism in your church?



“For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

—*Acts 2:39*



THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY OF FAITH

- We are all part of God's family.
- Christian people pray together.
- Baptized people share the Eucharist together.
- The Church's people need teachers who help them hear about Jesus Christ.

Who are some of the baptized people who share the good news of Jesus with you?



"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you."

—II Tim. 1:5



JESUS WASHES HIS FRIENDS' FEET

- Jesus and his disciples met for the Last Supper.
- Jesus washed the feet of the disciples.
- The disciples were surprised that Jesus was acting as a Servant.
- Jesus wants us all to serve one another.

How can we serve other people in Jesus' name?

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"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

—John 13:14



JESUS DIED AND WAS BURIED

- Jesus died on a cross on Good Friday.
- He was buried in a tomb that belonged to Joseph of Arimathea.
- Jesus' friends were overcome with sorrow and grief.
- Very soon, the friends would hear the good news of Easter.

Why is Jesus' crucifixion so important for Christians?

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“They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.”

—John 19:40

JESUS IS ALIVE

- Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb early in the morning.
- She saw that the stone had been taken away.
- She ran to tell Peter and the other disciples.
- The disciples came to see the empty tomb.
- They returned to their homes.
- Mary was weeping when two angels came.
- They told her that Jesus had risen from the dead.
- Jesus came and spoke to her, and she went to tell the disciples.

The Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus in the season of Easter. What do you like most about Easter at your church?



“Alleluia. Christ is risen.”

BAPTIZED PEOPLE ARE FORGIVEN

- God forgives us when we do wrong and are sorry.
- We remember God's promise to forgive when we say the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our trespasses"
- Christians forgive other people.

At the Eucharist, we confess our sins, and the Priest tells us that we are forgiven. Then we pass The Peace to one another. Why do we pass The Peace?



"And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one indebted to us." (NRSV)

—*Luke 11:4a*

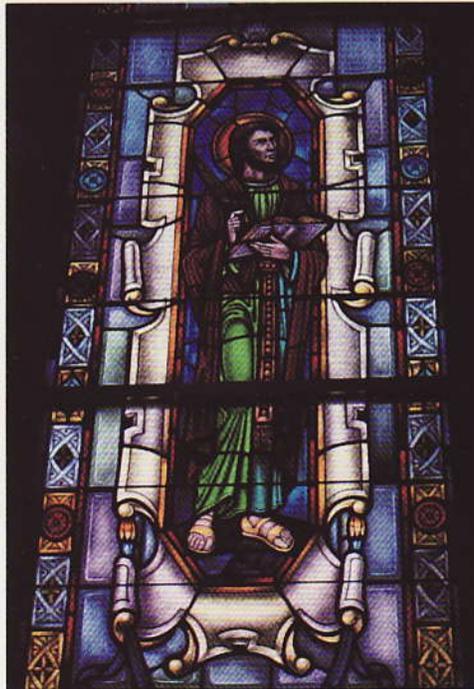


LUKE

- Luke traveled as a companion of Paul.
- He wrote The Gospel According to Luke, and The Acts of the Apostles.

The Christmas story is found in *Luke, ch. 2*. What is your own favorite story from The Gospel of Luke?

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LUKE

"In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,"

—*Acts 1:1*



PETER

- Peter was a fisherman in Galilee when he was called by Jesus to be a disciple.
- His name was changed from Simon to Peter. Peter means “rock.”
- Peter was the first disciple to call Jesus “the Son of God.”
- After Jesus was arrested, Peter denied that he knew him—not just once but three times.

We know more about Peter than we do about the other disciples. How many of the Twelve can you name? If you need help, consult the list in *Luke 6:13-16*.

