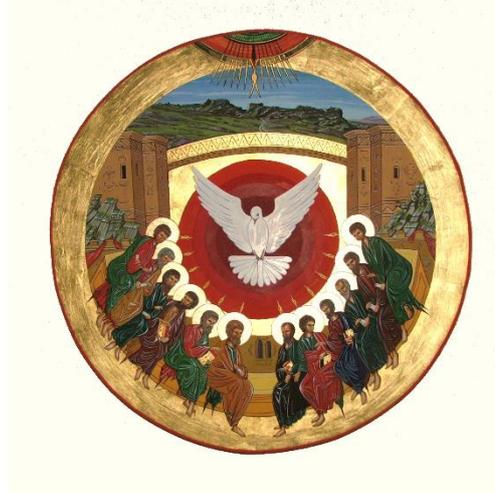


Pentecost Resources for Families and Schools



Pentecost is an important festival in the Christian calendar and is often described as the Church's birthday. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday and brings the Easter season to an end. The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word for "fiftieth".

At Pentecost Christians remember when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus, as described in Acts 2, giving them power to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations.

The colour that is most associated with Pentecost is **red**, representing the tongues of fire - that are described in Acts- which appeared above the heads of the disciples as a sign that they had received the Holy Spirit.

Resources

Story of Pentecost

Short video telling the bible story of Pentecost for children:

<https://request.org.uk/restart/2017/07/12/pentecost-2/>

Story with illustrations:

<https://request.org.uk/restart/2014/06/10/pentecost/>

What do Christians celebrate at Pentecost?

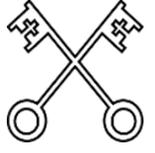
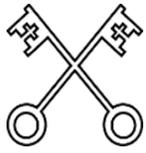
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Read the Bible account of Pentecost:

[Pentecost Bible account.docx](#)





There are also some great ideas for Pentecost worship, reflection and crafts for children and families to be found at:

- **Messy Church at Home- Pentecost** session
<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/pdf/Pentecost%20at%20home.pdf>

- **Reading Fellowship Ideas Hub**

This has a number of options for short acts of worship for the 8-11 range and for all ages....

<https://ideas.brf.org.uk/topics/pentecost>

- **Mission Bible Class resources**

Pentecost story and story background, reflection questions, lesson ideas and craft activities:

<https://missionbibleclass.org/new-testament/part2/acts-the-church-begins/sermon-at-pentecost/>

- **Barnabas in Churches**

Pentecost: Seven Signs of the Spirit, A Reflective Story

[this is a sign of god's presence in the world.pdf](#)

Ascension Crafts for children

- **Flame: Creative Children's Ministry** has a number of great ideas for Pentecost-related craft activities, including: Pentecost flames- painting with forks; Pentecost spinners; Pentecost play dough mat and Pentecost pass-the-parcel.

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Pentecost>

- **Messy Church at Home- Pentecost** session also has some great craft activities, including bunting, paint splatter flames and peace doves.

- <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/pdf/Pentecost%20at%20home.pdf>

- **Design a stained glass window to celebrate Pentecost**

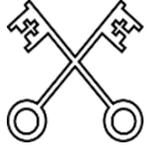
Use our stained glass window template to design your own Pentecost stained glass window.



Stained glass window template:

[Stained glass window Bradford Cathedral template.pdf](#)



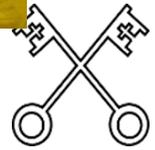
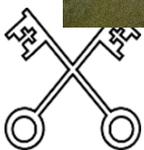


Here are pictures of some of the things we tried out for our **Messy Pentecost** at **Bradford Cathedral** in 2019.

There were flame buns and flame biscuits. The children had great fun making the flames on the biscuits!



We made flame headbands, and flame wands made from crepe paper attached to a stick:





We passed through the tunnel of flame as part of our Messy Pentecost service:



We made a Pentecost flame hoop and attached our dove prayers to it:



Happy Pentecost!

