

**WEEK 4: THE EARLY CHURCH**  
**DAY 1: LIFE INSIDE THE EARLY CHURCH**  
Acts 2:42-47

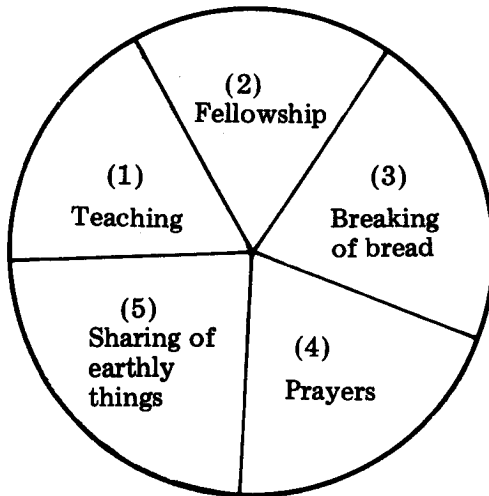
1. Last week we learned how the Holy Spirit came. We saw how Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost.

From Peter's sermon, what should we do to people after we have witnessed about Jesus?

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2. We should ask people to repent. We should ask them to show that they have repented. This is what the early church did. This week we will learn about the church in Acts. We see five good things in the church.



Today we will learn about the early church in:

- (1) Teaching
- (2) Fellowship

Take your Bible now and read Acts 2:42-47. Does this sound to you like a good church?

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3. To me it sounds like a good church.

David liked Sani's new shirt. He wanted a shirt like it, so he took Sani's shirt to the tailor. The tailor used Sani's shirt as a pattern. He made David a good shirt like Sani's.

The church in Acts was a good church. Our churches today should be like that church in many ways. The early church can teach us. It can help us have the right kind of church.

What is a good pattern for our churches today? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The church in Acts is a good pattern. We call this the early church, or the New Testament Church. In Acts 2, Luke gave a short report of life in the early church. We see the life of the church in Acts in two ways. We see life inside the church. And we see life reaching out from the church.

Acts 2:41-42:

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Was the early church a new church or an old church? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. The early church was a new church. It was young. Many of the people had just repented. Acts 2 tells about life inside the church. Today we are learning about the teaching and fellowship there. These good things should be in our churches today.

Acts 4:42:

And they devoted (or gave) themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship.

What do we call the church in these verses where good teaching was being given?  
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6. We call it the early church. Let us read again what life in the early church was like.

Acts 4:42:

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

What did the early church do about the teaching of the apostles, breaking bread, and prayers?  
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7. They devoted or gave themselves to it. There was much good teaching in the life of the early church. There were many members who were new followers of Jesus. They had not walked and talked with Jesus as the apostles had. They needed to know about the life of Jesus. They needed to know what he taught.

About whom do you think the apostles taught the new Christians? \_\_\_\_\_

8. I am sure they taught them about Jesus. The Holy Spirit helped the apostles to teach. We remember what Jesus said about this.

John 14:26:

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

What is the first good thing in the life of the early church?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Fellowship

9. The first good thing was teaching. This was important. The new Christians needed to know much about Jesus. They learned the life and teachings of Jesus. This helped them to be like Jesus. It helped them do what Jesus said. Teaching is still very important in the life of the church today.

Who taught the people about Jesus in the early church? \_\_\_\_\_

10. The apostles did it. This was different from preaching to unbelievers. It helped the new disciples understand their new life. A new Christian wants more truth about Jesus. This is a sign that he is growing.

What is the first good thing in the life of the early church?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Fellowship

11. The first good thing is teaching. This was teaching about Jesus given by the apostles. The second good thing was fellowship. This too was important. Fellowship meant that the believers were together as one. They loved one another. They helped one another. They were united because they all belonged to the same person.

The early church had fellowship inside the church. To whom did they belong?

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12. They all belonged to Jesus. Because of this they had fellowship together. This fellowship was more than just spending time together. It was more than just talking together. They loved one another. They prayed for one another. They shared their earthly things with one another. This fellowship would help them when trouble came to the church.

Did the early church find their fellowship inside the church or outside?

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13. They had fellowship inside the church. First they had teaching and then they had fellowship. Fellowship is very important in a church. It means that each member loves all the other members. It means that I cannot leave you out because I do not like you. It means that I love you and you love me.

