

Happy Birthday to the Christian Church! We made it to Pentecost! It's been 50 days since Easter and 10 days since Jesus' rising (ascension) and disappearing into heaven. On this special day of Pentecost we celebrate when the Holy Spirit was introduced to Jesus' disciples to give them the spark and inspiration to start the church. Because of that spark and their faith and love for Jesus, the church was born and we find ourselves celebrating today. Thank you to those early Christians. We know it wasn't easy. We celebrate them and the teachings of Jesus and God's deep and unchanging love for us.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



The Holy Spirit gives us the power to teach others about God and to live a Christian life. The story of Pentecost is the story of how and when the Holy Spirit came into the world, giving birth to the church.

God created love and brought it into the world,
Jesus taught us what that love is and how to make it part of our lives and the **Holy Spirit** gives us inspiration to go out and share that love.
This is the Holy Trinity: God, Jesus & the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE:

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and help you remember all that I have told you. -John 14:26



BIBLE BACKGROUND (Acts 2:1-47):



On the day of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus were together in Jerusalem. People from all over the world were gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival. A noise like a strong wind filled the air in the room where they were, and dancing flames of fire hovered over each person there. The followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit and were given power to speak in different languages. Some people were amazed to hear their native language being used by the apostles. Others said the apostles must be drunk. Peter explained the actions of the apostles to the people and said that God's Spirit had been poured out on the apostles, allowing them to teach about Jesus in many languages. Peter went on to explain the Good News about Jesus to the crowds. Three thousand people chose to believe the news about Jesus that day, and they were all baptized. The church was born! The people lived together, filled with the power of God's Spirit. They ate together, prayed together, and cared for one another, sharing freely all they had with one another. Day to day, people continued to be impressed by the teachings and actions of the church, and the Lord added more and more people to the number being baptized.

Symbols of the Holy Spirit in the Bible:
WIND • FIRE • DOVE

ACTIVITIES:

Family Discussion:

1. The Holy Spirit is like the coach who provides inspiration to the team through a pep talk. Have you ever given or gotten a pep talk? Why are pep talks necessary sometimes?
2. In what ways do you experience the Holy Spirit? Can you see the Holy Spirit in other people?
3. Why do you think the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the gift of speaking in other languages?



Learn how to say "God Loves You" in Different Languages:

- German - **Gott liebt Sie**
- Greek - **O The'os s'agapai**
- Finnish - **Youmala rakasta sinwa**
- Hawaiian - **Aloha ke Akua**
- French - **Dieu t'aime**
- Spanish - **Dios te ama**
- Russian - **Bog lyoobyet tebya**

Complete the Word Jumble:

Attached on next page.

PRAYER:

Dear God,
 Thank you for bringing the Holy Spirit into the world to give birth to the church and to give us the pep talk and inspiration to share your love.
 Fill me with your Spirit.

Let's pray the Lord's Prayer together:

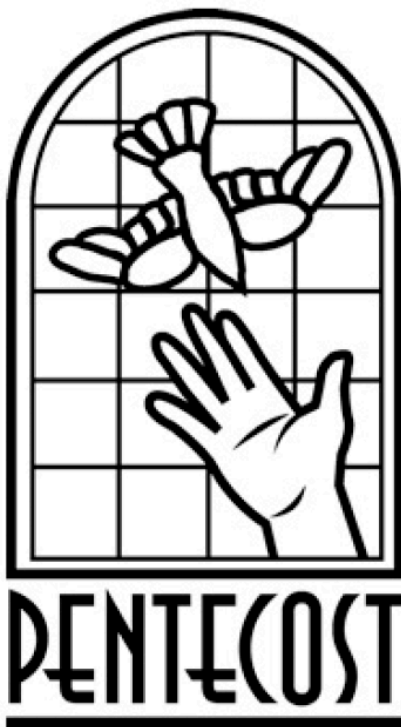
Our Creator,
 who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen

Word Jumble

Acts 2:1-21

Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the "Final Answer."



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Puzzle Clues

Check your answers by looking them up in the Bible.
(Clues are from the NIV)

1. A sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from heaven. (Acts 2:2)
 2. They saw what seemed to be tongues of _____. (Acts 2:3)
 3. All of them were filled with the Holy _____. (Acts 2:4)
 4. They began to _____ in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)
 5. Peter stood up and spoke to the _____ of people. (Acts 2:14)
- FINAL ANSWER: All of these events took place on the day of _____. (Acts 2:1)