

Sunday, May 31st – Pentecost Sunday

Wow, can you believe that we get to celebrate Pentecost Sunday today!

Pentecost might sound like a funny word, but it's a special day that has been celebrated for a long time. Pentecost comes after Easter – when we remember that Jesus loved us so much that He was willing to die for us. Not only that, at Easter we remember that Jesus was even stronger than death, and He rose from the dead. After rising from the dead, Jesus spent 40 days with his friends, and then Jesus went to heaven. But Jesus told his friends to pray and to wait for someone else to come.

When we celebrate Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to Jesus' friends! Jesus could only be in one place at a time, but the Holy Spirit could be with all of Jesus' friends all the time – wherever they were. When we say 'God is with us', it is the same as saying 'the Holy Spirit is with us – wherever we go'.

Watch:

Songs

- I Will Follow (Song and Dance) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8Chv0QmRjk>
- Same Power by Jeremy Camp (Slower Song) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InsifiZxVXU>

Stories

- What is Pentecost (What's in the Bible) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtokHQOmFu0>

Ask:

1. What special event does Pentecost come after? How long after this event is it?
2. While Jesus' followers were praying, the Bible says that the Holy Spirit filled them. What did Jesus' followers see that showed them that this had happened?
3. Because of the power of the Holy Spirit, what did Jesus' friends begin to do?
4. What was the name of the person who told the people about Jesus?
5. How many people become followers of Jesus after hearing about Him?

Do:

Colouring pages

- Pentecost Colouring Page <https://bit.ly/3g8ZU5C>
- People in Jerusalem at Pentecost <https://bit.ly/2ZmQlo4>

Activities

- Pentecost Word Find <https://bit.ly/36fHUIt>
- Digital Puzzle (you can pick how many pieces and what shape you want) <https://bit.ly/2WNOUEM>

Crafts

- 'Stained glass window' (cut and paste activity) <https://bit.ly/3g6vTTL>
- Flame crown + windpipes (craft) <https://bit.ly/3d2dbdW>