

*Jesus was taken up to sit at the right side of God, and he was given the Holy Spirit, just as the Father had promised. Jesus is also the one who has given the Spirit to us, and that's what you are now seeing and hearing.*

- Acts 2:33

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we are taking a break from our series on the characters of the Old Testament to celebrate Pentecost. Children will hear the story of what happened at Pentecost as well as learn that they too can have the Holy Spirit in them.

Our primary aged children will be enjoying the launch of Kids Church Online. Please join us this Sunday at 9:30am on Oaktree's YouTube page. While the material is aimed at primary aged children, Acorns are welcome to join in as well.

Blessings,  
Jess

### Supplies

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- Children's Bible
- Fan (either electrical or folded from paper)
- Coloured streamers, ribbon or paper
- Sticky tape or stapler
- Scissors

### Craft

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Below are two craft activities themed around Pentecost. If your children enjoy crafts these can be used in today's story time.

#### *Wind and Fire Streamers*

Find paper, ribbon, or streamers in white, blue, yellow, orange, and red. Cut these into 20 – 30 cm long strips. If you don't have paper, ribbon or streamers in these colours' children can colour white paper strips. The red, yellow and orange strips are to make the fire streamer and the blue and white are to make the wind streamer. Use sticky tape or a stapler to join the strips together at the bottom to create the two streamers. Children can then play and dance with their streamers and use them during the worship and story time.

#### *Tongues of Fire Head Band*

Using strips of paper make a headband that can wrap around the top of your child's head. To make it long enough you can attach multiple strips together using sticky tape or a stapler.

Using either the flame template below or drawing your own flame, help your children to decorate their flame using colours associated with fire. Attach the flame to the front of the head band.

## **Worship**

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Please spend some time enjoying your children's favourite worship songs. It would be lovely for them to use instruments or their craft in their worship of God. As we celebrate Pentecost this week a great song to sing is: Holy Spirit fills me up.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P\\_MYrHdoVZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_MYrHdoVZE)

## **Prayer**

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For your time of prayer, you are going to be praying through the colours of the rainbow. Last week we prayed for things that were the same colour as our clothing. This week get your children to think of 7 things they can pray for, one for each colour of the rainbow. It can be as simple as thanking God for the yellow sun and the green grass. As they make their way through each colour it will hopefully remind them of the Noah story which we looked at earlier this term.

## **Story Time**

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Settle into a comfy spot in your home with your children for story time (with your craft if your child made one.)

After Jesus had defeated death at Easter he spent some time with his friends. But it was time for Jesus to go back to Heaven to be with his Father. Jesus' friends were sad that their friend was leaving to go home.

*Have your children show you their best sad face and how they would wave goodbye to a friend that they don't want to leave.*

Jesus told his friends "Don't be sad, I am sending you something very special so I can always be with you." The disciples were very excited. Jesus went to heaven and his friends waited. They waited and then waited some more.

*Ask your children if it is fun to wait? When you have to wait a long time do you ever wonder if it will come at all?*

While Jesus' friends were waiting something AMAZING happened! There was a really loud noise like a strong wind.

*Children stand in front of the fan or be fanned with paper fan. Encourage them to make their loudest wind noise.*

Then all these little flames came down and rested just above their heads. These were special flames, they weren't hot and they didn't hurt Jesus' friends. These special flames were the Holy Spirit!

*Children can place their hands on their heads and wriggle their fingers to represent the flames on Jesus' friend's heads. If your child made a flame headband they can put it on here.*

Lots of people came running to see what had happened. They had heard the loud wind. And then something else AMAZING happened. The Holy Spirit helped Jesus' friends talk in lots of different languages so everyone could understand what they were saying.

How would you react if you saw this happen? Some of the people who saw this happen weren't sure what was going on and others thought it was amazing.

*Have your children show you their best confused face and then their best amazed one. You can also show your children's yours.*

Peter, one of Jesus' friends stood up in front of all the people. He told them again what Jesus had done and all about God's great rescue plan for everyone. When people heard what Peter said, they believed in Jesus and then they also received the Holy Spirit.

I know waiting is hard, but Jesus' friends had to wait and wait. The good news is that we don't have to wait! YAY. When we believe in Jesus he gives us the Holy Spirit so that He is always with us.

*Jump up and down, move your streamers in celebration that we can have the Holy Spirit now.*

*Optional Pentecost Colouring-in Page*

At the end of this document there is also a Pentecost colouring page.



