

Zion Children

Sunday School @ 9:45am Sunday Mornings via Zoom

Children's Sunday School with Kim Ridenour meets at 9:45am Sunday mornings via Zoom. Join us as we continue our "Sermon on the Mount Series." Join us at <https://zoom.us/join> or by calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 865 7471 1577 and Passcode: YouthSS. For more information, visit <https://zionreformed.church/children> or contact Kim Ridenour at miskim@myactv.net or the Church Office at 301.739.7244, or visit <https://zionreformed.church/children>.



Sunday Worship @ 11am in-person or virtually at
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Hearing God's Word:



Today in church our scripture theme tells us about God's gift of the Holy Spirit to comfort us in our Epistle Lesson, Acts 2:1-21. Other scriptures we will be thinking about at church this week include Genesis 1:26-31 and John 3:15-21.

Acts 2: 1-4, 16-21

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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages. ¹⁶ But Joel the prophet wrote about what is happening here today: ¹⁷ 'God says: In the last days I will give my Spirit freely to all kinds of people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions. ¹⁸ At that time I will give my Spirit even to my servants, both men and women. And they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show miracles in the sky and on the earth: blood, fire and thick smoke. ²⁰ The sun will become dark. The moon will become red as blood. And then the great and glorious day of the Lord will come. ²¹ Then anyone who asks the Lord for help will be saved.'

Family Discussion:

A Question for Adults to ask Children:

What does this story teach us about what the Holy Spirit is like?

It must have been amazing to experience the Holy Spirit at Pentecost – the arrival is described as a strong wind and the Holy Spirit appeared like flames on people's heads. The story also tells us a lot about what it is like to be filled with the Holy Spirit and the different gifts that the Holy Spirit can give us. People spoke in many languages, Peter received wisdom and the ability to teach and share clearly. Peter also spoke about the promises that God had made to the prophet Joel – that the Holy Spirit would give people the gifts of prophecy and was available to all kinds of people.

A Question for Children to ask Adults:

Can you share a time when you experienced the Holy Spirit at work?

A Prayer to Say Together:

Dear God,

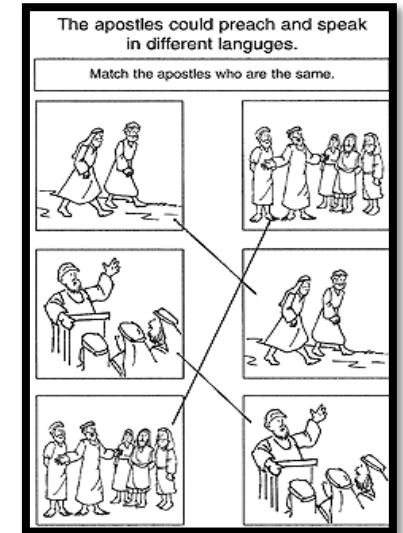
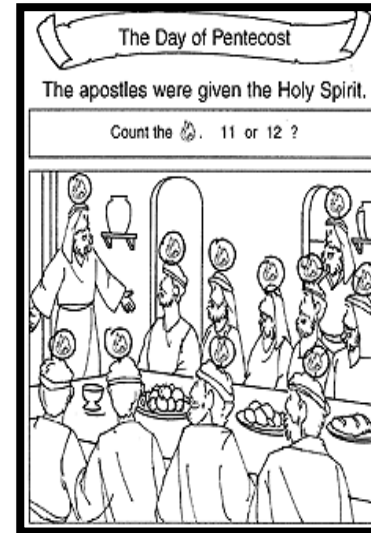
Thank You for the story of Pentecost! Thank You that you did not leave us alone on our mission for you, but that You sent a helper, the Holy Spirit. Thank You for the wonderful gifts of the Spirit which help us to live for You and to share Your love with others.

We ask that just like at Pentecost that people today would see Your Spirit at work in Your church and come to know You.

Amen.



Answer Key:





Family Activities:

Here are some activities you can do together as a family and discussion ideas to explore God's word together.

Family Activity 1:



You will need: Card, pens, glue/tape, any craft materials you have around the house.

