



FEAST of PENTECOST (Year A 19-20)

Watch the video *The Holy Spirit Comes*



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**Song:** *We have come to hear your word, hear your word, hear your word.  
We have come to hear your word, we are listening.*

**Prayer: Help us understand we are never alone, Jesus has sent us a helper**

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## Pentecost

This story today is considered the birthday of the church.  
It is 50 days after Easter, hence the word Pentecost.  
It celebrates perhaps all that had happened in recent weeks.  
It is the graduation class for the apostles.  
After the awful things had happened to their Jesus, they were locked inside and hiding.  
They were scared.  
They did not want that to happen to them.  
They had recognised Jesus after the resurrection.  
Jesus had said to them earlier,  
'I am going away but I will not abandon you, I will send a helper to you.'  
They really had no idea what shape or form that helper would take.

At Pentecost they received those gifts that helped them to carry on the work,  
their friend Jesus had started.  
More importantly they acquired courage to tell the stories.  
Sometimes we lack courage for many different reasons.  
There are many gifts that the spirit brings but the gift of courage gets the ball rolling.

### GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to you o Lord.**

*As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit*

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,  
and on the evening of that same Sunday  
they locked themselves in a room.  
Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.  
He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.  
When the disciples saw the Lord,  
they became very happy.  
After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,  
"I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me."  
Then he breathed on them and said,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.  
If you forgive anyone's sins,  
they will be forgiven.  
But if you don't forgive their sins,  
they will not be forgiven."  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Something to Think About

There are two powerful symbols associated with Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the form of fire and wind. Close your eyes and imagine what it was like on that first Pentecost day. Hear the sound of wind and imagine the lights and warmth of fire.

Be still and try to feel the presence of God within you at this moment.

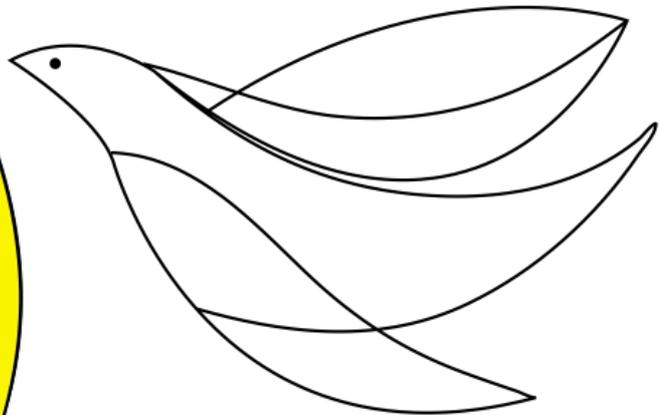
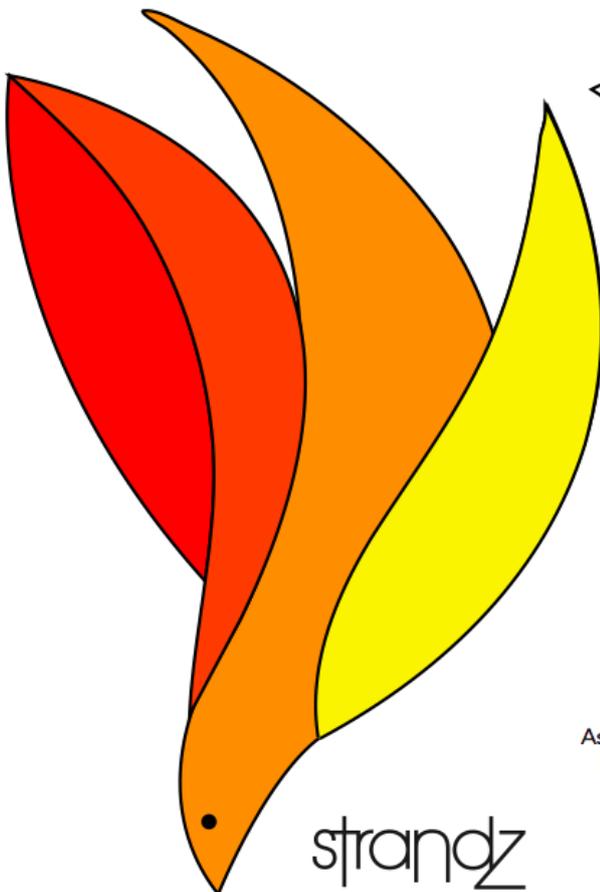
### Activities:

This week could:

1. Make a candle.
2. Create a dove that could be a flame
3. A puzzle to do

Candles are always associated with birthdays and as we consider Pentecost, the *birthday of the church* we also will celebrate with a candle.