If I care for you and you care for me, we can say we have what in the church?

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14. We can say we have fellowship. Members of the church must share their problems. They must share their joys and sorrows. A church member may have problems in his home. The other members must not say bad things about him. Instead they should pray for him. They should support him in love. They should help him.

What was the second good thing in the life of the early church?

(1) Teaching

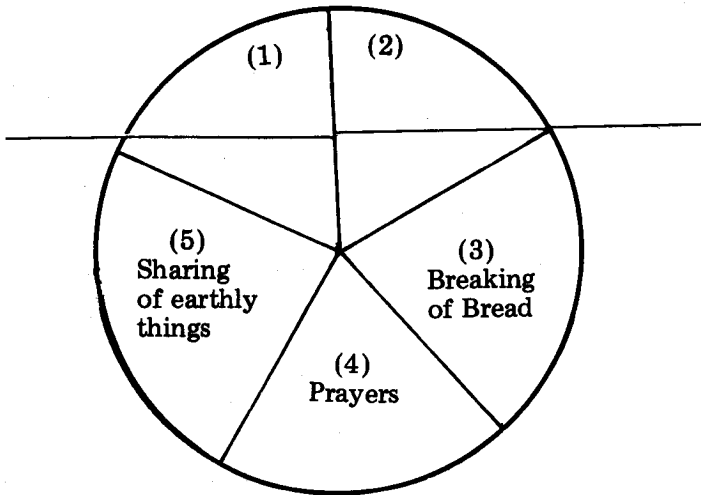
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15. The second good thing was fellowship. Now read about these churches. Write Yes beside the churches which have good teaching or good fellowship. Write No beside the churches which do not.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) A small church has a new member. He is Joseph from a Muslim family. His family have put him out of their home. One church member gives him a home. Others help with his needs. They love him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) A large church has a pastor and assistant pastor. The people like their pastors. Many come to the main service on Sunday when the pastors preach about repenting. There is also Sunday School. Only a few young men and children come. The teachers always come late.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) Audu is a Christian, but his wife is not. She says bad things about Audu's church. She sometimes talks of leaving him. The church members pray for Audu's wife. They visit her. They encourage Audu to be strong and patient.
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16. We will talk about these in class.

What were the first two good things about life inside the early church?



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**DAY 2: MORE LIFE INSIDE THE EARLY CHURCH**

Acts 2:42-47

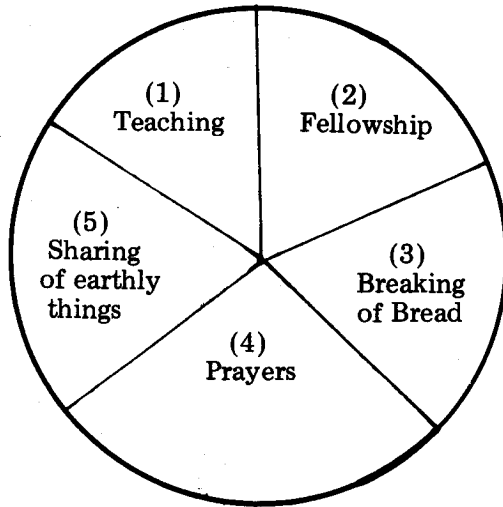
1. The book of Acts says there were good things in the early church. Yesterday we learned two good things.

What are they?

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Look at the good things in the life of the church. Teaching and fellowship were the first two. Today we will learn three more.



Take your Bible and read again Acts 2:42 to 47. What group shows us how our churches should be?

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3. The early church shows us this. From the book of Acts we see life inside the church. There were three good things besides teaching and fellowship.

- (3) Breaking of bread
- (4) Prayers
- (5) Sharing earthly things

What did the church do now with bread as Jesus used to do? \_\_\_\_\_

4. They broke it. This means that they had the Lord's table or communion. The early Christians often ate together. They also broke bread as Jesus did before he died. When they were breaking bread, they remembered Jesus. They remembered his words and his death. They had fellowship with their Lord and with one another.

As we learned yesterday, what was the second good thing of life in the early church?  
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5. The second good thing was fellowship. The early church had fellowship when they were breaking bread. They were remembering the life and death of Jesus. Jesus had told them to do this the night before he was crucified.

I Corinthians 11:23-24:

Jesus ... took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In your church, what do you call the meeting when you break bread?  
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6. Some call it the Lord's table. Some call it the Lord's supper. Some call it communion. It is one way the early Christians worshipped Jesus. They showed their oneness with Jesus in his death. This made life inside the church strong.

Write the third good thing of life inside the early church.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Prayers

(5) Sharing earthly things

7. The third good thing was the breaking of bread. Prayers were another part of life inside the early church. In the first chapter of Acts we read how the followers of Jesus prayed for ten days. Then the Holy Spirit came. Praying was important to the early church.

Can life inside our churches be right without prayers? \_\_\_\_\_

8. It cannot be right. Prayer is important. The early Christians met in each other's homes. They prayed together. They also went to the temple to pray. They prayed when there was trouble. They prayed when they were rejoicing. They prayed when they were honouring Christ.

Breaking of bread and prayers were part of the life of what group of people?  
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9. These were part of the life of the early church. They showed the life inside. The prayers were shared by the whole group. They were united in prayer. This made the early church strong.

Acts 4:24:

they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord ..."

Do you think your church does well in united prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

10. We will talk about this together. Some churches pray often together. Other churches do not spend much time in prayer. Prayer is very important to a church. The other things inside the early church are important too.

Write the third and fourth good things of life inside the early church.

(1) Teaching

(2) Fellowship

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Sharing earthly things.

11. The early church had breaking of bread and prayers. Life inside the early church was seen in another way also. There were some who did not have the things they needed. So the members shared their earthly things with those in need.

Acts 2:44-45:

And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all as any had need.

From these verses, did the early church members keep everything for themselves?

12. They did not keep everything for themselves. The whole church shared things with one another. They wanted their earthly things to be used for any member who had need. The members were not selfish with what they owned.

Acts 4:32:

Now the company of these who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common.

Beside spiritual things, what did the members of the early church share?

13. They did this with earthly things. The church was like one big family. Everything was used for the good of all. No one was left out. No one thought of himself only. There was great love for Jesus and for one another.

There were many good things inside the early church. In the fifth one, what did the members do with their earthly things?  
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14. They shared them. This verse showed us four good things of life inside the early church.

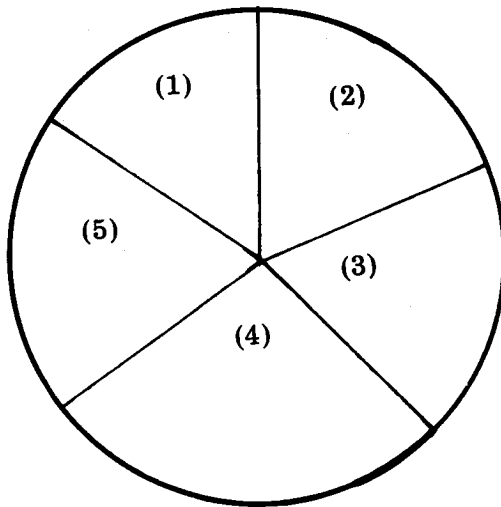
Acts 2:42:

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

What was the fifth good thing? \_\_\_\_\_

15. The fifth one was: Sharing earthly things.

Write the five good things of life inside the early church.



16. The early church had teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayers, and sharing earthly things. This was a wonderful church! Life inside the church helped them reach outside the church.

Acts 2:46-47:

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.

Think about your church. Which of the five things is strongest in your church?

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Which of the five things is weakest? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. Be ready to talk about how you can make life in your church stronger.

Write four of the five good things of life in the early church.

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## WEEK 4: THE EARLY CHURCH

### DAY 3: THE EARLY CHURCH REACHED OUT IN WORK

Acts 3:1-10

1. This week we are studying good things about the early church. We have learned the good things of life inside the church. The first two were teaching and fellowship.

Write two more good things of life inside the early church.

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(4) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Other good things were breaking of bread, prayers, and sharing earthly things.

The early church in Acts had good life inside. But this was not the only kind of life they had. They had good life reaching out from the church too. Today and tomorrow we will see how they reached out. They reached out by doing the work of Christ. They also reached out by telling the message of Christ. Today we will learn:

The early church reached out to others by doing the work of Christ. To do this, Peter and John healed a lame man at the temple.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 3:1 to 10. Read verses 6 and 7 again. From these verses, is preaching the only way for a church to reach out to others?

3. Preaching is not the only way. The early church reached out in different ways. They did not always stay within their own group. They were a witnessing church. Sometimes they preached. But sometimes they reached out by doing other work of Christ.

When Christ was on earth, what did he do to sick people besides preaching to them?

4. He healed them. This was part of his work. He sometimes talked about the prophecy of Isaiah. This prophecy said that Christ would heal and free people. Jesus did this. But then he went back to his Father in heaven.

After that, what group of people reached out to others by doing the work of Christ?

5. It was the early church. It was the apostles and other believers. In today's lesson we read about Peter and John. They healed a lame man. They were not going out to preach. They were going to the temple to pray. But they found a chance to do the work of Christ.

Did the early church only have good life in the church, or did they reach out to others outside the church?

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6. They reached out to others outside the church. They did this by doing the work of Christ. At the temple, Peter and John found a man who could not walk. He wanted them to give him money. But they did something much better. They healed the lame man.

Acts 3:6:

But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

In whose name did Peter and John heal the man?

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7. They healed him in the name of Jesus Christ. They were reaching out by doing the work of Christ. They did not heal the lame man by their own power. They told him to walk by the power of Jesus. When we do something in the name of Jesus, we are doing his work. We are reaching out.

From the example of the early church, how do you think we can reach out to others outside the church?

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8. We will talk about this together. We can do the work of Christ. We can do good to others. We can pray for those who are ill. We can help those in need. The early church reached out to others in two ways.

- (1) They did the work of Christ.
- (2) They gave the message of Christ.

Peter and John were on their way to do something else. They saw a man who needed help. They knew they should do the work of Christ.

What work of Christ did they do in order to reach out from the church?

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9. They healed the lame man. They healed him in the name of Jesus. There are many ways to reach out from the church. There are people near us who need help. Some are hungry. Some are ill. Some have other problems. The church must help these people. This is doing the work of Christ. This is the way to live the Christian life in the world.

The early church reached out in two ways: (1) They did the work of Christ. (2) They gave the message of Christ. When Peter and John healed the lame man, in which way did they reach out first?

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10. First they did the work of Christ. They did not begin by preaching. They helped a man in need. They did not just help those in the church. The church was reaching out.

As the church reached out to do the work of Christ, what two men healed the lame man?

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11. Peter and John healed the lame man. They healed him in the name of Christ.

What is the first way the early church reached out to others?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) They gave the message of Christ.
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12. First, they did the work of Christ. Sometimes we must do this before people will listen to us. Pastor Garba had a church in a small village. He and three other members were the only ones who could read. Then someone came and showed them how to teach others to read. They learned how to teach grown men and women. They began to teach others in the village to read and write.

Do you think Christians can work for Christ by teaching people to read?

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13. I think they can. They show Christ's love as they help others. This opens the door for them to witness. Helping people is part of the work of Christ. Ali was a farmer who became ill. He could not harvest his crops. The church members harvested his crops for him. The man asked why they left their own farms to help him. They told him that Jesus loved him. And they wanted to help him. The church members used this way to do the work of Christ.

What is the first way the early church reached out to others?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) They gave the message of Christ.
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14. They did the work of Christ. They helped people in many ways. The church today has many chances to do this. But often the church is not reaching out to others. It does not see the ways to do the work of Christ. So the chances to witness are lost.

What work of Christ did Peter and John do as they were going up to the temple to pray?

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15. They healed a lame man. They were doing the work of Christ. They made the life of the church read out to others. They were not only preaching.

What can people of your church do as the work of Christ this week?

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16. You will share your answer with others in class.

Write one way the early church reached out to others.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) They gave the message of Christ.

What work of Christ did Peter and John do as they were going up to the temple to pray?

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**WEEK 4: THE EARLY CHURCH**  
**DAY 4: THE EARLY CHURCH REACHED OUT IN WORDS**  
Acts 3:11-26

1. We have seen that the early church had good life inside. They also reached out with good life to others.

Write the first way the early church reached out to others.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) They gave the words of Christ.

What work of Christ did Peter and John do as they were going up to the temple to pray?

