

Welcome to St. Peter's Virtual Sunday School! Pentecost! Today is the Day of Pentecost; the last Sunday of Regular Sunday School!

This is the last Sunday, before summer starts, that we will meet virtually to learn about Jesus by reading the Bible, talking about what we've read and doing some activities. Get together with your family and do these lessons when it works for you or phone your friend or Grandma who you can't get together with right now to talk about these lessons. Last week we learned that God can be surprising and do unexpected things. Did you experience something unexpected or surprising this week? Did you write an email or try making Earthquake Cake?

The Day of Pentecost (This lesson comes from Whirl Lectionary Sunday School, Year C Spring.)

Look! Today is the Day of Pentecost, the church's birthday! We often use the symbol of a flame on the Day of Pentecost because it reminds us of how the Holy Spirit visited the disciples when the church began. What colour are flames? To celebrate, sing Happy birthday to the church.

Sing: Happy birthday to you.

Happy Birthday to you.

Happy Birthday, dear church.

Happy birthday to you!

What are some things you celebrate? In the picture below write the letter in the pennant on the banner in the box that matches its colour in the space below. If you cannot make a copy of the picture, draw your own boxes then print the letter in your boxes.



During Bible times, Pentecost was a festival when people came from all over the world to Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples at Pentecost, the birthday of the church.

The Story: Day of Pentecost

Look at the pictures for the story, “A Gust of Wind.” In the pictures, look for wind blowing things around; flames on top of the disciples’ heads; and the disciples telling others about Jesus.

Read the story and Ada and Otto’s questions and comments.

Questions to think about, answer and talk about after reading the story:

What made the disciples’ meal a mess?

Why didn’t the flames burn anyone?

How do you think the people felt when they heard about Jesus in their own language?

Whose Spirit filled the Disciples?

What are some ways the Spirit helps us. (Hint remember Trinity Sunday? God the Creator, Son (Jesus) who saved us; Spirit who guides us).

Activity:

Look at the top right corner of the activity sheet below (or print the attached Pentecost activity). Peter and the other disciples were telling everyone about Jesus in their own languages. Who made this possible? Did you say Holy Spirit? You are right! Draw a flame above everyone’s head.

Just like the disciples, we have the Holy Spirit living inside of us. Colour the blank figure of the person below to look like you! Don’t forget to draw the flame above your head.

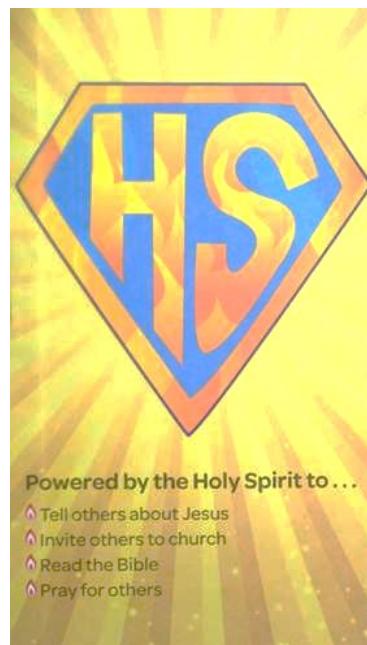
Practice signing or saying “Jesus loves you” in sign language and the three other languages. Practice with your family.

Now imagine what it might sound like at Pentecost. Ask everyone in your family to say or sign a new language they have learned all at the same time.

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Powered by the Holy Spirit



Prayer: Dear God, thank you for your Holy Spirit, and thank you for the church. Amen.

Other Activities to do the Week:

Jesus Loves You: People spoke in many languages at Pentecost. Search on line to learn how to say “Jesus loves you” in different languages. Share this good news with your family.

I Spy Flames: Play a game with your family. Make sure everyone has a pencil and paper. Set a timer for 5 minutes. Search your home for things that are the colour of flames; red, yellow and orange. When the timer goes off, get together with your family and see who has made the longest list.

Fly a kite: We can't see the wind but it can be powerful and make things move! Make a simple kite from red, yellow or orange paper. Take it to the beach or even in your back yard to fly it on the next windy day.