Candles are a sign of guiding light. Our church is our guiding light, a symbol of baptism, reaffirmed in confirmation **and celebrated at Pentecost**



## Dove + Flame Prayers

Use the dove/flame template as you talk about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit. Give out the pre cut doves/flames either on white paper, or on yellow/red/orange stock. Show how, by turning the dove on it's side, it is also a flame.

Talk about how the Holy Spirit gives us power, wisdom, and peace. Ask each person to hold their flame and to think about the things the Holy Spirit helps them do. Do they need power and wisdom (flame) or peace (dove) today? Ask the to draw or write God a prayer on their dove/flame, or just write their name. As people finish, invite them to come and put their dove/flame at the front (perhaps bluetacked to a wall) as a corporate act of prayer and worship.

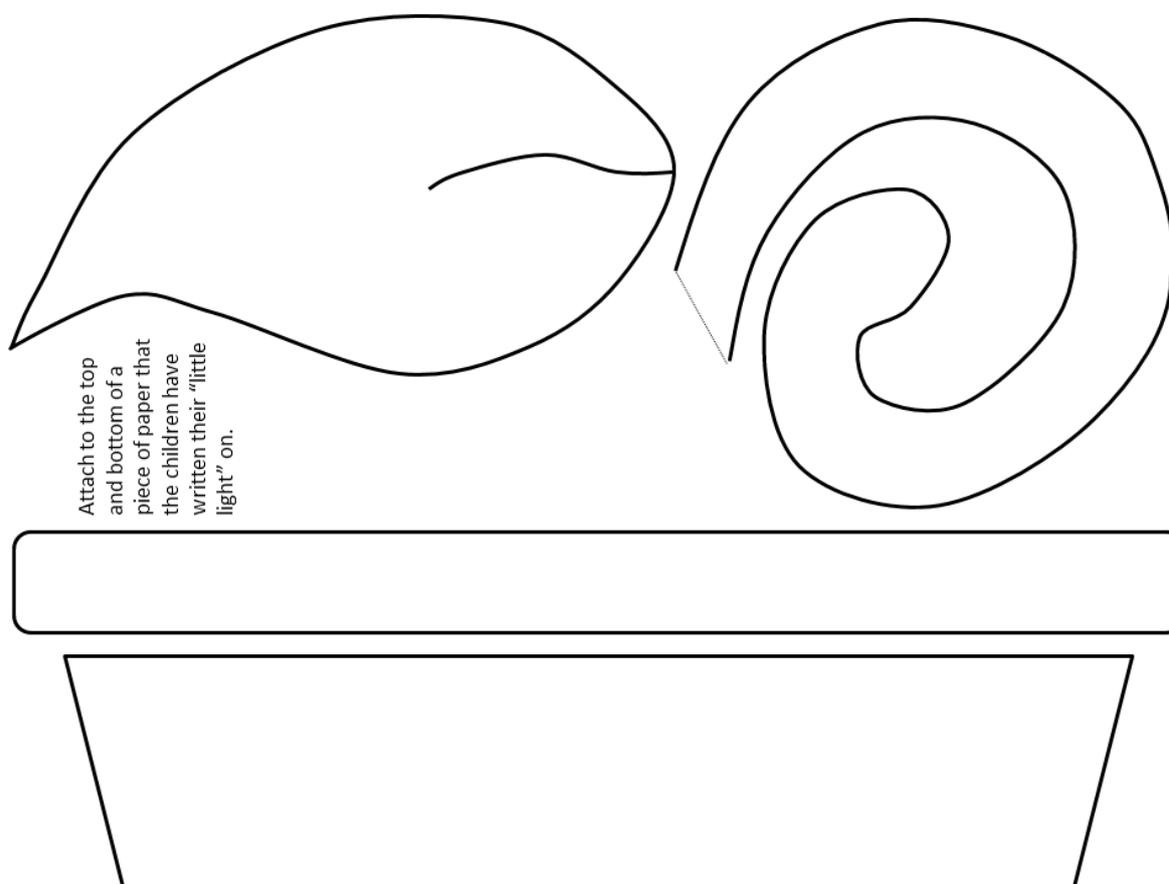
Pick a gift that you think you may need a little help with.  
Attach to your candle!