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2. The early church reached out to others. They did the work of Christ. As Peter and John were going to the temple, they healed a lame man. This opened a great door for them. They were able to preach to many people. Today we will learn another way the early church reached out.

The early church reached out by telling the message of Christ. We will memorize what they said in Acts 4:12.

Take your Bible now and read what happened after they healed the lame man. Read Acts 3:11 to 19. When the people came to see what happened to the lame man, what did Peter do?

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3. Peter preached to them. Yesterday we read that the healed man walked and jumped and praised God. People came running to see what had happened. There was a great crowd of people around Peter and John. Peter saw that he could tell them the message of Christ.

When Peter healed the lame man, whose work was he doing? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. He was doing the work of Christ. He reached out in this way. Now he saw another way to reach out. He began to tell the people the message of Christ.

Acts 3:16:

And his name, by faith in his name, has made this man strong whom you see and know; and the faith which is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

Telling the message of Christ is one way the early church did what?

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5. It is one way the church reached out. Peter told the people they had killed the one God sent. The people needed to know this.

Acts 3:13:

the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

Peter first reached out by doing the work of Christ. Then he reached out by telling what?

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6. He reached out by telling the message of Christ. He not only told the people that they had killed Jesus. He explained that Jesus had risen from the dead. He showed them that God's power worked through Jesus to heal the lame man.

Acts 3:15-16:

and (you) killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are all witnesses. And his name, by faith in his name, has made this man strong.

Did Peter say that he himself had healed the lame man? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Peter was careful not to say that. He was not working for himself. He was doing the work of Christ. He was not speaking for himself. He was speaking for Christ. This was the second way the early church reached out. They gave the message of Christ.

Through whose name did Peter say the man was healed? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. He said it was through the name of Christ. Peter was giving the people a message. He was giving them the news about Christ. He showed them that the man was healed in the name of Jesus. He showed them that Jesus is a living person.

The early church had the word about Christ. Did they keep this word for themselves or did they tell it to others?

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9. They told it to others. The early church reached out. They took every chance they had to speak. Peter preached a sermon after the lame man was healed. He said the people were wrong to kill Jesus. But he knew they did not understand what they were doing.

Acts 3:18:

But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled.

What message did the early church tell people?

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10. They told the message of Christ. This is the second way they reached out. Last week we learned the things to do when we witness. Peter did these things in today's lesson. He talked about Jesus. He told what God's word says about him. He told how he knew him.

When Peter spoke this way, was he telling the message of Christ to people inside the church or outside?

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11. This was to people outside the church. He told the message of Christ. Then he asked the people to repent.

Acts 3:19:

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

What is the second way the early church reached out to others?

(1) They did the work of Christ.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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12. They did the work of Christ. Then they told the message of Christ. This was the message that Christ died and rose again. It was the message that he will forgive those who repent. God spoke first through the prophets. Then he sent Jesus.

The people had done wrong about Jesus. In giving the message of Jesus, what did Peter ask the people to do?

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13. He asked them to repent. He told them good news.

Acts 3:26:

God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you in turning every one of you from your wickedness.

What is the second way the early church reached out to others?

(1) They did the work of Christ.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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14. They told the message of Christ. Peter and the early church were faithful to do this. Tomorrow we will see how they told the message even when they were arrested. Again Peter spoke very clear words about Christ.

Acts 4:12:

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Take time to memorise this verse now. When you can say it without looking at it, write it here.

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15. It is not enough for a church to have good life inside. The church must be reaching out. We must do the work of Christ among other people. We must tell new people the message of Christ. There are still many people who have not understood. Some people have never heard the message at all. We must bring people to Christ and plant new churches.

What things does your church do to reach people outside the church?

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16. This will be good to talk about in class.

Write two ways the early church reached out to others.

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What did Peter say about the name of Jesus in Acts 4:12. Answer by writing the verse.

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**WEEK 4: THE EARLY CHURCH**  
**DAY 5: THE CHURCH GREW AND WAS PERSECUTED**  
**Acts 4:1-22**

1. Write two ways the early church reached out to others.

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

What did Peter say about the name of Jesus in Acts 4:12. Answer by writing the verse.

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2. The early church did the work of Christ. They also told the message of Christ. Open your Bible to Acts 4:12 to see if you wrote it right. Leave your Bible open.

The early church was faithful to Christ. It had good strong life inside. It also reached out with Christ's work and message. Today we will learn what happened as the church reached out.

