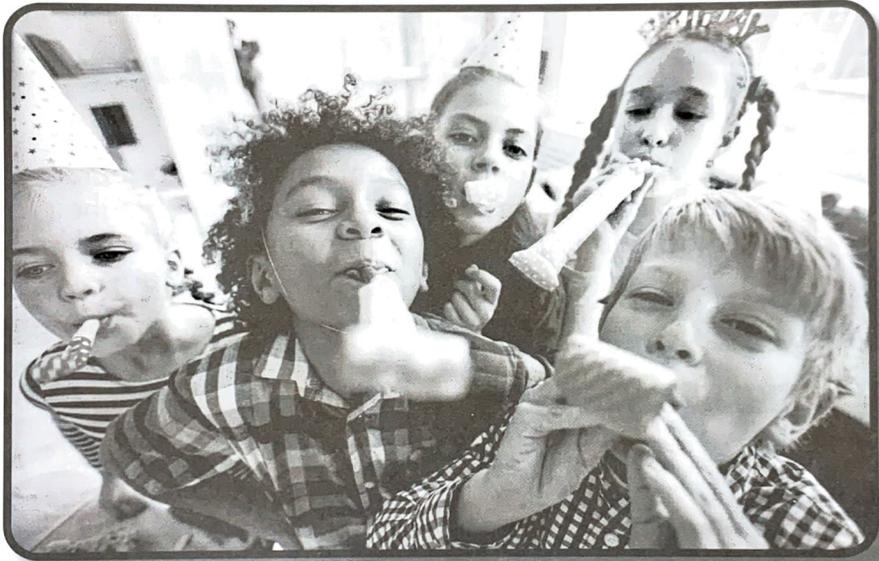


Celebrating Together



The First Converts

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "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 Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life Among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

get excited!

(5 minutes)

Play Scattegories.

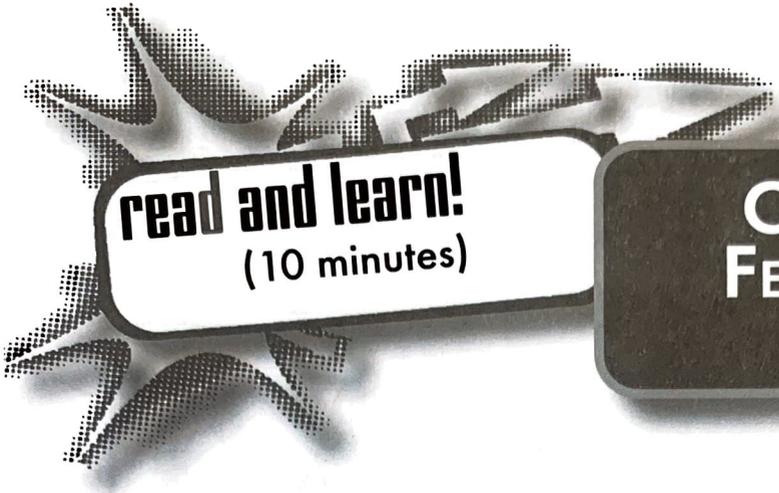
Verse to Remember

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. Acts 2:46-47a.

key verse exercise

Do the Lesson 4 Key Verse escape room activity.





read and learn!
(10 minutes)



**CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP**

ZION - I have enjoyed learning about how important it is to praise God, the different ways that we can praise God, and even how we are to glorify God in the good and bad times.

ZAYA - Me too. And, I also thought about something else.

ZION - What?

ZAYA - I thought about how we can praise God by ourselves or in a group with others. We can give God glory individually or collectively. There is both private and public worship.

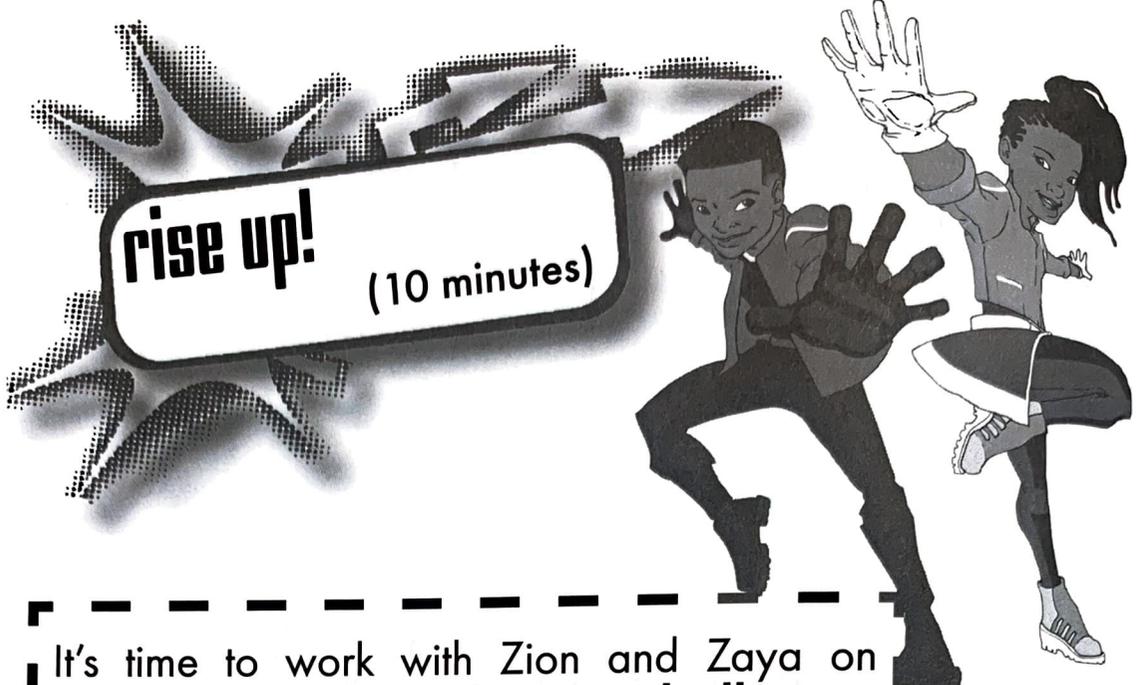
ZION - Interesting. Personally, I enjoy them both. Just like I wouldn't want to have a birthday party by myself, I would rather sing with a group and not solo. I would rather dance with a group too. I call it a praise party.

ZAYA - We call them praise parties or groups, but I think the people in our lesson would probably use the word community. Believers came together or united and formed Christian communities where they could learn, serve and praise God together.

ZION - That's cool. My friends and I are praising God together just like they did in the Bible.



Sing



rise up!

(10 minutes)

It's time to work with Zion and Zaya on this week's **Superhero Challenge:** **"FELLOWSHIP FUN."** Help Zion and Zaya describe times when they had fellowship fun by sharing your own.

what do you think?

What did Peter want the listeners to do?

What practices did the early believers start that Christians still do today?



time to create

Make a name tag.

time to pray

Dear God, thank You for giving us communion with fellow believers. Help is to be a welcoming faith community. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN