

Many people from  
different countries could hear  
the disciples preaching in their  
own languages!

Jesus sent the  
Spirit to help the disciples  
to be his witnesses.

Find these places hidden in the word search puzzle!  
Circle them

JUDAEA MESOPOTAMIA CAPPADOCIA ASIA  
PONTUS EGYPT LIBYA PHRYGIA ROME

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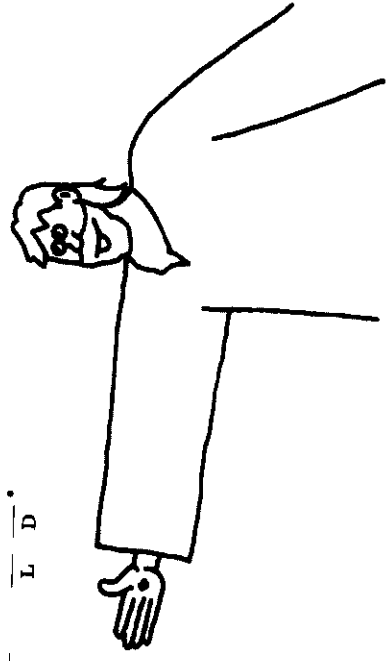
Find the words of Jesus taken from John 16:13-14  
by writing the next letter of the alphabet above the letters given.

For example, D will be written above C

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S	Q	T	S	G	Z	K	K	G	D			
S	D	K	K	R	X	N	T	B	N	L	D	R
E	Q	N	L	L	D							

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

THINK and LOOK ahead

What do we celebrate next Sunday?

Write the letter missing from the sequence to find out!

P Q R S U	
N O P Q S	
H J K L M	
M O P Q R	
E F G H J	
S U V W X	
V W X Z A	
Q R T U V	
T V W X Y	
L M O P Q	
A B C E F	
X Y Z B C	
W X Z A B	

FOOTPRINTS IN FAITH  
THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, YEAR B

The Holy Spirit comes!

ACTS 2:1-11; JOHN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Holy Spirit rested on the disciples and gave them the gift of expression! What happened next?

Use the code cracker to find out!

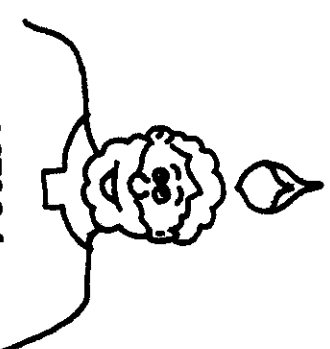
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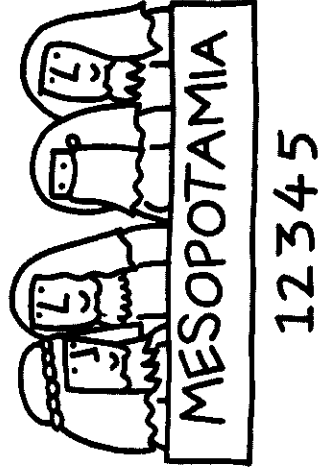
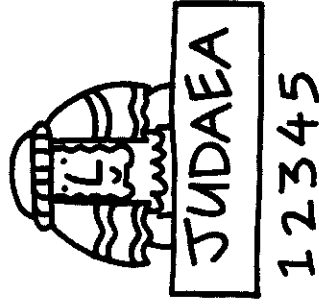
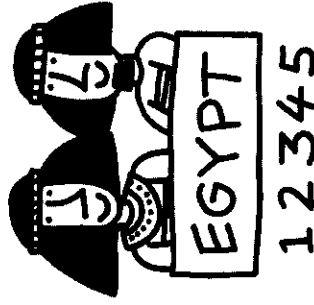


ACTS 2:4

Even people  
from different countries  
could understand the  
disciples' words!

Everything the Spirit  
tells us comes from who?

