



**Pentecost**

# God's Gift

After Jesus' resurrection from death, after the crucifixion, he remained among his friends and family for forty days.



Jesus gathered together the disciples, on a mountain, and told them that they would be sent a gift, which would help them with their task of spreading God's message of love.



# Waiting

While on the mountain, the clouds descended. Jesus left his disciples for the last time and ascended into heaven.



For the next ten days, the disciples would gather together to meet, talk and pray. They had no idea what this promised gift would be.



# The Gift Arrives



Suddenly, the room was filled with the sound of a violent wind! Tongues of fire appeared, separated and came to rest above each person's head, but no one was burned!

Each of the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.



# Spreading God's Message

Suddenly, the disciples realised they could speak different languages! The Holy Spirit enabled them to speak different languages and they were amazed!



# The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The disciples were talking away and their voices carried out into the streets. Jerusalem was full of people from many different countries at that time and they were amazed to realise that they could understand what the disciples were saying in their own language.

Peter appeared and spoke to the people:



# The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The disciples were talking away and their voices carried out into the streets. Jerusalem was full of Jews and all who were in Jerusalem.

they were saying, "Fellow Jews and all who are in Jerusalem. Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead. You must all repent and be baptised for the forgiveness of your sins, then you too will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!"

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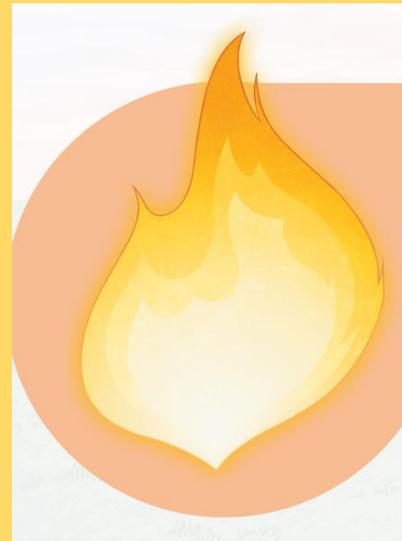


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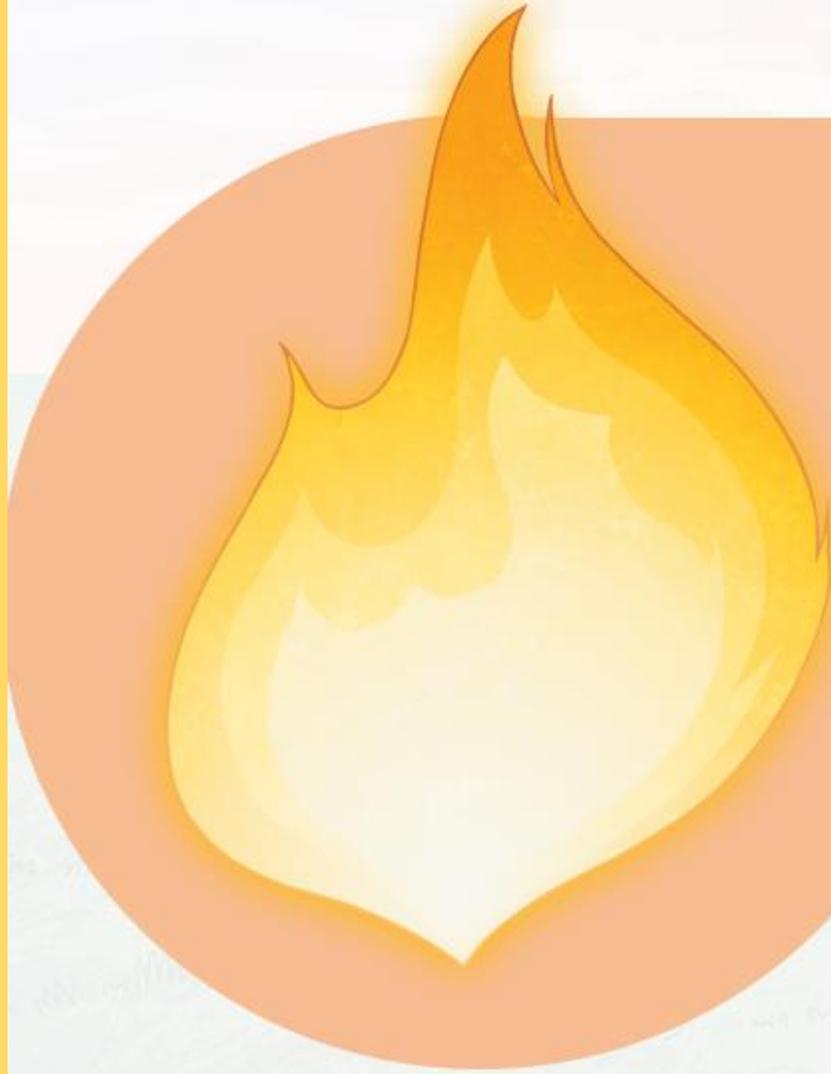
Tell the story of Pentecost to someone in your house in no more than 1 minute!

# Symbols of the Holy Spirit

How could these be symbols of the Holy Spirit? Can you suggest meanings for them?



# Fire



When the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, flames appeared on their head as a sign they were filled with the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit. This energy would help them in the work ahead, teaching others about Jesus and encouraging more followers.

# Wind

When the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples, it arrived with a great wind rushing through the room.

The symbol of the wind also represents the breath of God breathing new life into the Church.



# A Dove

When Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan, a dove appeared. The dove was a physical sign of God's presence.

The dove also represents God bringing peace to mankind through Jesus and his sacrifice.



# Challenge!

Can you create your own symbol for the Holy Spirit? You need to be able to justify your creation using the story of Pentecost.