

Year A - Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2: 1-11

Matthew 27:11-54



Background The story of Pentecost is an exciting one filled with colour, light and boldness! Give the kids in your parish or community a taste of what it might have been like by turning this into an interactive story experience!

- Instructions**
- Read the story of Pentecost from scripture. It is quite a long scripture so the suggested portions would include Acts 2:1-17a, 22-24, 37-42. There is a copy of this text on the next page.
 - Make it into an interactive story experience using props to create atmosphere. Electric fans, drums and clapping sticks can remind the children of the wind. Red, yellow and orange streamers can represent the flames. The children could wear fire crowns to recall the tongues of fire that came to rest on each person.

Alternative Activity

Journey with the Encounter Catholic Kids Team as they sing, dance and craft their way through the story of Pentecost.



The coming of the Holy Spirit



On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak. Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem. And when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered. But they were surprised, because they were hearing everything in their own languages. They were excited and amazed, and said:

Don't all these who are speaking come from Galilee? Then why do we hear them speaking our very own languages? Some of us are from Parthia, Media, and Elam. Others are from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, parts of Libya near Cyrene, Rome, Crete, and Arabia. Some of us were born Jews, and others of us have chosen to be Jews. Yet we all hear them using our own languages to tell the wonderful things God has done.



Everyone was excited and confused. Some of them even kept asking each other, "What does all this mean?" Others made fun of the Lord's followers and said, "They are drunk."

Peter stood with the eleven apostles and spoke in a loud and clear voice to the crowd: Friends and everyone else living in Jerusalem, listen carefully to what I have to say! You are wrong to think that these people are drunk. After all, it is only nine o'clock in the morning. But this is what God told the prophet Joel to say, "When the last days come, I will give my Spirit to everyone!"

Now, listen to what I have to say about Jesus from Nazareth. God proved he sent Jesus to you by having him work miracles, wonders, and signs. All of you know this. God had already planned and decided that Jesus would be handed over to you. So you took him and had evil men put him to death on a cross. But God set him free from death and raised him to life. Death could not hold him in its power.



When the people heard this, they were very upset. They asked Peter and the other apostles, "Friends, what should we do?"

Peter said to them, "Turn to God and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you and your children. It is for everyone our Lord God will choose, no matter where they live."

Peter told them many other things as well. Then he said, "I beg you to save yourselves from what will happen to all these evil people." On that day about 3,000 believed his message and were baptized. They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.

Acts 2:1-17a, 22-24, 37-42.