

New Life in Jesus Brings Growth

Penny Crusade 2017



ALIVE!

John 5:24

Introduction (for teacher's use):

This week's Penny Crusade video focuses on Cristo Salva's ministry in Las Pilas. This ministry has grown a lot over the years, as God has used Cristo Salva's efforts to reach a village with the message of new life in Jesus. This week's discussion will focus on how God can use those who have experienced new life in Jesus to achieve amazing things when they are obedient to him. (Watch the week 6 video with the kids before beginning this lesson.)

Scripture Passage: Acts 2:42–47 (ESV)

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

Teacher Notes:

The first Christians were an excited group. Their excitement about their newfound faith in Jesus helped them to impact the world in some really exciting ways. They were also obedient to the teachings of Jesus. They followed him with all their hearts and lived as he commanded them to live. They also passionately wanted others to know about the new life that they were experiencing. As a result, and as a result of God's work in their lives, God grew the church, adding to their number every day.

It is that same passion and obedience that has led the ministry of Cristo Salva, as they've reached the village of Las Pilas. Through the obedience of many Christians, this ministry has grown, and many new people have had the chance to hear about the amazing new life that only Jesus can offer. He has grown the ministry in Las Pilas much like he grew the ministry in the early days of the Church.

Let's talk more about how our new life in Jesus brings growth ...

Discussion Questions:

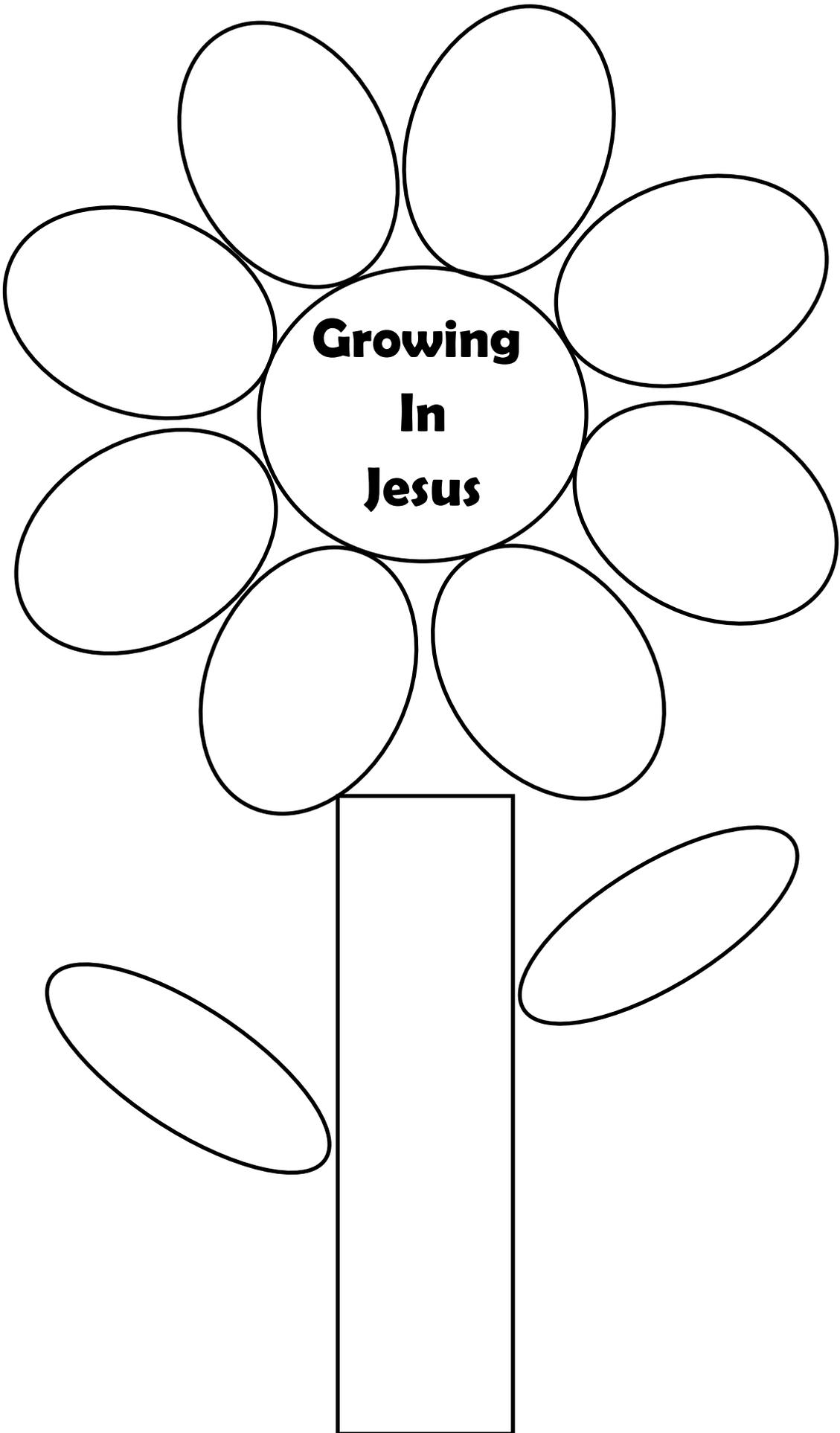
- What kinds of things did the Church do in Acts 2, to be obedient to Jesus?

- *How have the people involved with Cristo Salva shown their love and obedience to Jesus?*
- *What kinds of things did the people involved with Cristo Salva do to minister in Las Pilas?*
- *What kinds of things does our church already do to minister to other people around us?*
- *What new things could we do to minister to others around us?*

Activity: “Growing in Jesus” Activity

Needed Supplies: Attached “Growing in Jesus” worksheet, crayons/markers, pens/pencils

Help the kids figure out different things that would help them to grow in Jesus and write one on each flower petal. Some suggestions are: pray, read the Bible, memorize Bible verses, worship God, attend church regularly, talk about God with others, confess sins, obey God, etc. Give the kids some time to color the worksheet.



**Growing
In
Jesus**