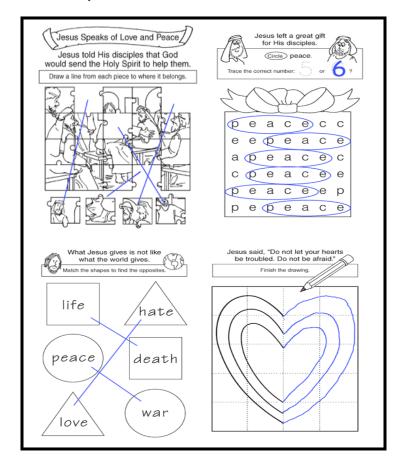
#### **Answer Key:**



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Sunday School resumes September 11<sup>th</sup>!

## Zion Pre-School Bulletin

June 5, 2022 (Year C) \* Pentecost Sunday (Ages 3+)

### **Hearing God's Word:**

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day in which we commemorate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to us. It is also the day recognized as the birthday of the Christian church. Our gospel lesson is John 14:8-27. Other scripture readings for this week include Acts 2:1-21 and Psalm 104:24-34 and 35b.

### The Helper

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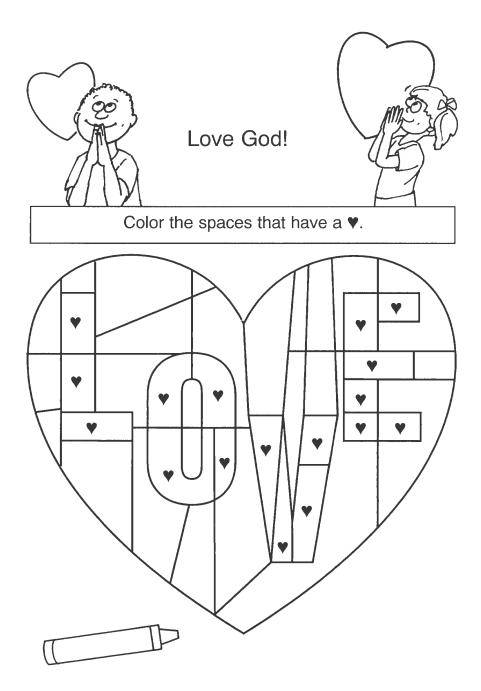
<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us God. That is all we need." <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "I have been with you a long time now. Do



you still not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen God. So why do you say, 'Show us God'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am God and that God is in me? The words I say to you don't come from me. God lives in me, and he is doing his own work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in God and God is in me. Or believe because of the miracles I have done. <sup>12</sup> I tell you the truth. Those who believe in me will do the same things that I do. They will do even greater things than these because I am going to God. <sup>13</sup> And if you ask for anything in my name, I will do it for you. Then the God's glory will be shown through the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will do the things I command. <sup>16</sup> I will ask God, and God will give you another Helper. God will give you this Helper to be with you forever.

<sup>17</sup> The Helper is the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept God because it does not see or know God. But you know God. God lives with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you all alone like orphans. I will come back to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live, too. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in God. You will know that you are in me and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Those who know my commands and obeys them is the one who loves me. And God will love those who love me. I will love those who love me and will show myself to them." <sup>22</sup> Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you plan to show yourself to us, but not to the world?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, "If anyone loves me, then they will obey my teaching. God will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Those who do not love me does not obey my teaching. This teaching that you hear is not really mine. It is from God, who sent me. <sup>25</sup> "I have told you all these things while I am with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper will teach you everything. The Helper will cause you to remember all the things I told you. This Helper is the Holy Spirit whom God will send in my name. 27 "I leave you peace. My peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So don't let your hearts be troubled. Don't be afraid.





Make a around <u>God</u>.

Make a around <u>Jesus</u>.

Make a around <u>You</u>.



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Jesus loves You.

You love God.

You love Jesus.

# Children's Moment: A Birthday Celebration

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We are going to have a celebration today! I want you to imagine that we are having a party together. A birthday celebration of sorts. Imagine that we have birthday gifts, birthday candles and balloons all around us. Today is the day that we celebrate the birthday of the Church. The day that the Church really got its start. We call it the day of

Pentecost and it's when we remember the day when God sent the Holy Spirit to God's people just as Jesus had promised that God would. Each birthday party item will help us to remember what happened in the Church on the day of Pentecost. They will also remind us that the Holy Spirit is still at work in the Church today.

