

Sunday School Sunday after Ascension MAY 2020

Read or Listen to the story on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/1pWcQ47bFzY>

With the sound of a whirlwind it came, rushing into the house where the followers of Jesus were gathered. There was a commotion and flames as the Holy Spirit came, resting on each of the disciples like a tongue of fire. As it whooshed into the room, the Spirit filled them all with foreign languages, and the disciples spoke in words they didn't understand. Inspired, and with words gushing out of them, they went out into the streets. It was the festival of Pentecost and Jerusalem was full of Jews from all over the world. When the disciples came out into the street, the crowds heard them speaking the message of Jesus in their own languages. They were amazed. 'How can this be?' they asked. 'All the followers of Jesus are from Galilee, but we can hear their message loud and clear in words we understand.' Not everyone was impressed, though. Some listeners sneered, 'These people are drunk.' Peter, still filled to overflowing with the Spirit's power, stood up in front of all the people. 'We are not drunk,' he said. 'It's only nine in the morning. No, you are seeing and hearing what the prophet Joel spoke about in the Old Testament.' Peter continued: 'Joel said, "God will pour his Spirit on all people; children will prophesy and adults will see holy visions. The Spirit is for everyone, men, women and children; there will be signs in heaven and on earth, and these will be the last days. Everyone who calls on the Lord's name shall be saved.'" Like a fiery whirlwind it came, and the Spirit breathed new life into the followers of Jesus.

Sunday School Activities:

Translate 10 mins **W**

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Explore other languages

You will need: access to the internet – a smartphone is enough.

Explain that in today's story, the followers of Jesus suddenly spoke in many languages when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. This meant that the visitors to Jerusalem from other countries could understand them as they spoke. Today we have apps and websites that can help us to translate other languages.

Ask one child to pick a phrase and put it into an online translation service. Ask another child to choose a language and see what the phrase turns into. Encourage everyone to repeat the phrase in the new language. Now ask for another volunteer to select a different language and repeat the process. After several translations, go back to English and see if it's still the same.

Repeat with other phrases.

Make Holy Spirit headbands 10 mins E

Create a story reminder

You will need: strips of card, stapler, red, yellow and orange tissue paper, scissors, glue.

- The Holy Spirit appeared as flames on the believers' heads.
- Join strips of card together to make a band to fit around each child's head and help them staple it together.
- Ask the children to cut flame shapes out of the coloured tissue paper and glue them to the headband

Paint a Picture:

you will need paints, paper, paint brushes

close your eyes and listen to one of the songs below- think about the story.

Now paint what you thought of whilst you were listening to the music

• **Sing**

Under 5s

[Holy Spirit fills me up](#), Brendon Clancy on *Songs to worship God'* [Words and chords](#)

Father, we adore you

Under 12s

[Holy Spirit to the rescue](#), Rod Huckney

[Holy Spirit](#), Brentwood Benson on *Worship together kids*

Youth Division:

- **How many different languages can you say hello in. Make a list**
- **Let it flow! 10 mins E**

If possible, arrange the young people into two teams; alternatively, all work together to complete this challenge. Give each group a container of water at one end of your space, and an empty container at the other end. Give the groups a number of lengths of guttering, or plastic tubes, and challenge them to work together to transport the water along the pipes from the full container to the empty one without spilling it.

Work of art 15 mins ES

Provide a large sheet of card and assorted art and craft materials, and ask the young people to work together to create a collage with the title 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people'. Give them freedom to create as they wish before putting the completed work of art on display.

[Our God](#), Brentwood Benson on *Worship together kids anthem series*

The Spirit lives to set us free