



Pentecost



Vocabulary

Pentecost, Holy Spirit, fire, wind, sadness, happiness.

Windows of reflection (things to think about)

- How do we know that it is windy? Why do you think the disciples felt afraid after Jesus died?
- How does it feel when a promise is made? How does it feel when the promise comes true?
- Why do you think the colour of Pentecost is red?

Unit overview

In this unit the children will explore the story of Pentecost and the transformation in their lives after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Bible References

Acts 2: 1-4 – The Pentecost Story

Learning Outcomes

- To know the story of Pentecost.
 - To know that Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit.
 - To know that Pentecost is the day that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and is a special celebration for the Church.
 - To understand that celebrations express thanksgiving, joy, unity and love.
 - To know that the Sign of the Cross names Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- To know that the Sign of the Cross is a prayer to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayer tasks linked to unit and tasks to completed

- Holy Spirit - explore the effects of wind. Play balloon games moving the balloons with air to explain that some things happen but we can't see why.
- Afraid - discuss times when we have been frightened or worried. Hear the story of Pentecost and think about how the disciples felt before and afterwards. Create a simple dance to show how the disciples felt.
- Promises - think about a time when someone made you a promise, how did it feel when it came true? Refer to the Pentecost story remembering that Jesus made the disciples a promise to send the Holy Spirit. Sequence the story of Pentecost.
- Sign of the cross - revise the colour of Pentecost of red and discuss reasons for this. Remember when making the sign of the cross we remember the Holy Spirit.