

Sunday School Lesson

Sunday, May 23, 2021

The Day of Pentecost



“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.”

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities, nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

Read: Acts 2: 1-4, 38-39

Activities and Background:

The disciples were gathered to celebrate the “Feast of Weeks”, “Feast of 50 days” or Pentecost which is a Jewish holiday held 50 days after Passover. This was a feast Jesus, his family and his disciples would have participated in during his life on earth. During this traditional gathering something very unusual happens – wind, flames, and people speaking in different languages but understanding one another. The Holy Spirit is given to Jesus’ followers and to us. This event has come to be associated with the beginning or birthday of the Christian church. The liturgical color used is red.

1. This is the time to get out your pinwheels, kites and bubble makers or take walks to listen for the wind. In some way experience the power of wind. It is the time to get out your red, orange and yellow crayons/paints and draw a picture of flames. (By the way what color does yellow and red make when mixed – orange you are right.)
2. After having fun with wind and creating drawings of flames, read the story.
I wonder if the disciples were frightened by the wind.
I wonder if the wind was hot or cold.
I wonder if they immediately knew this was the gift from God Jesus had promise would come.
3. Younger children can print the word “Pentecost” and count to 50.
4. Older children may want to research the Jewish “Feast of Weeks” or “Pentecost”. They might want to compare the story of Pentecost with the Story of the Tower of Babel.
5. Read the story again from a different Bible. Draw a picture to remind you of the story.
I wonder how we know the Holy Spirit is present today.
I wonder if you have ever felt the Holy Spirit.
6. Sing “Spirit of the Living God”
7. Say a prayer together asking for the presence of the Holy Spirit and thanking God for this Gift.

Lord, Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help me to live by the Holy Spirit. Amen.