How many people from each country can you see?  
Circle the number



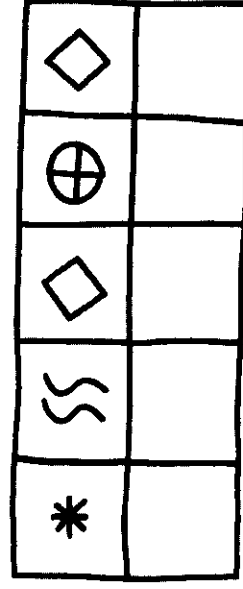
Use the picture code to fill in the  
letters and find the answer

CODE  
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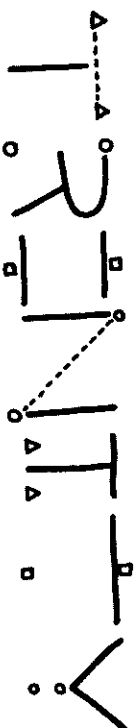
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What do we celebrate next Sunday?

Connect the same shapes with a line

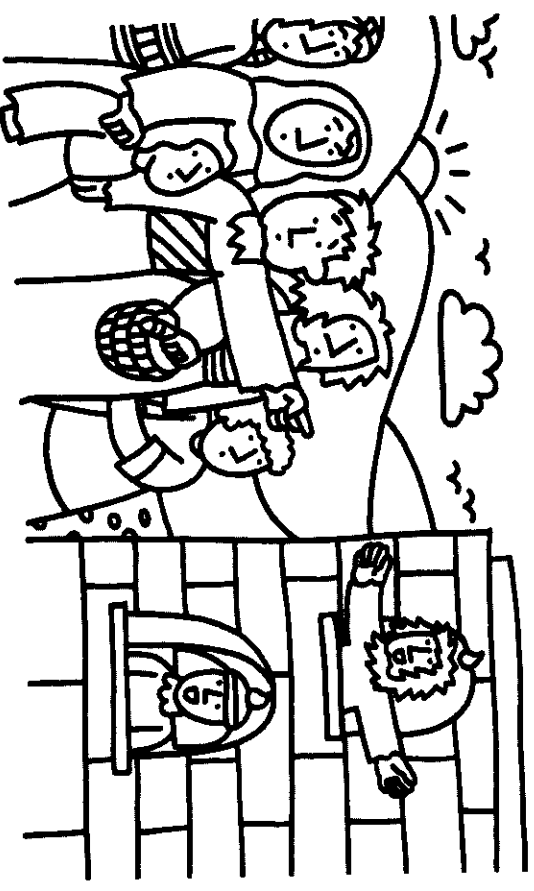


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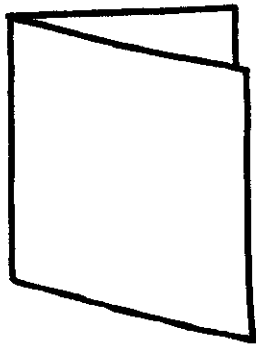
ACTS 2:1-11; JOHN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Holy Spirit came to the  
disciples and made everyone  
understand their words!

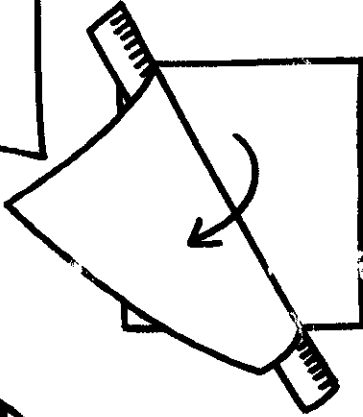
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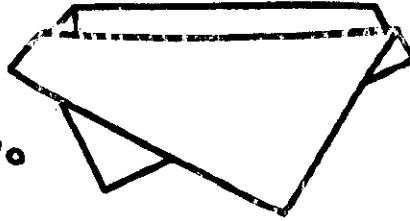




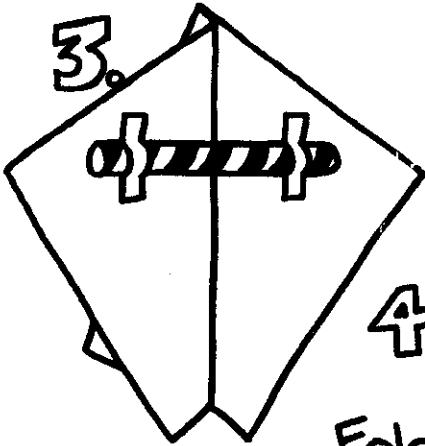
1. Fold an A4 size sheet of paper in half.



