



Holy Trinity Geneva

JUNIOR CHURCH

31st May

Virtual Junior Church

This week there are pictures to colour, activity sheets to complete, painting to do and cakes to make.

Dear parents, we have again used Roots on the Web resources for inspiration. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Try to create that atmosphere of celebration as you join together for worship, you could even have some birthday party items, e.g. a cake or balloons. We are also celebrating the unity which the Spirit brings so include other churches and communities in your prayers this week.

Start with a prayer using the whole body. Remember to do the actions!

God of grace and mercy, we come to you in prayer.

We offer you our whole selves.

We bring you our foreheads to remind us that we want to think carefully and wisely about what you want us to do.

We bring you our eyes to remind us to look for your glory in the world around us.

We bring you our mouths to remind us to speak kindly to others and to speak your name boldly.

We bring you our ears to remind us to listen for your voice.

We bring you our hearts to remind us to love the people we meet.

We bring you our hands to remind us that we are working for you when we do things for others.

We bring you our feet to remind us that we want to follow Christ and walk in his way.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

The Church welcomes the Holy Spirit.

Read the passage:



With the sound of a whirlwind it came, rushing into the house where the followers of Jesus were gathered. There was a commotion and flames as the Holy Spirit came, resting on each of the disciples like a tongue of fire.

As it whooshed into the room, the Spirit filled them all with foreign languages, and the disciples spoke in words they didn't understand. Inspired, and with words gushing out of them, they went out into the streets.

It was the festival of Pentecost and Jerusalem was full of Jews from all over the world. When the disciples came out into the street, the crowds heard them speaking the message of Jesus in their own languages. They were amazed. 'How can this be?' they asked. 'All the followers of Jesus are from Galilee, but we can hear their message loud and clear in words we understand.'

Not everyone was impressed, though. Some listeners sneered, 'These people are drunk.' Peter, still filled to overflowing with the Spirit's power, stood up in front of all the people.

'We are not drunk,' he said. 'It's only nine in the morning. No, you are seeing and hearing what the prophet Joel spoke about in the Old Testament.'

Peter continued: 'Joel said, "God will pour his Spirit on all people; children will prophesy and adults will see holy visions. The Spirit is for everyone, men, women and children; there will be signs in heaven and on earth, and these will be the last days. Everyone who calls on the Lord's name shall be saved."

Like a fiery whirlwind it came, and the Spirit breathed new life into the followers of Jesus.

Activities

Birthday Cake

Make or buy a cake to celebrate the birthday of the Church. Using icing, decorate the cake to make it look like there are flames coming from it.

Pentecost Flames

You will need yellow, red and orange paint, forks, card or paper. Use a fork to blob some paint onto the paper and then swirl and pull or brush with the fork to make the flames.

Printable activities can be found by clicking on the links below

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