

# Pentecost



Bright  
Sparks

IGNITE

DNA

# Introduction

- ▶ Some of these resources are adapted from the [energize.net.uk](http://energize.net.uk) website and are used with permission.
- ▶ In this session, we are going to be thinking about Pentecost - the Bible story when the disciples received the Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised them before leaving Earth.
- ▶ The session has a number of activities designed to be carried out together as a family and is suitable for all ages of children and young people.
- ▶ Any materials you need should be found in your house and should not require you to go anywhere.
- ▶ Enjoy, and God bless you as you use these resources at home.
- ▶ So let's begin as we always do....Hands up for news time!

# NEWS TIME!



SHARE YOUR NEWS  
OF THE WEEK



WHAT DO YOU WANT  
TO THANK GOD FOR?



HOW HAS SOMEONE  
HELPED YOU?

# Game - Moving statues



- ▶ One person makes a statue pose of being bored. The other members of your family have three moves to make the statue appear excited.
- ▶ For example if someone stood with their arms by their side one of your moves could be to raise their arms in the air. You could also change facial expressions or the posture of the person (bending down/standing up/sitting).
- ▶ Take turns to be the statue and the sculptors.
- ▶ Have a go at the following transformations
  - ▶ Bored - Excited
  - ▶ Sad - Happy
  - ▶ Worried - Brave
  - ▶ Angry - Laughing
  - ▶ Weak - Powerful



# Bible Story - Pentecost

- ▶ Can you remember what Jesus promised the disciples before He went back to heaven? We learnt about this story in the week “Jesus goes to Heaven”.
- ▶ He said they should wait for the Holy Spirit to come and it would give them power.
- ▶ In today’s story we will learn about when the Holy Spirit arrived, and you need to listen really carefully and do some actions every time you hear certain words in the story.
- ▶ The words and their actions are:
  - ▶ Disciples (Jesus’ friends) - put your arm round someone else
  - ▶ Wind - make a rushing “shhhh” wind sound
  - ▶ Flame - hold your hands up and wiggle your fingers like flames of a fire
  - ▶ Holy Spirit - flap your hands back to back (a bit like miming a butterfly)
  - ▶ Language - say a word in another language or just go “blah blah blah”.

# Bible Story - Pentecost

“It was the time of the Feast of Pentecost. This was a Jewish festival and Jesus’s **disciples** decided that they would celebrate together. Jesus had gone back to Heaven but before He left he told the **disciples** to stay in Jerusalem and wait to see what God would do next. There were about 120 followers of Jesus in the room all praying to God.

Suddenly, as they were praying, they heard a sound like a mighty rushing **wind**.”

“Then **flames**, like tongues of fire, came into the room. One **flame** landed on each person. But it wasn't a real fire because it didn't burn anything.”

“The **disciples** had been filled with the **Holy Spirit**. They all felt extremely excited and positive. They knew that all they wanted to do was to tell people about Jesus; that He had died to forgive people for their sin, and that He was alive again, and that the **Holy Spirit** could help people to understand Jesus' teaching.

The **disciples** opened their mouths to speak, but they all found they were talking in different **languages**, **languages** they had never learned.”

“The **disciples** ran into the street and started talking about Jesus.

There was a crowd, because some people had heard the **wind** and others had heard the sound of the **disciples** all shouting together.

# Bible Story - Pentecost

The crowd came from all over the world. What amazed them was that the **disciples** were talking in so many **languages** - no matter how far away the visitor had come from they could hear one of the **disciples** talking his **language** perfectly. And yet it was obvious that the **disciples** were all men from Galilee - poor men who had never travelled and wouldn't have had the chance to learn foreign **languages**.

But some men laughed at the **disciples** and said that they must be drunk.

Peter stood up and shouted loudly:”

“ Men! We aren't drunk - it's only 9:00 in the morning! We have been filled with the **Holy Spirit**. Jesus, who you crucified a few weeks ago, was God's son - you know it: you heard Him preach and you saw His miracles. But you crucified Him. However, He has been raised from the dead by God, and now He is in Heaven because He is God!

The people were amazed and called out, ‘What must we do?’”

“You must decide to no longer live for yourself and your own selfish ways, but instead live for doing things God ways and follow Jesus,' Peter said. And that day thousands of people did just that! These were the first new Christians.”

