



Sunday's Cool Online

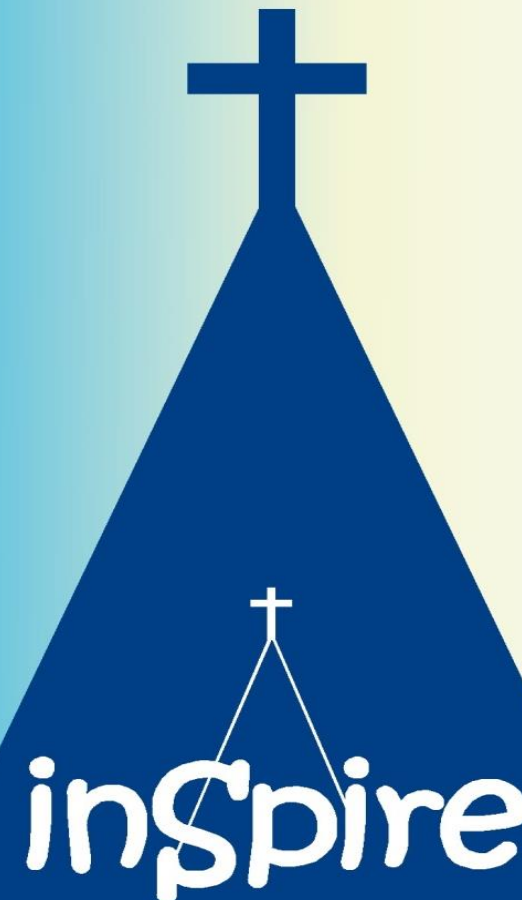
Pentecost

Hello Everyone,

What a fantastic festival we have today.....Pentecost.....when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples. From that moment the disciples were able to go out and tell everyone they met about God's amazing love. They didn't worry about anything as they knew the Holy Spirit was with them all the time. And now, the Holy Spirit is with us too! Wow!

Today, we are lucky to use resources from "Rootsontheweb" which have been designed for families to use during this time of lockdown. We have added a few extra ideas for you too. 😊

If you have some packs of bubbles, why not get them out to use during prayer time?! I had some mega bubbles we were going to use!... really mega prayers! I'll try and save them for when we are next together!



Introduction

Pentecost is often thought of as the birthday of the Church. Try to create that atmosphere of celebration as you join together for worship, you could even have some birthday party items, e.g. a cake or balloons.

Gather

Use this prayer as you begin your time of worship together. Nominate a leader or all join in together. You can use your bubbles!

Holy Spirit, you are welcome.

Come among us like a wind,
like a fire, like a dove.

Come gently or come boldly.

We are waiting for you.

Amen.

You could sing this song to start.....Fruit of the Spirit.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWoWDdeD-ns>

or what about the Holy Hokey Cokey!

.....or The Spirit lives to set us free (walk n the light)

Read

Share the Bible story using the idea below to help you explore it together.

Bible story

Open the Bible at Acts 2.1-21: The Church welcomes the Holy Spirit.

Picture the scene

Use the Pentecost pictures from [Free Bible images](#) to illustrate the story as you tell it. You might like to ask the children to find and hold up the pictures for the relevant parts of the Bible passage.

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With the sound of a whirlwind it came, rushing into the house where the followers of Jesus were gathered. There was a commotion and flames as the Holy Spirit came, resting on each of the disciples like a tongue of fire.

As it whooshed into the room, the Spirit filled them all with foreign languages, and the disciples spoke in words they didn't understand. Inspired, and with words gushing out of them, they went out into the streets.

It was the festival of Pentecost and Jerusalem was full of Jews from all over the world. When the disciples came out into the street, the crowds heard them speaking the message of Jesus in their own languages. They were amazed. 'How can this be?' they asked. 'All the followers of Jesus are from Galilee, but we can hear their message loud and clear in words we understand.'

Not everyone was impressed, though. Some listeners sneered, 'These people are drunk.' Peter, still filled to overflowing with the Spirit's power, stood up in front of all the people.

'We are not drunk,' he said. 'It's only nine in the morning. No, you are seeing and hearing what the prophet Joel spoke about in the Old Testament.'

Peter continued: 'Joel said, "God will pour his Spirit on all people; children will prophesy and adults will see holy visions. The Spirit is for everyone, men, women and children; there will be signs in heaven and on earth, and these will be the last days. Everyone who calls on the Lord's name shall be saved."'

Like a fiery whirlwind it came, and the Spirit breathed new life into the followers of Jesus.

Glossary

Pentecost: a Jewish harvest festival.

Talk

Spend time reflecting on the Bible passage, using the questions below as appropriate.

Talk together with children

- How would you tell this story to somebody else, in your own words?
- Have you ever been in a situation where things seemed a little confusing?
- What might be different in the world if people were more unified?

Talk together with young people

- Where would you be if you imagine yourself in this story?
- How do you think you would have responded to what was happening?
- How do you think the power of the Holy Spirit drew people together here?

