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Pentecost

Today you are going find out about Pentecost; why it was so important to the Early Church and to us today.

We are asking you to 'check-out' some bible passages and some video clips to introduce you to Pentecost. You will read about the impact of the Holy Spirit, who came with power upon the believers in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost giving them courage to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to a hostile crowd.

If Pentecost is new to you, we pray that your minds and eyes will be opened like the people walking with Jesus on the Emmaus Road (**Luke 24:13-35**). If you already know something about Pentecost, we pray that you will go deeper as you read the familiar texts. Whatever your starting point, we are praying that you will meet the risen Jesus in a new and fresh way; may His promised Holy Spirit inspire and embolden you as it did his followers back then.

You will need:

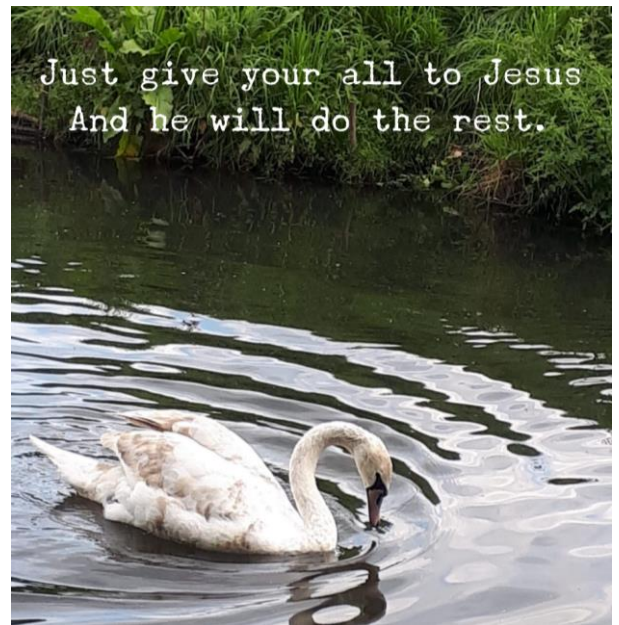
Your bible, note book and pen.

Your phone or media device on which to watch videos clips.

Opening prayer (for you to pray):

Lord may your Holy Spirit come now to encourage and to inspire me. Give me wisdom to find out more about you and to grow my relationship with you today.

Amen.



Getting started

Here are a selection of images/symbols.



Questions

1. What is the meaning of the word Pentecost?
2. Which of the symbols above are linked to Pentecost?
3. In a single sentence explain what is the Holy Spirit.
4. Write down 5 things you already know about Pentecost.



Bible Reading



Now **read** about the first Pentecost in **Acts 2:1 - 13**

Watch the YouTube clip below:

The Day of Pentecost - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLa-lj0zCGg>

Scripture References:

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1-3



Questions

- ✚ What did they hear?
- ✚ How did they react?
- ✚ What difference do you think being filled with the Holy Spirit made to Jesus' followers?

What words best describe how Peter changed from **Peter before** being filled with the Holy Spirit to **Peter after being filled**? **Acts 2: 14 – 22**

For Your Information:

PENTECOST

- At Pentecost the church celebrates the **gift of the Holy Spirit from Jesus** to his disciples and followers gathering in Jerusalem.
- For this reason it is regarded as the birth of the Christian church and the start of its mission to spread the Good News of Jesus across in the world. **(Acts 1:8)**.
- At the first Pentecost the disciples and followers of Jesus were gathered together in a house praying when the Holy Spirit suddenly descended on them.
- It sounded like a very strong wind, and looked like tongues of fire coming down from Heaven.
- They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.
- The Holy Spirit is the third part of the **Trinity** of **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**.
- Symbol of the Trinity:



Did you know:

- Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called **Shavuot**.
- The word means fiftieth (50) because this Jewish festival of Shavuot takes place 50 days after the Jewish festival of Passover (Easter).
- It is said that a large number of people were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate, what they considered to be, a very important Jewish festival.

The Pentecost symbols: These are also the symbols of the Holy Spirit and include:

Flames



White dove



Very strong wind
(Breath of God)



Going further

Jesus promised his followers His special gift of the Holy Spirit **(Acts 1: 6-9)**.

The Holy Spirit came to them on the first day of Pentecost while they were praying and worshiping in a house in Jerusalem.