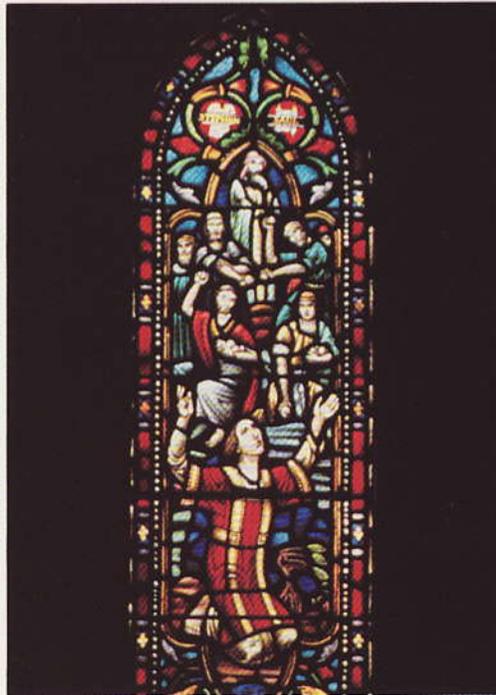


STEPHEN

- Stephen was one of the early members of the Church in Jerusalem.
- When the twelve apostles needed help, they chose seven men. One was Stephen.
- Stephen preached the good news of Jesus. Stephen was stoned to death and became the first Christian martyr.

Stephen stood bravely for what he believed. Who are some of the other Christians who followed Stephen's example?

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STEPHEN

“ . . . and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, . . . ”

—Acts 6:5b



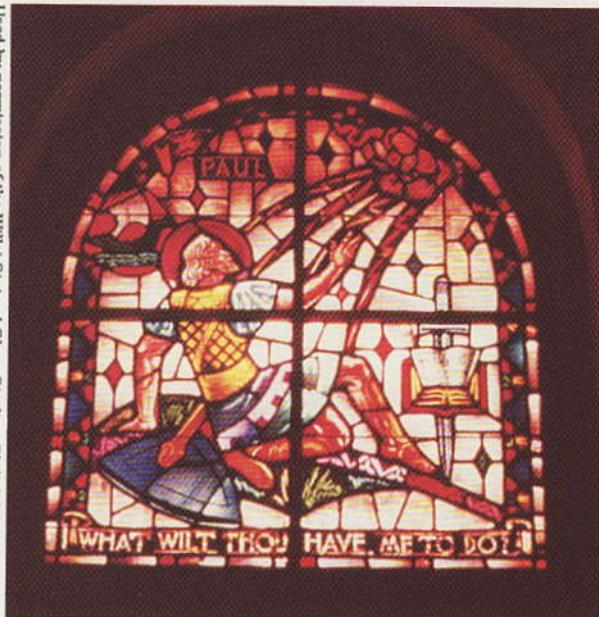
PAUL

- Paul was a Jew from Jerusalem. His name was changed from Saul.
- At first he persecuted Christians and tried to put them in prison.
- Paul started on a trip to Damascus to arrest Christians when a great light made him blind.
- He heard the voice of Jesus asking, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"
- Paul was blind for three days and then was baptized. He could see again.
- Paul traveled, preached, and wrote letters.

Paul wrote many of the New Testament epistles, to share his faith with others. What would you write about Jesus in a letter to a friend?



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PAUL

"But Saul (Paul) increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ."

—Acts 9:22

BARNABAS

- Barnabas was in Jerusalem when the apostles were telling people about Jesus.
- Barnabas' name means "son of encouragement." He sold some land and gave the money to the church.
- He then joined the disciples in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others.
- He traveled with Paul and John Mark to many places, including Cyprus and Antioch.

Barnabas was one of the first people who were concerned about sharing their money with the Church. In what ways do we support the Church's work now?



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BARNABAS

"... Barnabas . . . sold a field which belonged to him, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet."