Balloons can add a lot to any celebration, but, as you can see, these imaginary balloons of ours are flat and lifeless. They need to be filled. They need someone to breathe some life into them. (Now imagine that you are blowing the balloons up.) The Bible tells us that on the day of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus were all together in one place when suddenly they heard a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the whole house. A rushing wind would be similar to letting the air out of a balloon after you blow it up, before tying it. We are here today waiting for the Holy Spirit to fill this place and to breathe new life into the church of Jesus Christ.

Like any good birthday cake, we will have candles on our imaginary cake, that we will light. Can you imagine them? Imagine now that those candles are all lit on top of the birthday cake. This reminds us that on the day of Pentecost tongues of fire came and rested upon each of the people in that place and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability. Just as on the day of Pentecost, we need the Holy Spirit to come and light our fire and give us the power to do things which will bring glory to God.

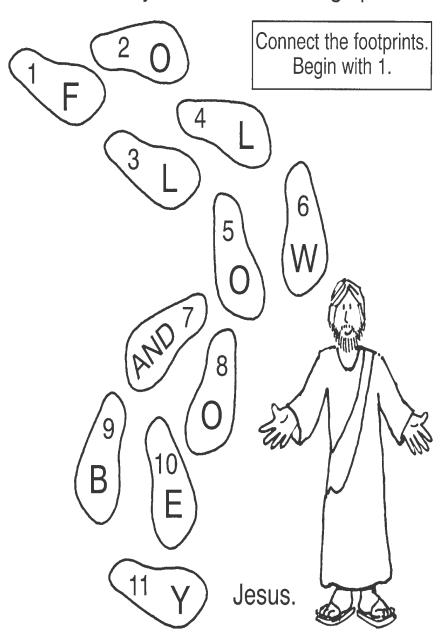
But wait, what is a birthday celebration without gifts? Can you imagine them? On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the early church the gifts of forgiveness, truth and a new life. The Holy Spirit offers those same gifts today. The Spirit leads us to truth, forgives us, and gives us a better way to live.

As we celebrate the birth of the Church, let's remember that the Holy Spirit is still alive and at work in us today, just as the Spirit was in the people of the early church.

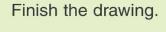


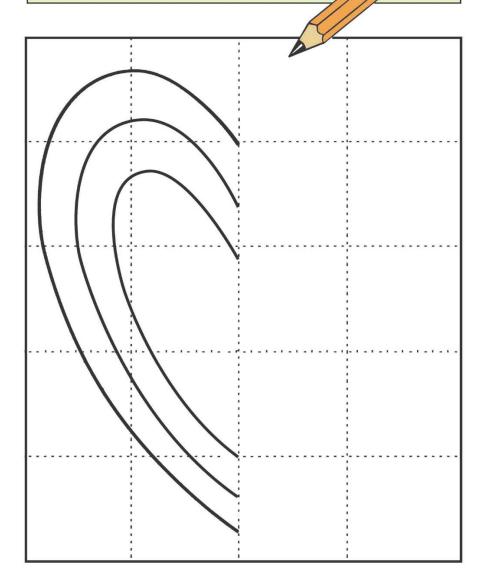
**Let Us Pray:** Dear God, we thank You for sending the Holy Spirit. Help us to remember that the Holy Spirit still fills the church with power today, just as your Helper, the Holy Spirit, did on the day of Pentecost. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Jesus wants you to do something special!



Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid."

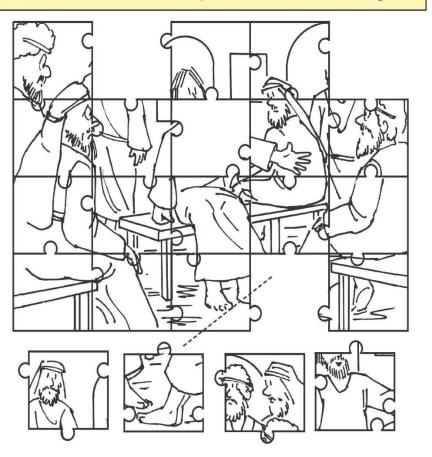






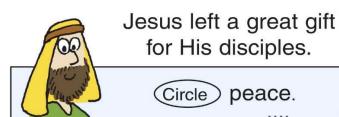
Jesus told His disciples that God would send the Holy Spirit to help them.

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