Activities, songs and prayers

Choose from the activities below and do any or all of them in any order you wish. Some are designed for younger children and some for young people. However we hope using a mix will work for any ages in your household.

We often think of the Holy Spirit like a wind...you can't see it but you can see the effect it has; what it moves. It's lovely to make things for the garden that the wind can move that reminds you of the Holy Spirit moving in our lives.

Make some flags?

This is a lovely simple activity that shows the effect of the wind.

You will need

Garden canes or similiar sticks

Thin material (cotton or lining materal)

Glue

- Cut different shapes, eg rectangles and triangles out of the material.
- Glue the material onto one end of the cane, rolling it so that there is a complete turn of material, leave until dry.
- Take the flags outside to see if there is enough wind to make the flags fly. If the flags fly look at which material flew the easiest.
- Hold the flags low down to the ground and then up high to see if there is any change.
- Leave the flags outside in the ground and record each day if the flags are flying and which direction they are flying.



Or what about making a wind chime?

You can use anything from old cutlery to bits of bamboo cane to shells to buttons to old keys to old CDs



Again, when you hear your chime you can think of the Holy Spirit moving.

Play: Pentecost story basket



Create a Pentecost story basket for the children to play with. Include play people, battery-operated tealights, red, yellow and orange ribbons or streamers, play windmills and bubbles.

Create: Holy Spirit headbands

Create a story reminder

You will need: strips of card, stapler, red, yellow and orange tissue paper, scissors, glue.

- The Holy Spirit appeared as flames on the believers' heads.
- Join strips of card together to make a band to fit around each child's head and help them staple it together.
- Ask the children to cut flame shapes out of the coloured tissue paper and glue them to the headband

[Or sometimes the Holy Spirit is thought of as a dove, like when the dove descended on Jesus when he was being baptised.](#)

Make a paper dove and hang it somewhere in the house to remind you of the Holy Spirit being with us always.

[Follow the Youtube link to make one](#)

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Think/reflect

Spend some quiet time reflecting on the passage, as well as what you have been doing in the activities you chose.

Speak in lots of languages!

Challenge everyone to discover how many different languages they can say 'hello' or 'welcome' in. Teach one another some of the different phrases. You can use the internet, Google translate, dictionaries or just the knowledge in your family. All say the "Hello!" at the same time and hear lots of languages being spoken at the same time just as the disciples did!

What do we all have in common?

Consider how we have much more in common than we think

You will need: paper and pens.

- Talk about the fact that we are all different. Discuss what kind of things make us different – physical characteristics, ideologies, talents, personalities.
- Ask the group to each think of someone who is very different from them – maybe a famous person. Now ask them to think of things that they have in common with that person and make a list.
- Invite people to find a partner, and encourage the pairs to work together to make a list of the differences and similarities between them.

Pray

Finish your time of worship by praying together in any way you choose.

This is really cool! Pray the Lord's Prayer in 15 languages! Click on the link for the film clip.

Invite everyone to stand together. Explain that you will pray the Lord's Prayer together, uniting with others in many languages. [Play the film clip](#), and invite everyone to pray aloud, reciting the prayer in their own preferred first language. Remind the group that this prayer is for all people drawn together in unity, despite our differences.

Pentecost symbol prayer

Encourage everyone to choose a percussion instrument and rest their instrument on their knees. Invite each child in turn to play their instrument. Then all join together, as you play your instruments to praise God.

Use your bubbles again as you pray each phrase:

Holy Spirit:

wild wind, tongues of fire,

words of inspiration,

fill us with your confidence and energy,

and make us a blessing to the world.

Amen.

You may wish to use the additional resources below to worship together and/or the activity sheets for children.

Sing another song or watch this Youtube video of the Holy Spirit coming

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M> from Saddleback kids

Live your faith

Think about how you can tell other people about the Holy Spirit this week, just like Peter did.

Activity Sheets

(Links to the PDFs for these can also be found at the end of the page.)

Activity Sheet English

Colouring Sheet English

Activity Sheet Welsh

Colouring Sheet Welsh



Notes on the Bible story for parents and carers

Pentecost! The birth-day of the Church! On this day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, overflowing and pouring out over the gathered disciples who were then 'poured out' from their hiding place into the community around them, sharing God's story with confidence, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Here, the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit brings the people together from their different tribes and nations. All are able to hear and understand the word of God. Here, the good news of Jesus becomes the invitation: 'let anyone'. Here, everyone can hear, understand and respond to this open invitation.

There are echoes in the passage from Acts of the Gospel reading, John 7.37-39. In the latter, Jesus invites people to come to him – 'let anyone...' as he will pour out water to anyone who thirsts for him, promising them the Holy Spirit. In Acts, that promised pouring out is delivered.

Today, we too can hear the story in a language we can understand; this promised pouring out of the Holy Spirit is available for us too, when we respond to the same invitation to 'let anyone' come and receive. As with Peter and the other disciples, this must lead to us pouring out of our hiding places, or the places where we are comfortable, and sharing the good news with those around us.

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