- (1) The church grew.
- (2) The church was persecuted.

In your Bible now read Acts 4:1 to 13. Read verse 4 again. Did the church remain small with only a few believers?

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3. It did not remain small. It grew quickly. The members were faithful to Christ. Their faithfulness inside the church caused them to grow. Their faithfulness outside the church also caused them to grow. We have already read this verse.

Acts 2:47:

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Who grew as they reached out? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The early church grew. As they reached out, people saw their lives. People saw their work. They heard their words. Acts tells us what happened when Peter preached after healing the lame man.

Acts 4:4:

But many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

The church did not only look inside. It grew because its members did what to people outside?

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5. The church reached out. The members witnessed. They helped people. They preached to people.

Acts 5:14:

And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.

As the church reached out, what happened to it? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. The church grew. Yesterday we saw how they healed the lame man. The people began to ask questions. The disciples told them about Jesus who was raised from the dead.

Acts 4:1:

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them.

The leaders were angry because they talked about resurrections from the dead. What is another reason why you think the leaders were angry?

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7. Perhaps it was because they talked about Jesus. Perhaps it was because so many people were listening. The priests and the other leaders wanted to have power over the people. Now many people were listening to the Christians. The Sadducees were angry too. They did not believe that anyone could rise from the dead. They did not like what Peter and John were saying. The priests and Sadducees arrested the apostles.

What is the first thing that happened to the church as they reached out?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The church was persecuted.

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8. First the church grew. But this made some people angry. The priests wanted the people under their power. The Sadducees did not believe that a person can rise from the dead. The church said that Jesus had risen from the dead. The Sadducees did not want the people to believe this.

Think carefully, did everyone want the church to grow? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did not want this? \_\_\_\_\_

9. The priests and Sadducees did not want this. The Romans ruled over the Jewish people. But they allowed the priests to have important places. The leaders of the Jews saw many people becoming Christians. The Sadducees were afraid they would lose their important places.

Acts 4:3:

And they arrested them, and put them in custody (or prison) until the morrow, for it was already evening.

What happened to the apostles because of their preaching? \_\_\_\_\_

10. They were arrested. But this did not keep the church from growing.

A man does not want to go to prison. Life is hard there. The disciples did not want to be arrested. They had not done anything bad. They were only being faithful and reaching out.

What is the first thing which happened to the church as they reached out?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The church was persecuted.

11. The church grew. It grew so fast that the leaders of the Jews were afraid. They began to arrest the followers of Jesus. They persecuted the church. To be persecuted means to be troubled by others because of what you believe.

Is it possible for Christians to be persecuted today? \_\_\_\_\_

12. We will talk about this in class. Many Christians are persecuted today. Some are near to us. Some are far away. The priests tried to stop the church from growing.

Acts 4:17:

But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to any one in this name.

What is the second thing which happened to the church as they reached out?

(1) The church grew.

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13. The church was persecuted but the Christians kept on witnessing. Jesus had told the disciples this would happen.

John 15:20:

Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master,' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you.

Did the early church stop reaching out because they were persecuted?

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14. They did not stop. Peter and John answered boldly when they were told to stop.

Acts 4:10-20:

Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.

What is the second thing which happened to the early church as they reached out?

(1) The church grew.

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15. The church was persecuted. This went on for many years. The Apostle Paul suffered much for his preaching. Later, the people were told to worship the head of the Roman government. If they did not, they would be killed. A man named Polycarp was a leader of the church. He refused to worship the head of government. He was burned to death.

What is the first thing which happened to the early church as they reached out?

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(2) The church was persecuted.

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16. The church grew. It kept on growing even when there were troubles. A certain pastor was witnessing among Muslims. One Muslim became a believer. The other Muslims were angry. They told the pastor to stop preaching to their people. If he kept on preaching, they would cause trouble for him.

If you were this pastor, what would you do? Would you go on preaching, move to another place, or remain in silent?

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17. Be ready to talk about this in class. We do not know what lies ahead for us. Perhaps we too will be persecuted. We must remember that Jesus will be with us. He will give us joy in suffering.

Matthew 5:11-12:

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Stop now and pray. Thank God that he will help you if you are persecuted.

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18. From Acts 4, write two things that happened to the early church as they reached out.

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