Jesus has promised **this same gift to you and to me too !!!**

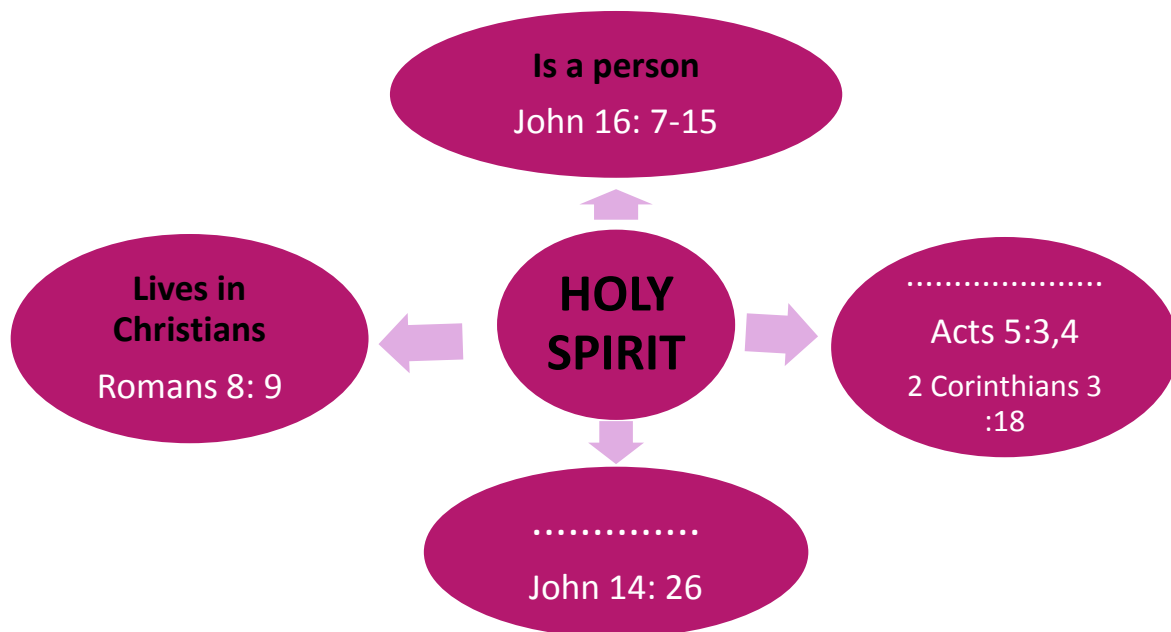


Why?

There are many reasons but put simply, we are not truly alive until we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit we cannot become the person our Creator God wants us to be. Also we cannot be empowered to realise our gifting or to witness in our communities and to *the ends of the earth*.

The Holy Spirit In Us

Look up the **bible references below** and discover what they say about the Holy Spirit. Use the information to **complete** relationship graphics in your note book as shown below.



Readings	The Holy Spirit
<i>John 16:7-15</i>	Is a person
<i>Romans 8:v 9</i>	Lives in Christians
<i>John 14:26</i>	
<i>Acts 5:3,4, 2 Corinthians 3:18</i>	
<i>Acts 1:8</i>	
<i>Acts 13:2</i>	
<i>Galatians 5: 22-23</i>	Changes Lives
<i>1 Corinthians 12: 7-11</i>	

Reflection

Christianity is about having life in all its fullness (**Romans 8:1**). When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour the Holy Spirit enters our lives. This means that God is with us all the time, working in and through us guiding, gifting, enabling and empowering us to achieve amazing (immeasurable) things.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit changed and empowered the Early Church. We will see examples of this as we study **Acts** in more detail over the coming weeks. The Holy Spirit can do the same for **you and for me**.



Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...

Now, **listen** to **Andy Croft (Soul Survivor)** explaining all this and more in his **YouTube video talk**. Listen in sections if necessary.

[E13 | Andy Croft | God Speaks Today | The Holy Spirit - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X46m2rVhEwc)

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Prayer

In a time of quiet **prayer** think about how the Holy Spirit has worked, and continues to work, in your life.

Think about where and how you need the Holy Spirit to work in your life today. Offer to God your prayers for this.

Draw a Pentecost symbol like a flame and write your thoughts, your prayers on it. Pin to your wall or put inside the bible.



Songs to Inspire and to Bless You



Spirit Lead Me/Spirit Break Out [Live] – Influence Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHO8NapvKWg&list=PLF357FF0152C92FE5&index=123>

This is a Move – Brandon Lake and Tasha Cobbs – Bethel Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLkHygFqQno>

Comments

We hope you have learnt a lot from doing this.

Don't forget to give us your comments via YP email (talk to your parents), Instagram and or on Facebook. Better still, you can discuss things and give feedback to your mentor when they call you.

Bless you.

Lorraine ☺