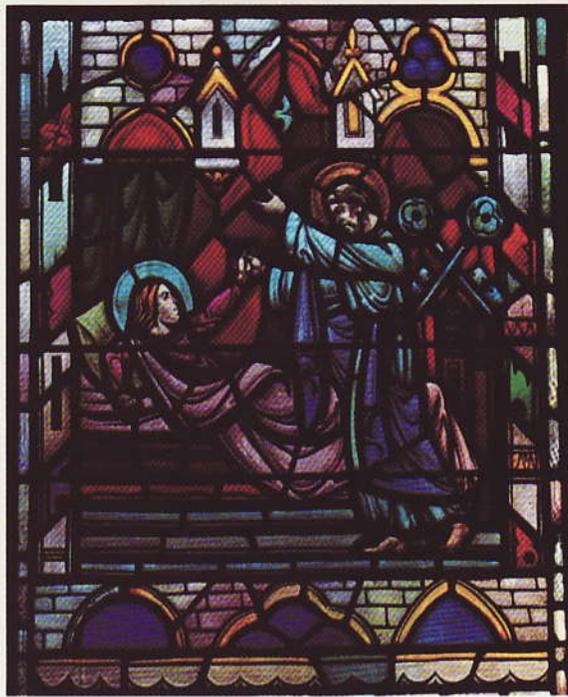
—Acts 4:36-37

DORCAS

- Dorcas was a woman who helped poor people by making clothes for them.
- When she died, her friends wept. They sent for Peter the apostle who was in a nearby town. When Peter came, the friends asked Peter to pray for Dorcas.
- Dorcas was raised from the dead, to everyone's joy.

Dorcas is an example for all of us, in her works of charity. How can we help other people in the place where we live?

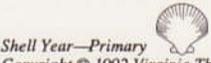
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DORCAS

“(Dorcas) was full of good works and acts of charity.”

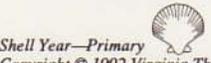
—Acts 9:36



JOHN MARK

- John Mark was present with his mother and other Christians who were praying for Peter's release from prison.
- John Mark was a friend of Peter, Paul, and Barnabas.
- He may have been the author of the Gospel of Mark.

The young man John Mark was very active in the early Church. In what ways are we active in our own church?

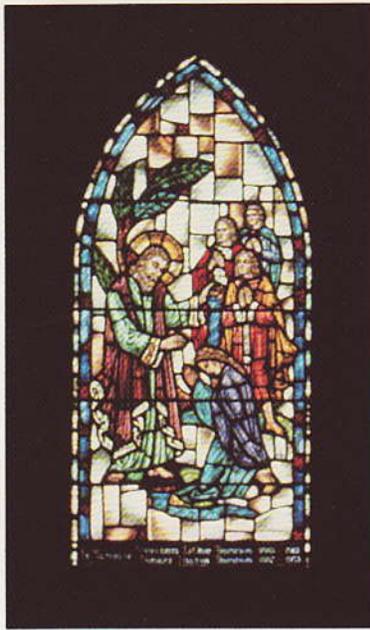


LYDIA

- Lydia was a business woman who sold purple cloth in Philippi.
- One day, while Lydia was praying with friends, the apostle Paul came and shared the good news of Jesus.
- Lydia and her whole family were baptized. She invited Paul and his companion, Timothy, to stay at her house.

Lydia showed Christian hospitality to others. How can we make everyone feel welcome in our own church?

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LYDIA

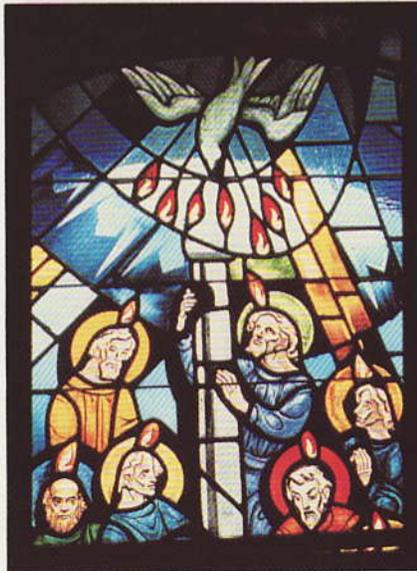
“And when (Lydia) was baptized, with her household, she besought us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.’”

—Acts 16:15

PENTECOST

The Feast of Pentecost is the day when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles. Peter preached on that day, and many became followers of Jesus Christ. The church began to grow. How do we celebrate Pentecost in our church?

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“In fulfillment of (Christ’s) true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them. . . .”

—The Book of Common Prayer, page 380