

Pentecost Celebrations!

Story and where to find it	Story summary	Possible activities and resources
<p>The coming of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Acts 2, v1-13</p> <p>Peter speaks and thousands believe</p> <p>Acts 2, v14-42</p>	<p>Pentecost – after Christmas and Easter – is normally considered to be the third most significant festival in the Christian year. It is often described as being 'the birthday of the church' because it is the day on which many thousands of people listened to the disciples preach and became believers.</p> <p>The story of Pentecost is a long one – it takes up the first 40+ lines of Acts, chapter 2, although the passages picked out cover most of the main parts of the story.</p> <p>It is important to remember that this happened 10 days after Ascension Day – when Jesus finally ascended into heaven – and so the disciples didn't have Jesus beside them in person. If you remember how nervous and uncertain, they had been after the Resurrection – remember doubting Thomas and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus – then it is amazing to see the disciples so confident in preaching to so many people. They were – of course – made brave by the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>The first part of the story describes the coming of the Holy Spirit – which appeared like tongues of fire settling over people, and which gave people the skill to understand many different languages.</p>	<p>When the Holy Spirit came, 'tongues of fire' came to rest on all of the people there. Have you got paint or coloured paper that you could make a picture of a flame out of?</p> <div data-bbox="1451 496 1935 1011" data-label="Image">  </div> <p>People could also understand what other people around them were saying – even if they were speaking another language. Can you work out how to say 'hello' in some different languages?</p> <p>There are lots of places named in the passage. A lot of them are old names that we have stopped using – but you might be able to find 5 of the places if you look on a map. Can you find:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerusalem • Rome • Libya

In the second part of the story, Peter explains to the crowd that Jesus truly was the son of God – the Messiah. He explains that Jesus rose from death and has now ascended into heaven to be with God. He then explains that what the people are experiencing is the power of the Holy Spirit – that Jesus had promised:

So, Jesus is the One who God raised from death! And we are all witnesses to this. Jesus was lifted up to heaven and is now at God's right side. The Father has given the Holy Spirit to Jesus as he promised. So now Jesus has poured out that Spirit. This is what you see and hear.

The story ends with a huge number of people choosing to be baptised:

Then those people who accepted what Peter said were baptized. About 3,000 people were added to the number of believers that day.

- Crete
- and Egypt?

Colour this picture of the day of Pentecost:

<https://coloringhome.com/coloring-page/233342?album=pentecost-coloring-pages-for-children>

Try cracking the code to work out the message:

https://sermons4kids.com/pentecost_sunday_decoder.htm

Find the Pentecost words in this wordsearch:

https://sermons4kids.com/pentecost_sunday_wordsearch.htm



If you, or someone in your family has been baptised, can you find any pictures of that special day? You might even have been given a special baptism card, or a candle to light.

How to use this resource:

This learning pack is meant to be used at home as a resource for home learning during the covid-19 lockdown period. It follows on from the events between Easter, when Jesus was crucified and then rose again, and Jesus's ascension into heaven – which happened 40 days later.

There are lots of good online Bibles that you can use – the International Children's Bible is one good version to use with children:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/International-Childrens-Bible-ICB/> and the Message Bible is also easy to read:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/Message-MSG-Bible/#vinfo>