

“THE FEAST OF PENTECOST”

Children’s liturgy activity May 23rd, 2021



VERSE FOR TODAY

**When you send forth your spirit,
they are created; and
you renew the face of the earth.
Psalms 104:30**

Gospel: John 15:26-27,16:12-15

In the gospel today, we see Jesus speaking to his disciples about the Holy Spirit, the advocate that he has promised them. He is trying to make them understand more about the Holy Spirit. Jesus says that Holy Spirit is coming from the Father in Heaven. He is the spirit of truth.

WHAT IS JESUS TELLING TO THE DISCIPLES ABOUT THE ROLE OF HOLY SPIRIT ?

The holy spirit will witness Jesus. The holy spirit will help disciples to witness Jesus to the world.

JESUS SPEAKS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: he is the spirit of truth, who leads all to the truth.

He will not be speaking by himself but will say only what he has learnt. He will tell of the things to come. He will glorify Jesus and Father in heaven by declaring Father's words

After Jesus ascended to heaven, the disciples remained together, waiting and praying for ten days for the strengthening of Holy spirit. On the tenth day, do you know what happened? To find out please seek help to read Acts of the Apostles chapter 2

This is what we celebrate today – the Feast of the Pentecost. On this day, the disciples stayed together and prayed in one mind. They were strengthened by the real experience of holy spirit who appeared as tongues of fire above their head. They began to proclaim about Jesus with the language given by Holy spirit. All disciples were filled with courage, love, and peace. Holy Spirit strengthened them to proclaim and witness Jesus to the world. The disciples needed the power of Holy spirit to accomplish their mission in the world just as Jesus was filled and led by holy spirit to accomplish Father's will. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, as the Apostles gathered in the power of Holy spirit.

We too are gathered together as a Church by the same Holy spirit through our Baptism. Holy spirit is our helper promised by Jesus who reveals Jesus to us, who guides us in truth, teaches us and reminds us all that Jesus is saying, convicts us of our sins, helps us to pray, fills us with love of God, makes us children of God transforming us just like Jesus leading us to eternal life. In this feast of Pentecost let us pray for each other and for the Church for the fresh anointing of Holy Spirit and pledge to live led by the guidance and strength of holy Spirit accomplishing the will of God each moment of our life.

Complete the following verses.

Using the clues from the verses can you complete the picture below.

Colour it too.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a ----- like the rush of a violent -----, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided -----, as of -----, appeared among them, and a ----- rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the ----- (Acts of Apostles 2:1-4)



Decorative Pentecost Hanger craft

Materials needed: scissors, empty tissue paper roll, cut out templates, thread, colours

Instructions: 1. Cut out and colour the templates.

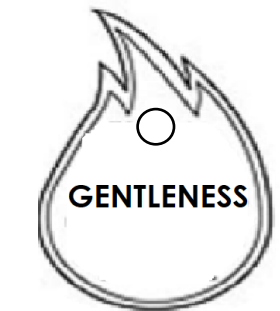
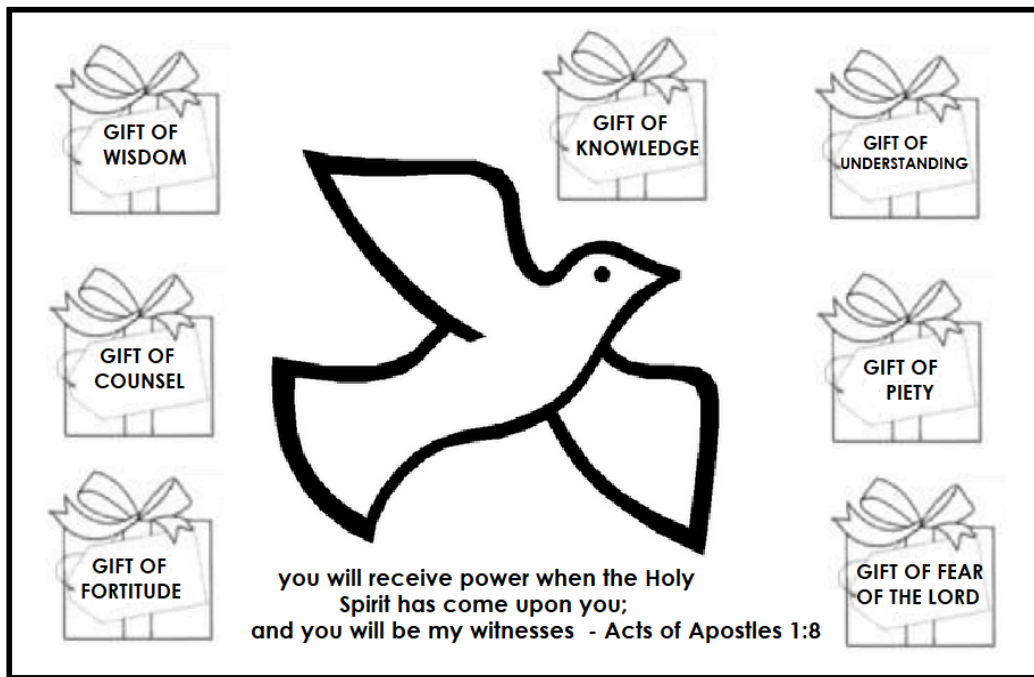
2. Take the tissue paper roll and stick the dove template on it.

3. Cut nine threads and stick to the bottom of the tissue roll towards the inside of it.

4. Now stick the flame templates on to the lower end of the threads of the tissue paper roll.

5. Decorate as you wish using colours, beads etc.

6. To the top of the roll make a hanger using a thread and stick it towards the inside of the roll so as to hang your decorative Pentecost hanger. Your hanger is ready.










