

Year 3 Home Learning

RE - Churches

To understand how the early Christian church began.

This week, you will be researching the early Christian church and how it began. You will look at what happened after Jesus died and rose again and how that impacted the people that knew him.

Your final task will be to create a presentation, demonstrating all that you have found out.

1. Have a look at the first RE Project document about Pentecost and the symbols of the Holy Spirit. Make some notes as you go through (to help you make your presentation) and have a go at the challenges throughout:

Challenge 1: tell the story of Pentecost to someone in your house in no more than 1 minute.

Challenge 2: design your own symbol for the Holy Spirit, using the story of Pentecost to help you justify your creation.

2. Have a look at second RE Project document about how the early church spread and its features. Make some notes as you read (to help you make your presentation) and have a go at the challenges throughout:

Challenge 1: draw a quick picture of Peter and create a mind map of things you know about him.

Challenge 2: make a note of the key features of the early church.

3. Watch the Loom video of the story of Saul, 'A New Way to See' from the Jesus Storybook Bible. Make some notes about Saul's life and how it was changed by his encounter with God. How was the early church impacted by Saul's conversion?

Presentation:

Create a presentation about the start of the early Christian church. You could use PowerPoint, draw pictures and write captions, record a news report, write a newspaper article... there are so many options!

Use the things that you have already found out about to help you: the story of Pentecost, symbols of the Holy Spirit, the key people involved in the start of the church (and how the Holy Spirit links to this) and the features of the early church. Here are some other things to think about that you might like to include:

- A storyboard to show the story of Pentecost or the story of Peter or Paul.
- A timeline of events - can you do some further research into the timings of when the early church started?
- Your own symbol of the Holy Spirit, justified using the story of Pentecost.
- How Paul's (Saul) encounter with God impacted the start of the early church.
- Evaluate the impact of the early Church on today's society. Do you think the early Christians were right to keep spreading the Gospel or should they have stopped when persecuted?