



Shine

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PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE
ACTS 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

Reflection

Can you imagine how the disciples must have felt at the beginning of this day? Their friend, Jesus, had promised He would be with them until the end of time, but He had returned to Heaven; all they could do is watch and pray.

Then, all of a sudden, Pentecost happens! Even with everything that they had seen Jesus do over the last 3 years, it must still have been amazing to experience. It was the start of something amazing: the Church. Jesus fulfilled His promise and sent the Holy Spirit to be with them; they were given the courage to go out into the world and share the Good News.

We are the Church and it's our mission to go out into the world, sharing the Good News with those we meet.

ACTIVITIES



Make a Dove

You will need: a paper plate, scissors, pen, glue or tape

~Split your plate into thirds, the outside pieces will become the wings and the centre the body.

~Cut the dove's head, body and tail from the centre section.

~Attach the two wings to your dove's body.

~Now you can draw on eyes, a beak and feet.

You could also decorate your dove with feathers if you have them (or anything else you like!)

<https://www.catholicicing.com/holy-spirit-craft-make-a-dove-from-a-paper-plate/>

Learn a Different Language

Once they were filled with the Holy Spirit, the Disciples went out and were able to speak in the languages of those around them.

How many different languages can you learn to say 'hello' in?

Happy Birthday!

Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church.

Bake a cake, add some candles and sing happy birthday to the Church.

Prayer

God says: I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Christ says: I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, burning as fire, powerful as the wind.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

CHALLENGE

Spend some time in your own 'upper room'. This is where the Disciples were waiting when Pentecost happened.

Create a space where you can sit to listen for the word of God either by yourself, or with your family.