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Very-Simple-Kite/>

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Easy-Paper-Kite-for-Kids/>

Have a good week. Remember the Holy Spirit is always with you!

Stay healthy. Stay safe.

Blessings,Jane

Info for Parents: This is the last lesson for regular Sunday School. So far, there are no planned lessons for Sunday School this Summer. But take a look at the following websites for lessons:

1. Ministry To Children: Lots of great lessons on this website. This is where most of the lesson plans for Summer Sunday School have come from in the past. Take a look at the following links. (These are just a few examples of the lessons; there are lots more on this website.)

The first link will take you to Bible Lessons for Kids and suggest what is popular for the week.

<https://ministry-to-children.com/lessons/>

The second link will take you to a series of lessons on “What is God Like.”

<https://ministry-to-children.com/attributes-god-lessons/>

The third link will take you to colouring pages.

<https://ministry-to-children.com/bible-coloring-pages/>

2. Lesson Plans That Work: This website provides lessons according to the Lectionary for the Anglican Church; known as the Episcopal Church in the USA. Good lessons for different age groups. Scroll down and start on Trinity Sunday for June 8; Proper 6 for June 15, etc.

<https://lessonplansthatwork.org/year-a/>



YEARS A, B, C DAY OF PENTECOST

A Gust of Wind

ACTS 2:1-21

A gust of wind BLASTED through the house in Jerusalem. The disciples jumped up from the table. Andrew grabbed the bread. John and James grabbed the cups. The tablecloth FLEW into the air. Plates CRASHED to the floor.

The disciples were celebrating the festival of Pentecost. But now their meal was a mess.

Andrew dropped the bread in surprise. A flame of fire floated over each disciple's head! The flames were bright red, orange, and yellow. But they weren't HOT!

Andrew pointed to the flames. "LOOK!"

The disciples looked. John and James dropped the cups. Peter's and Simon's eyes grew wide. Bartholomew's and Philip's mouths dropped open. Matthew, Thomas, and Matthias gasped. Thaddaeus and the other James pointed to Andrew's head. "You have a flame too!"



And that is why you should close the windows when you're eating dinner.



Suddenly the disciples began to speak in different languages. Latin, Greek, Arabic—ALL the languages of the WORLD! They rushed outside.

"We are filled with God's Spirit!" shouted Matthew.

"God is the ruler of all!" Philip exclaimed.

The street filled with Jewish people from many countries who were celebrating Pentecost in Jerusalem.

Every person, no matter where they had come from, heard the disciples speaking about God's power in their OWN LANGUAGE!



When do you hear different languages?

The people couldn't believe their EARS! Some in the crowd sneered. They could not believe that the disciples could actually speak all the languages. But many other people were amazed.

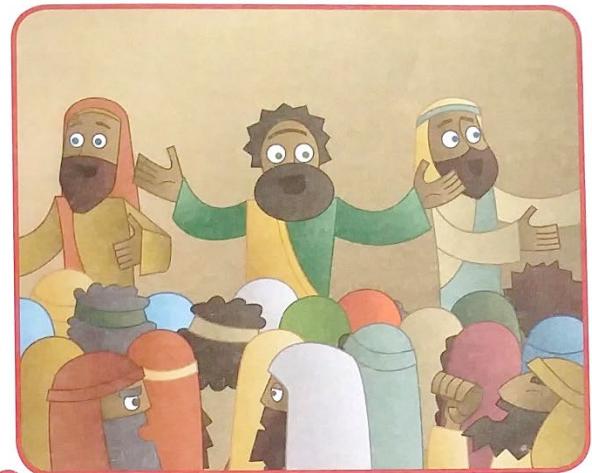
Peter yelled, "Each of you hears our words in your own language. God's Spirit has made this possible!"

So the disciples could suddenly speak all those different languages? I've never heard of that superpower before!





American Sign language



Yesu anakupenda

(YES-oo ah-nah-koo-PEN-day)

Swahili



Jesus tea ma
(YAY-zoos tay-AH mah)

Spanish

Jesus liebt dich
(JAY-zoos lieb DEEKT)

German