peace, love, joy, patience,

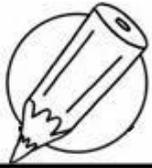
kindness, generosity,

faithfulness, gentleness,

self control, courage



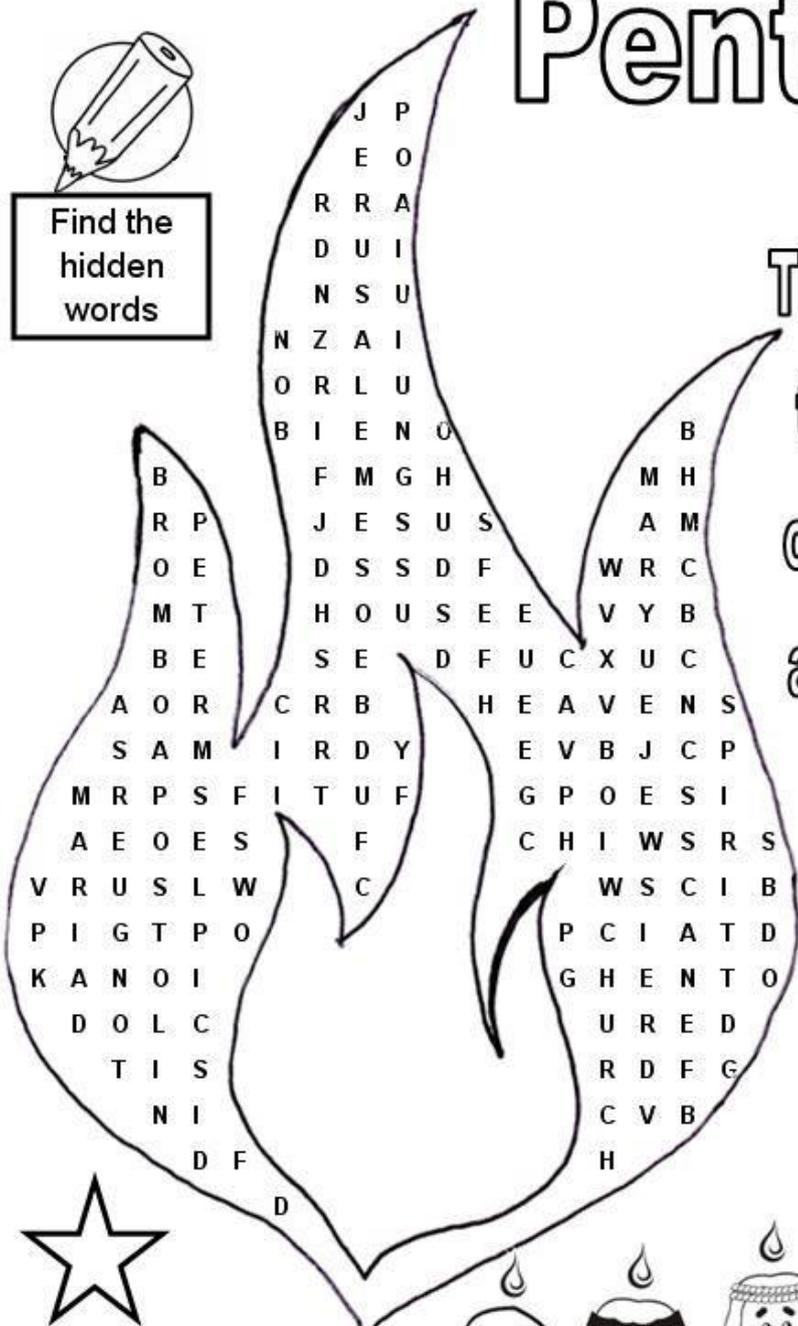
# Pentecost



Find the hidden words

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

Acts 2:3



- Wind
- Heaven
- House
- Tongues
- Fire
- Spirit
- Jews
- Jerusalem
- Peter
- Jesus
- Wine
- Disciples
- Mary
- Church

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