2. Use a ruler to fold again on both sides.



2.



3.

3. Tape a drinking straw across the back.

4. Cut lengths of gift ribbon, yarn or crepe paper.

Fold in half and wrap with tape. Attach a short piece of ribbon or yarn and tie tightly.

yellow and red.



← tape.

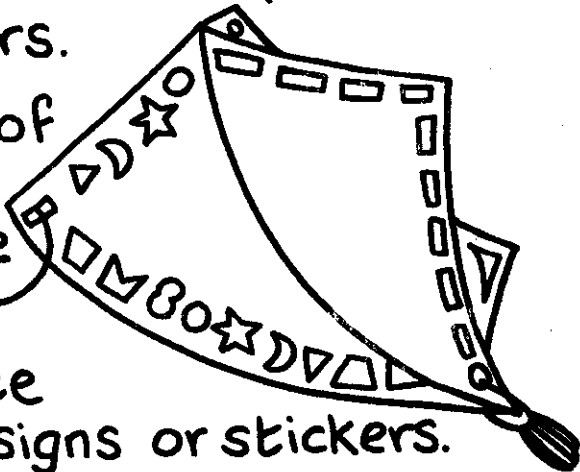


ribbon or yarn.

5. Punch a hole at the bottom of the kite and attach streamers.

6. Tape a long length of strong yarn or nylon thread onto the edge of the kite.

7. Decorate your kite with red and yellow designs or stickers.





# Pentecost Sunday (Years A, B and C)

## Focus

An array of burning candles surrounded by seven gift-wrapped packages.

## Introduction

Several days after Jesus had returned to heaven, the Jewish people celebrated the festival of Pentecost. Jesus' closest friends were hiding away together when they experienced a remarkable event that would change their lives and the lives of every Christian for ever. Today we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christ's apostles, an event that marked the birthday of the Church.

## Gloria

## Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)  
(See page 371.)

## Gospel Acclamation

Light the Gospel candle and sing Acclamation 3.

## Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of St John (20:19-23)  
(See page 371.)

## Reflection

*How did the apostles know that the Holy Spirit had come?*

They heard the sound of a rushing wind and saw what appeared to be small flames which danced over their heads but did not burn them.

*How do you imagine they felt to see and hear such extraordinary signs?*

The sound of a powerful wind and sight of flames are normally enough to send people into a panic! This wind and fire appeared without warning inside the room in which they were huddled together. They already felt afraid because they were hiding from the Jews.

*When the Holy Spirit touched each of them, what difference did it make?*

Instead of hiding away in fear, they couldn't wait to rush outside into the street and begin telling people the news about Jesus. The Holy Spirit had filled them with God's strength and courage so that they would be able to complete the mission given to them by Jesus before he ascended into heaven. He had 'set them alight' with enthusiasm to share their faith with others, and through his power they were amazed to discover that even foreigners who spoke different languages could understand what they had to say.

*This wonderful event marked the beginning or 'birth' of the Christian Church more than 2000 years ago. When do Christians today receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?*

The Holy Spirit touches our lives and fills us with his gifts in a very special way when we are baptised into the Church and when we are confirmed. He also fills us with his life in different ways at different times of our lives through the seven Sacraments of the Church.

*Why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives?*

We are called to follow Jesus and be his disciples in the Church today. He wants us to continue to carry out the work or mission he gave to the first disciples so many years ago. We need the same courage and strength today as they needed so long ago. The Holy Spirit is just as important to Christians today as on that very special Pentecost.

