

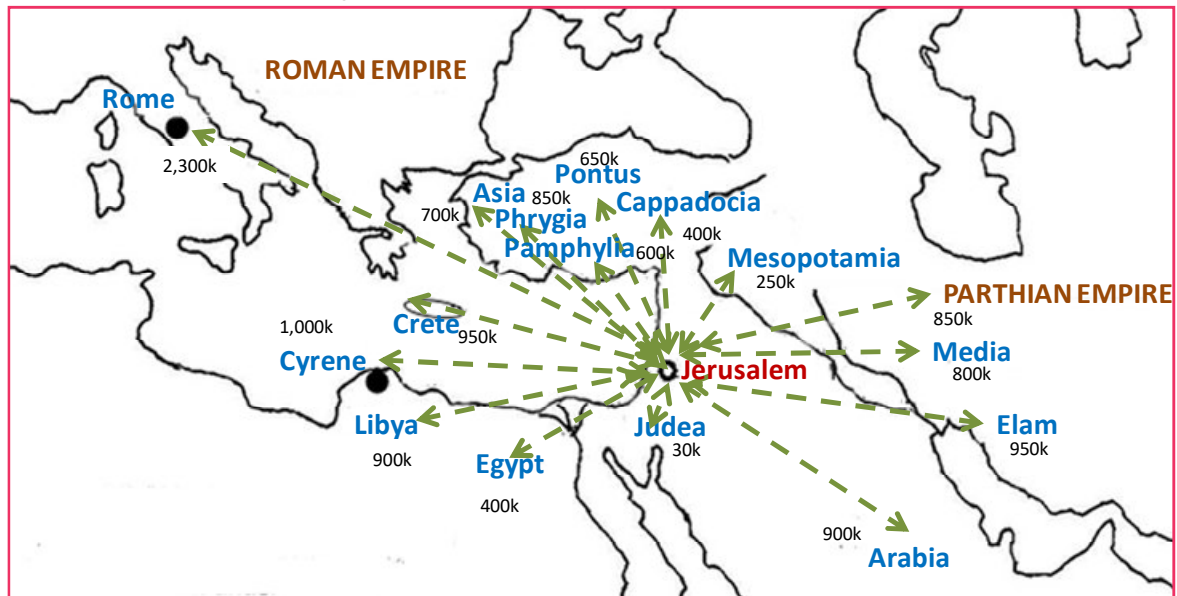
MORE ACTIVITY IDEAS: lessons from Pentecost



WORLD WEEKEND OF PRAYER
4 - 5 JUNE 2022

1. The good news spreads – Acts 2:9-10

On separate pieces of card write the locations from where people had come from to visit Jerusalem. Also have a card with the word Jerusalem on it to put in the centre of the room. Give each child a card of the different location. Look on the map at the distance from Jerusalem. Let every 50 kilometres equal one large step. Let each child measure outwards from the centre the location they have been given and place the card.



Now work out an equivalent for your city. A similar number of locations at similar distances as was the case at Pentecost. Again, each child has a card and measures out the distance. Each child may stand at that distance and say a prayer for the people in the location that more would hear about Jesus and children would be blessed and protected there.

2. Names of 12 apostles – Acts 1:26- 2:1

Use the 12 names of the apostles present at Pentecost. Remember that Judas has now been replaced by Matthias. Have a single piece of paper. Let each child in turn draw one man on that paper until



there are twelve men. If you have access to a photocopier, make a copy of this one sheet for each child.

Write up the names of the apostles on a board or post-its on a wall. Ask each child to annotate their picture by writing in the names by each man on the picture.

Peter and Andrew, the sons of John; James and John, the sons of Zebedee; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew (formerly Levi that tax collector); Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus; Jude, or Thaddaeus, the son of James; Simon the Cananaean, or the Zealot; Matthias, substitute for Judas Iscariot.

They may then add to their drawing the women and others who were there at Pentecost.

You could also discuss with the children what they know about any of the apostles.

3. Courageous action – Acts 2:42-47

Is it possible for children and young people in your group to reach out to disadvantaged children in your neighbourhood? For example, with your supervision could they organise a football game, basket ball game or cricket match. Could they organise a snack meal after? Could they 'sell' tickets to come and watch the game – no fee, but 'please bring some food or snack or soft drink that we can give to the children we get to come along and play.'



Try and encourage the children to invite and support children with disabilities to participate as well.

The world weekend of prayer youngsters can find a bits of old clothes which can be torn to make a sash to distinguish the teams. Ideally get your children to divide into two groups and go out into the neighbourhood to form the two different teams to face each other. Can you get an important person of the neighbourhood to donate and give a prize? Is there a local sports hero who can officiate or referee/ umpire the match?

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