Create your fire crowns and remember the fire that appeared on the heads of Jesus' friends. Use anything you have around the house to make them – cereal boxes are ideal to make your crowns and any red, orange or yellow paper or packaging could be used for the flames.

Family Activity 2:

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit filled Jesus' friends and they were suddenly able to speak in many languages. The people in Jerusalem were amazed that they could all understand what they were hearing about the "great things that God had done" in their own languages. Play a game of charades with your family – can you pass on a message without using any words at all? Act out a favourite book or film title for others to guess without using any words. Younger children might find it easier to act out being a favourite animal and making animal sounds to help you guess.



Knowing Our Helper:



We can call on the Holy Spirit to help us as we live for God each day. The Holy Spirit is a helper for all those who love and live for God, no matter their age. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can become more like Jesus – showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness – we call these the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5). The Holy Spirit can also equip us with gifts and talents such as teaching, prophesying, healing, and serving (1 Corinthians 12).

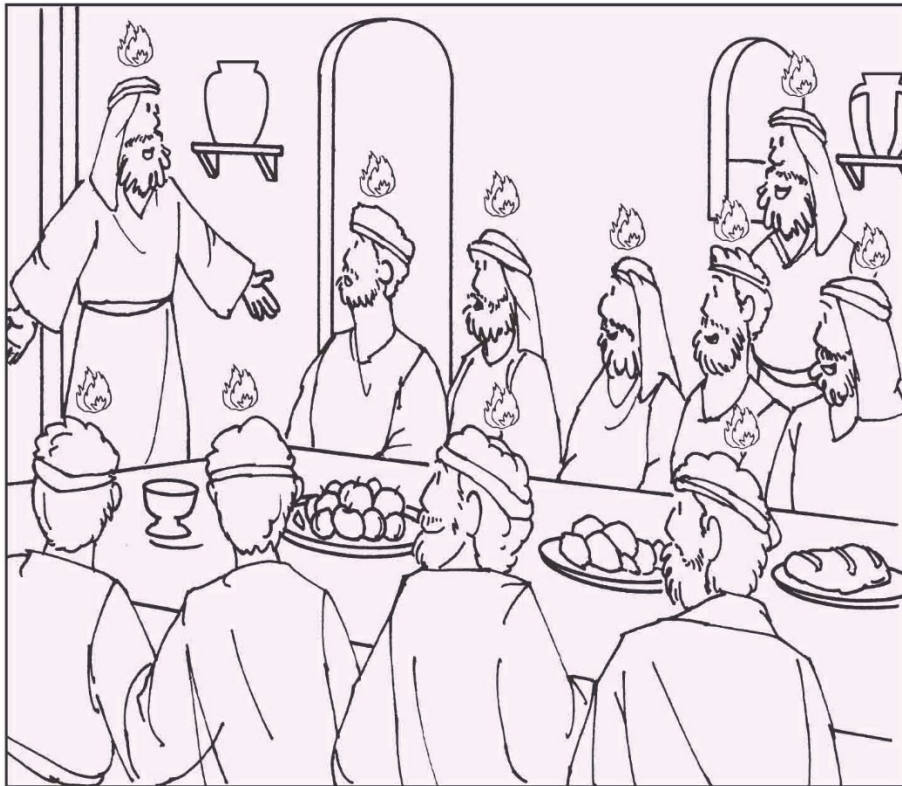
Ages 3+

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The Day of Pentecost

The apostles were given the Holy Spirit.

Count the 🔥. 11 or 12 ?



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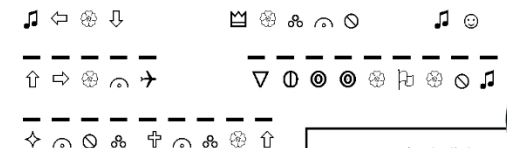
Puzzle Sheet

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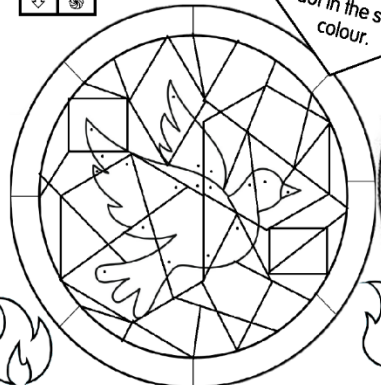
Draw your own picture of what you think Pentecost might have been like?