*The Holy Spirit dramatically affected the lives of the apostles. How does he affect our lives today?*

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with his followers always as a friend and helper. The Spirit works in us to help us to become more like Jesus. He shares his own very special gifts with us (wisdom, knowledge, understanding, reverence or respect, courage, wonder and right judgement), and helps us to recognise and use the unique God-given gifts we have each been given.

## Activity

Make a kite to remind you of the wind that blew at the first Pentecost. Colour it red and yellow to remind you of the flames that touched the apostles.

OR

Make a birthday card to celebrate the birthday of the Church. This can be done individually, or as one large card in the shape of a church filled with paper tissue 'Pentecost flames'.

## Intercessions

As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father:

We pray for all of God's people;  
that through Baptism the Holy Spirit will help us  
to act and think like children of God.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and all who suffer;  
that the Holy Spirit will bring them healing and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died;  
that they will rise to the new and everlasting life  
promised through their baptism in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the family gathered here today;  
that God will pour out his Spirit to strengthen us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening,  
in the silence of our hearts  
let us share our own unspoken prayers with him.

*Silence*

Loving Father,  
may your Spirit living inside us  
fill us with love, forgiveness and understanding,  
helping us to become more like Christ your Son.  
Grant this through Jesus our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## Feast of Pentecost

### The Holy Spirit comes

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#### INTRODUCTION

Today is Pentecost, which the Jews celebrated fifty days after the Passover. Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church and hear how Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to the disciples, just as he had promised to do.

#### SIGN OF THE CROSS

#### LIGHT THE CANDLES

Light the candles, and then read:

Jesus said, "Let your goodness shine out like a light in the darkness, so that through you, the love of our heavenly father will touch the lives of others." (Matthew 5:16)

#### SORRY

Think about the words of this song, and remember that God our father will always forgive us if we are truly sorry. Sing Sorry Song 4.

#### GLORIA

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

May the love of God's spirit burn in our hearts.

#### READING (ACTS 2:1-42)

The disciples had gathered together in Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. As they were praying together, the room was suddenly filled with the sound of a powerful wind which roared through the house. Then, what looked like small tongues of fire appeared and spread out to touch each one of them. So it was that they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

At once, in their excitement, they rushed outside to tell everyone what had happened to them. As they began to speak, they were amazed to find that they could talk in foreign languages that they had never spoken before. People from lands far and wide gathered in a crowd to listen to these men from Galilee. They were amazed and came to believe in Jesus.

So it was, from that day onwards, the disciples went around telling everyone about Jesus and

sharing all that he had taught them. They were no longer afraid, for wherever they went, Jesus went with them. Now his spirit lived inside them, and they would never feel alone again.

#### DISCUSSION

Ask the children to imagine they are the disciples, sitting quietly together in a room, and imagine the sounds and feelings the disciples must have felt.

What did they hear? A sudden furious wind, gusting through the room. How do they think the disciples felt when they heard and felt this mysterious wind? They probably felt surprised by its suddenness and frightened when they realized it came from inside the house.

How did the Spirit change the disciples?

—He made others understand them, even if they did not speak the same language.

—He filled them with courage and power so that they could stand up before the crowds and preach, and work miracles in God's name.

What else did the Spirit give to the disciples? He brought seven gifts: joy, love, patience, kindness, understanding, reverence (respect), courage. All these gifts helped the disciples to be able to go and spread the message of Jesus. The gifts of the Spirit help us to follow the right path on our journey through life towards heaven, and they fill us with God's goodness.

When do we receive the Holy Spirit in a special way? He comes to us first at baptism, and then his power is refreshed in us at confirmation.

#### ACTIVITY

Pentecost is the Church's birthday. Make one large birthday card or individual birthday cards to celebrate this special day, or wrap seven empty containers with spare wrapping paper and label each with a gift tag to represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

#### CREED

#### CLOSING PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit,  
and fill our hearts with your love.  
Work through us to bring Jesus  
to those who do not know him,  
so that we may share this love with others.