

## 52. I Am Alive: Church

Acts 2





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Matthew 18:20

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## Words by Syllable Type

<b>Closed</b> short vowel stop	<b>Open</b> long vowel go	<b>Silent e</b> long vowel cave	<b>Vowel Teams</b> long vowels eat
fam-      sad mag-      last gath-      that hell      -cret sent      when bless ev-      ex- met      -net Tem-      -ven lis-      did with      will still      -il- not      got fol-      God sup-      but	be      e ven se cret ly de stroy be came be lievers ex ci ted o ver      o bey my ever y famil y ear ly sad ly secret ly	name caves gates share be came these like wide homes more	day pray stay o bey faith fields coun tries be liev ers meet keep each teach peo ple new grow fol low
<b>Vowel Teams</b> other sounds      oil	<b>R-controlled</b> orange	<b>Consonant</b> l-e      purple	<b>Other</b>
all bread al low de stroy	part or oth er sup per gath er o ver ev er y believ er birth church ear ly word      world	Bi ble peo ple mir a cles Other sounds -ind,-old,-etc. cold most	-nk, -ng b <u>an</u> k, thi <u>ng</u> sang strong every thing schwa b <u>a</u> nan <u>a</u>   a bout a way al low mir <u>a</u> cles

## Part 2 **52. I Am Alive: Church**

New Words, Rule Breakers

**Soft c** cent, city, fancy

ex **ci** ted

### **Silent letters**

listen

### **Possessives**

God's word God's family

### **New Words**

promise build countries miracles

### **Rule Breakers**

as

love

other

of

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promise

to

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were

miracles

you

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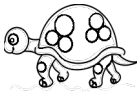
said

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from

very

Part 3 **I Am Alive: Church** Dividing Words into Syllables

Broken into Syllables	Full Words	Broken into syllables	Full Words
1. rab <b>bit</b> words		2. ti <b>ger</b> words	
fol low	follow	be came	became
ex ci ted	excited	e ven	even
sup per	supper	be lievers	believers
mag net	magnet	o bey	obey
Chris tians	Christians	o ver	over
3. cam <b>el</b> words		4. tur <b>tle</b> words	
prom ise	promise	tem ple	temple
ev er y	every	peo ple	people
fam il y	family	mir a cle	miracle

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5. foxes Suffixes		6. ant eater compound words	
sad ly	Sadly	it self	itself
secret ly	secretly	world wide	worldwide
believ ers	believers	every thing	everything
follow ers	followers		
church es	churches	7. other syllable divisions	
beauti ful	beautiful	a way	away
grow ing	growing	a bout	about
teach ings	teachings	mir a cle	miracle
exci ted	excited	gath er	gather
<u>sh</u> ared	Shared	de stroy	destroy
<u>pr</u> ayed	prayed		
<u>bl</u> essed	blessed	8. ham ster words	
<u>pr</u> omised	promised	coun tries	countries

## Part 4 **I Am Alive: Church** Easy Read English

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They shared bread as Jesus did at the Last Supper. They sang, prayed, and listened to teachings from God's Word. They shared everything with each other.

And God blessed these new followers. He sent miracles. Every day, more people became believers. It was the beautiful birth of the Christian church.

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When you became a believer, you became part of God's family. This is the worldwide church. All Christians need each other to grow strong.

Jesus promised to be with us where two or more gather in his name. He said, "I will build my church. Even the gates of hell itself will not destroy it." Jesus is keeping that promise.

## Questions

1. What was the early Christian church like?
2. What is the Christian church like today?
3. Do you go to church each week? If not, would you like to?
4. How can you become an important part of your church?

## Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

You are the head of the church all over the world.  
Thank you for freedoms to go to church. Please help those who share my faith but not my freedom.  
Please help me to go to church each week.

Amen

Draw crosses all over the world map to stand for churches.



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Phrased for Fluency

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Part 5    **52. I Am Alive: Church**    Vocabulary

<p>1. steadfastly (<b>STEAD</b> - <b>fast</b>- <b>ly</b>): constant, continuing</p>	<p>2. possessions (<b>po</b> - <b>SS</b><b>ES</b> - <b>sions</b>): things a person owns</p>
<p>3. distribute (<b>dis</b> - <b>TRIB</b> - <b>ute</b>): to give things to others</p>	<p>4. breaking of bread (<b>break</b>) (<b>bread</b>): communion: Christians remember the death of Jesus by sharing bread</p>
<p>5. singleness of heart (<b>SING</b>-<b>le</b>): everyone feeling the same way</p>	<p>6. prevail (<b>pre</b> - <b>VAIL</b>): to win over</p>

## Part 5 **I Am Alive: Church**

Acts 2:41-47; Matthew 16:8b; 18:20 World English Bible (WEB)

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the middle of them."

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Then those who gladly received his word were baptized.

There were added that day about three thousand souls.

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayer.

Fear came on every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

They sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them to all, according as anyone had need.

Day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, ...

...they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all people.

The Lord added to the assembly day by day those who were being saved.

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Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."