Can you use the code to reveal the message?

a	b	c	d	e	f
g	h	i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v	w	x
y	z				



Colour the stained-glass window... colour all the shapes with a dot in the same colour.



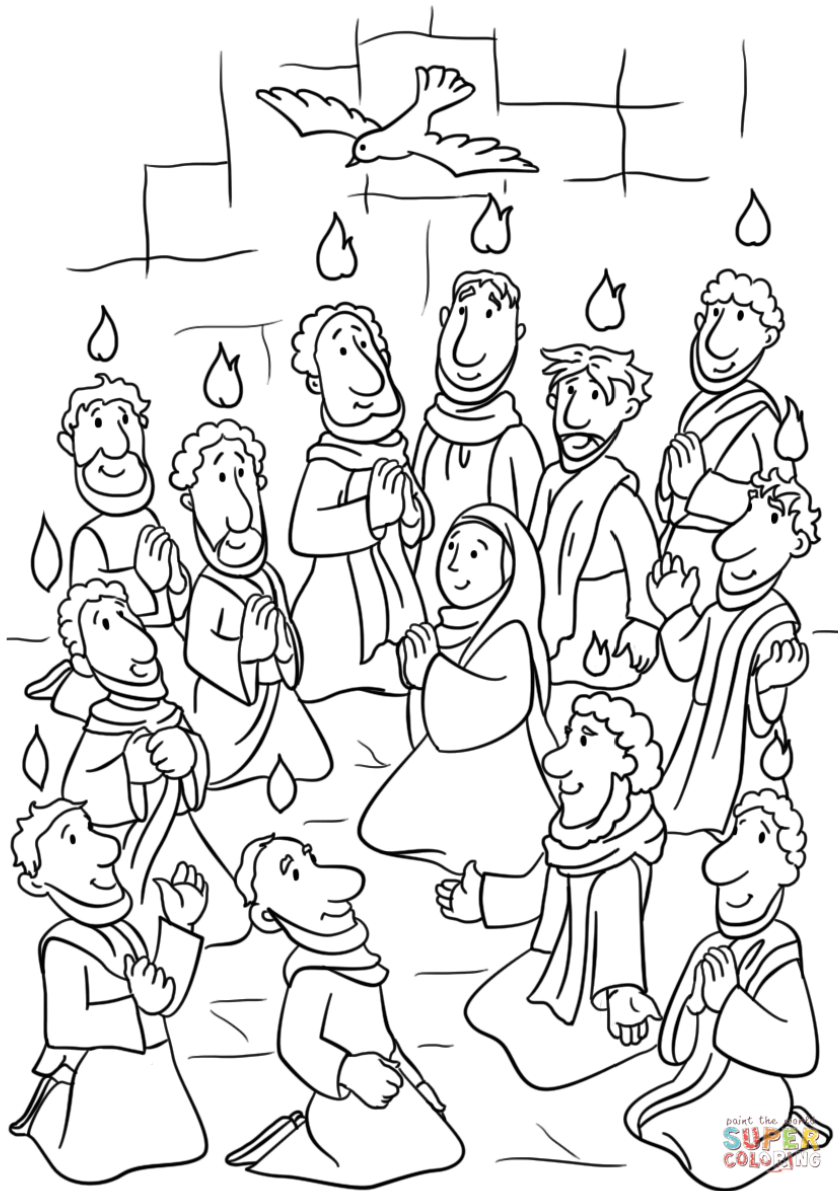
Can you find all these Pentecost related words in the word search?

- wind
- fire
- Peter
- heaven
- Pentecost
- Jerusalem
- Holy Spirit
- disciples
- languages
- flames

There are 10 flames hidden on the page.

The apostles could preach and speak
in different languages.

Match the apostles who are the same.



The people were amazed and asked ...



Circle the words.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN

L W H A T
J D O E S
K T H I S
M E A N R

Peter told the people, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Connect the dots.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P

