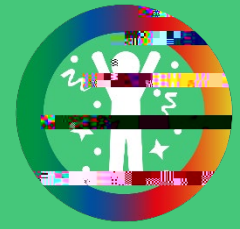




Faith Adventures for Children Together



Committed to URC Children Together:
enabling everyone to grow more like Jesus
together in the home, church and beyond.

For guidance on the purpose of the resource and how to use it as a launch pad for your engagement with children and families, please use this link:
<https://urc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/FACT-how-to-sheet.pdf>

Acts 2: 1 -14 Pentecost

Theme: Celebrate God: here, now, and always

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Introduction: What would be helpful to know in my planning?

Today we are looking at the feast of Pentecost. In Jesus' time it was a big harvest celebration (called The Feast of Wheat) when people would celebrate bringing in the wheat from the fields. It was

help them in their work of bringing people to God. This had also been prophesied in the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-29)

Jesus' followers were surely upset that Jesus had ascended into heaven and left them, but the coming of the Holy Spirit filled their hearts with joy and focus. Sometimes, even when we are feeling sad, we can be helped by the Holy Spirit.

this is the day that the disciples started preaching to other people about Jesus. That is why we are celebrating today.



Experience

For this story we recommend using the Children's International Bible

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A+1-12&version=ICB>

Where can I find the story online?

For under fives by Saddleback Kids <https://youtu.be/OMQKy1Mx49M>

David Suchet reads the story from the Jesus Storybook Bible <https://youtu.be/yezAI2zg0Bo>

Songs to support the story

For under fives: No More Waiting, by John Hardwick <https://youtu.be/FEyyJuZxIHk> _or
<https://youtu.be/aAQMZYtzeHal>

Older children: Blowing Wind And Tongues Of Flame, Bob Hartmann <https://youtu.be/3VyjpsFPF-I>

Explore

Ideas and activities to explore this week's Bible passage together

A new story to share

The passage ends with the words of the people who saw what happened at the first Pentecost; they were heard to ask "What does this mean?". We have written a reflective poem about what difference the Holy Spirit makes in our lives. Perhaps the group could write their own reflections too:

Pentecost means never really feeling alone
When you are sat on your own, all alone in your room
Knowing that Jesus said, 'I shall be with you'
And the Holy Spirit says 'You are not alone
I am with you, Here, now and always'.

Pentecost means comfort when you are afraid
When things in your life are making you feel wobbly and scared
Knowing that Jesus said, 'I shall be with you'
And the Holy Spirit says 'Don't be afraid
I am with you, Here, now and always'.

Pentecost means clear understanding
When you feel confused and not sure of the way
Knowing that Jesus said, 'I shall be with you'
And the Holy Spirit says 'I will guide you
I am with you, Here, now and always'.

Pentecost means peace in your heart
When life is busy and loud and leaves you feeling anxious
Knowing that Jesus said, 'I shall be with you'
And the Holy Spirit says 'Peace, be calm
I am with you, Here, now and always'.

Pentecost means God within us
When you know that you are a friend of God
Knowing that Jesus said, 'I shall be with you'
And the Holy Spirit says 'We are in this together
I am with you, Here, now and always'.





Everyday with Jesus – Walking the Way

What could we do this week to carry on what we've learned? Maybe members of the group could come up with a suggestion. If not, get them to choose from these two challenges:

- x Go outside and look for signs that the wind is acting on the world around you. Is it a gentle breeze or a strong blustery wind? What proof do you have that it is there? Do you think that wind is a good image for God's Holy Spirit?
 - x When the disciples were given the Holy Spirit as a helper, they weren't afraid any more and spoke to everyone about what God had done. Can you find someone to talk to about God's gifts?
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We hope you enjoyed exploring the story of Pentecost with us.

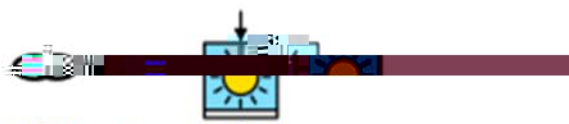
Please let us know what you liked or what you would find useful by emailing lorrainewebb@urc.org.uk

Why not have a look at next month's resources on Journeys?





