

# Pentecost

This year, Pentecost is celebrated on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Pentecost is a time when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit visiting the disciples. God didn't pick any day for this to happen. He chose a specific time, purpose and reason, therefore Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter Sunday. Jesus had already returned to Heaven, the disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit, because that is what Jesus had promised.

Start by lighting a candle because one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit is a flame. Read together this prayer: *"Come Holy spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created; and You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen."*

Read together the story of 'The Coming of the Holy spirit' Acts 2: Use your own Bible, scripture link below or videos clips as appropriate.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2&version=ICB>

KS2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLa-lj0zCGg>

KS1 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqG\\_lvZhU-A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqG_lvZhU-A)

## Key questions:

What appeared above the heads of the disciples?

What is special about the time when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples?

Why were they able to speak in different languages? Why was this important?

How does the Holy Spirit help us in our lives today?

## Choose an activity from below as a follow up task:

- Create a flame headband to wear to re-enact the story of Pentecost. Annotate some other scripture onto your flame headband (see example)
- Write a diary entry from the point of view of a disciple to retell the story of Pentecost
- Design a piece of artwork to tell the story of Pentecost (see example)
- Imagine you are Jesus and write a letter to the disciples explaining to them what will happen at Pentecost, why they shouldn't be scared and how they can use the Holy spirit as a guide
- Write a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help and guide you in your life
- Think about how we use the Holy Spirit today- Can you think of an example of some who shares the Holy Spirit- What do they do? How do they act? What messages do they share?
- Research the symbols of the Holy Spirit and present these through art, writing, models
- Go back to the flame you started with. How does the flame make you feel? What does the flame give to you? How would the disciples have felt when this appeared above their heads? Use this flame to guide you on your journey through the rest of this week.

