

54. I am Alive: Loving My World

Acts 2-4



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Acts 4:32

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The early church was full of love. That love spilled over to everyone they met.

The new believers sold their land. With the money, they helped the poor. They gave food to women whose husbands had died. Peter healed a man who could not walk.

The Christians obeyed the words of Jesus. He said, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you are doing it for me." They remembered the hurting, the lost, and the lonely.

In the book of Acts, we read: "The believers were one in heart and mind. They shared everything they had. With great power, they told about Jesus coming back to life."

Today, we call this "missions." Our mission – our work – is to love the world and tell about Jesus. As you grow closer to God, you will start to think and feel like him.

He loves the hurting, the lost, and the lonely. He cares about hungry children. He sees those without clean water, and it hurts his heart.

He wants you to help the poor get shoes, clothes, or food. God wants you to open your eyes and your heart. Will you put God's love into action in your world?

Questions

1. How did the early believers share the love of God?
2. How do we Christians share the love of God today?
3. Who do you know that is hurting, lost, or alone?
4. What can you do to help those people?

Pray this prayer:

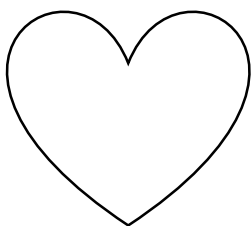
Dear Lord Jesus,

Please make my heart as soft as yours. Open my eyes to see those around me who are hurt, lost, and alone. Use me to bring the love of Jesus to my hurting world.

Amen

Color these pictures while you say the prayer.

Open the eyes
of my heart...



to see, love,
share with, give,
and serve ...



those who are
hurt, poor, lost,
or alone.