Jesus our friend



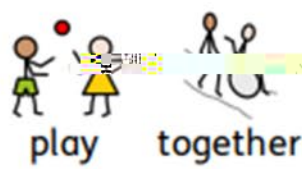
be with us today



as we share together



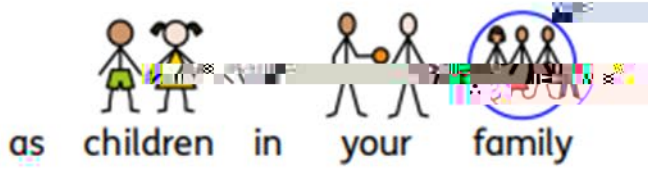
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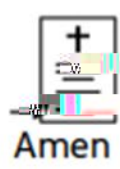
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and get to know you better



as children in your family



Amen

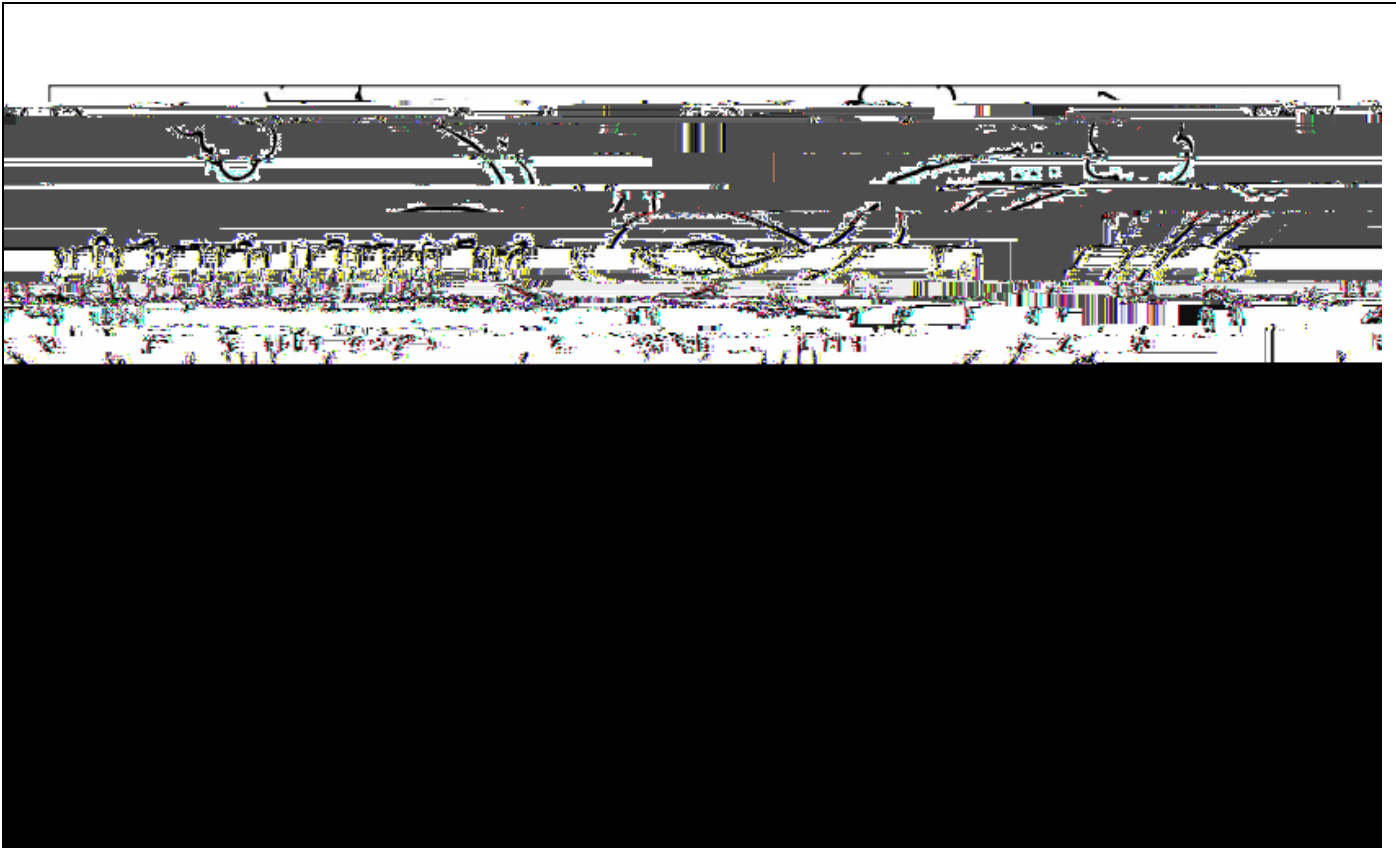


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