'you too will be witnesses'

A board game for us to remind us our Mission in Jesus. Holy spirit is our helper.

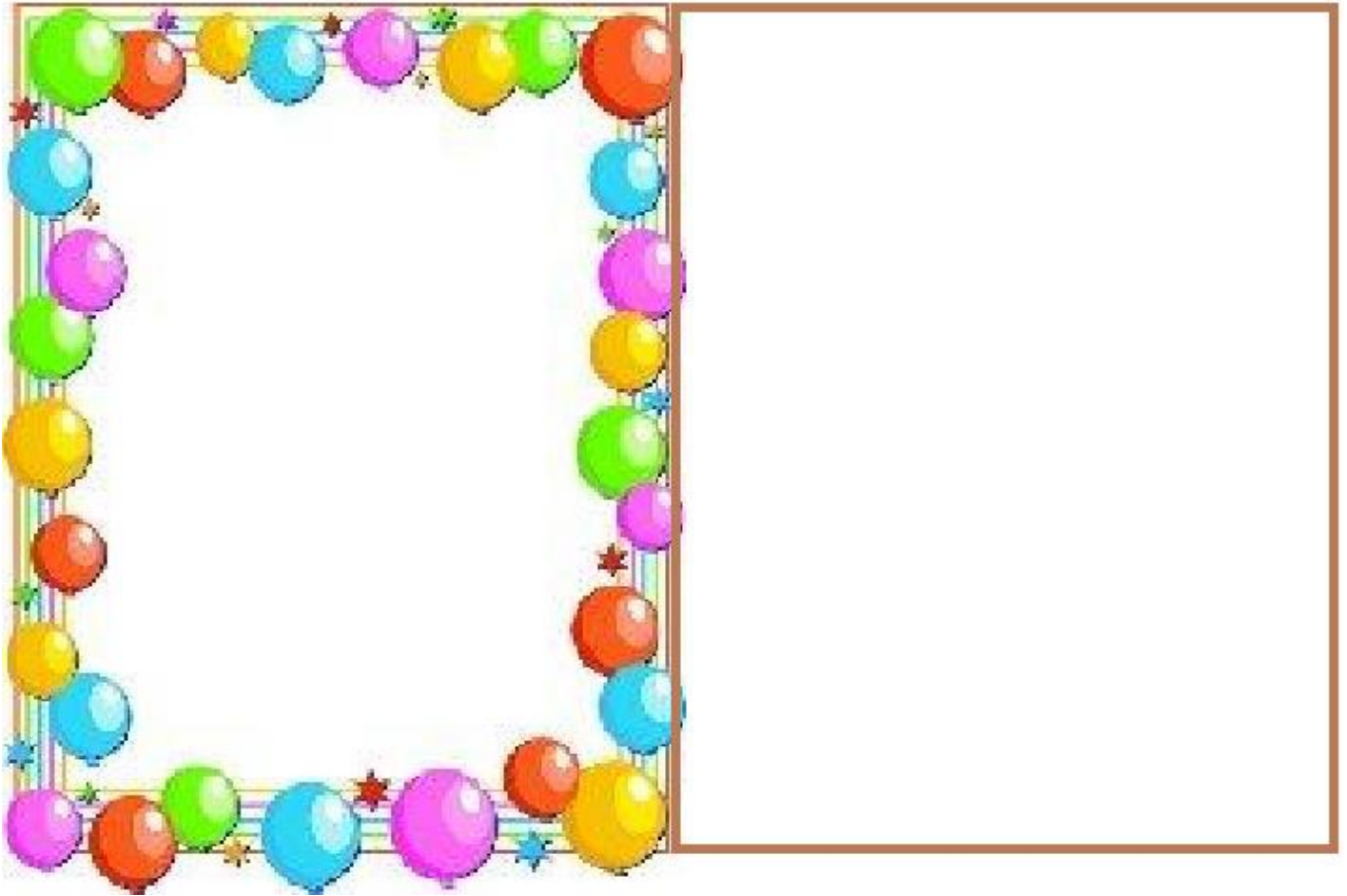
Play the game using your counters and dice at home. Number 6 or 1 on the dice allows you to enter the game. Follow the prompts given in the squares as you play.

The first to reach wins the game.

START

1	2	3 You shared your toys with a friend!  MOVE UP THREE SQUARES	4	5
6	7 You were selfish  YOU MISS 1 CHANCE	8	9	10 You forgave someone!  MOVE UP 8 SQUARES
11	12	13	14 YOU WERE PROUD AND BOSSY  MOVE DOWN 10 SQUARES	15
16 YOU WERE THANKFUL  MOVE UP 3 SQUARES	17	18	19	20 YOU SHARED LOVE OF JESUS  MOVE UP 4 SQUARES
21	22 YOU DIDNT FORGIVE  MOVE DOWN 10 SQUARES	23	24	25 YOU WON!!  GAINED LIFE FOR YOUR SOUL IN HEAVEN

**CAN YOU DESIGN A BIRTHDAY CARD FOR CHURCH?
DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE A WISH FOR YOUR PARISH PRIEST.**



UNSCRAMBLE THE FOLOWING VERSES FROM THE BIBLE

**“But when he the Spirit of complete comes truth will lead you to
the truth.” (clue: John 16:13)**

Let us pray, 🙏

Dear lord Jesus, we thank you for the Holy Spirit, our helper, whom you send us from the Father. Help us to know more of your love and to be filled in your love through Holy spirit. Help us to forgive each other. Give us the grace to surrender ourselves to be led only by Holy spirit and live in Holy spirit. Come Holy spirit fill our hearts, fill our families, Churches and Communities, empower us to witness Jesus to the whole world by our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.