# Discussion - Amazing transformation

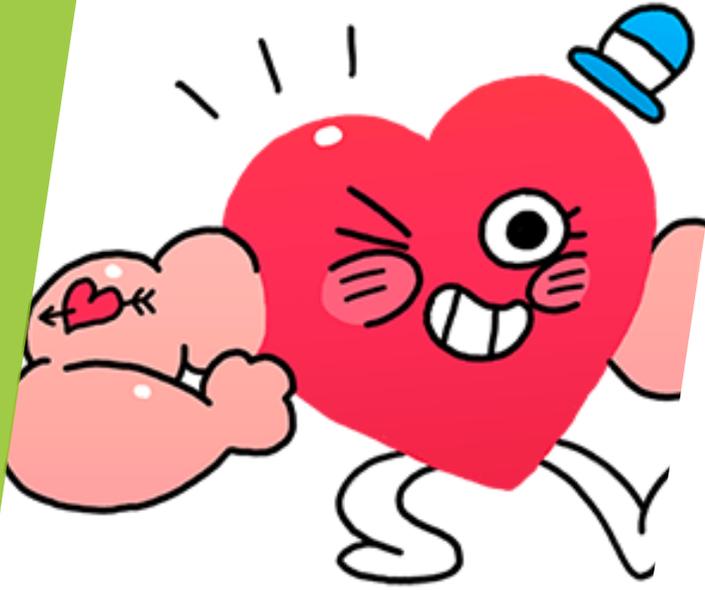
Pick and choose any of the questions below you want to discuss in your family.

- ▶ Who was in today's story?
- ▶ How do you think the disciples felt at the start of the story?
- ▶ Why was there a sound of a rushing wind?
- ▶ Why did flames of fire appear over the heads of the disciples?
- ▶ Jesus said the Holy Spirit would give the disciples power - what power did it give them?
- ▶ Why did they need to speak in other languages?
- ▶ If you were in the crowd, how do you think you would have reacted?
- ▶ Have you ever had an amazing transformation, such as changing your feelings or opinion about something, or changing the way you act in a certain situation?
- ▶ Will all of this happen to us if we ask for God to give us His Holy Spirit today?



# Prayer - Be Bold! Be Strong!

- ▶ The Holy Spirit helps us to be bold, to be brave and to dare to do what is right.
- ▶ Stand in your best bold and powerful pose (I'm thinking superhero stance).
- ▶ Shout out prayers completing the sentence "help me to be bold when....."
  
- ▶ You might know the song "Be Bold! Be Strong!" Why not sing it together.





# Creative time

Have a go at one or more of the activities below:

- ▶ Draw a picture of today's story
- ▶ Make a flame headband (see photo below) using cardboard/paper/tissue paper. You can find templates online if you need one.
- ▶ Complete the wordsearch I've created - go to <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1208942/> to play online, download or print
- ▶ Learn about Wycliffe Bible Translators, whose mission is to translate the Bible into every language in the world ([www.wycliffe.org.uk](http://www.wycliffe.org.uk))



# Memory Verse

- ▶ Today's memory verse is:

*“You will have power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” Acts 1:8*

- ▶ Create some actions to do when you say the memory verse, or use the suggested actions below.
- ▶ *You will* - point to someone else
- ▶ *Have power when* - strongman pose/flex muscles
- ▶ *The Holy Spirit* - put hands back to back and fan up and down (a bit like a butterfly action)
- ▶ *Comes upon you* - hands on head then move hands down your body until touching toes
- ▶ *Acts 1:8* - 1 finger then 8 fingers

# Reflection

- ▶ What did you learn about in the story today?
- ▶ What was your favourite part of today's session?
- ▶ How can you be brave and bold this week?

- ▶ Prayer to end:

Thank you, God for our time together learning about Pentecost and when the Holy Spirit was first given to the disciples. Please help us to be brave and bold by the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for loving us and caring for us. AMEN!

## Something extra:

- ▶ Create one or more “God’s Holy Spirit will help me to be brave and bold when....” cards and place them as reminds. For example if you’re learning to ride a bike stick a card saying “God’s Holy Spirit will help me be brave and bold when I’m learning to ride my bike” on your handlebars.