

Sunday 23rd May 2021
The Feast of Pentecost



Gather Together...

Take time together as a family, find a quiet space, perhaps play some music, light a candle and sit comfortably.

Make the Sign of the Cross

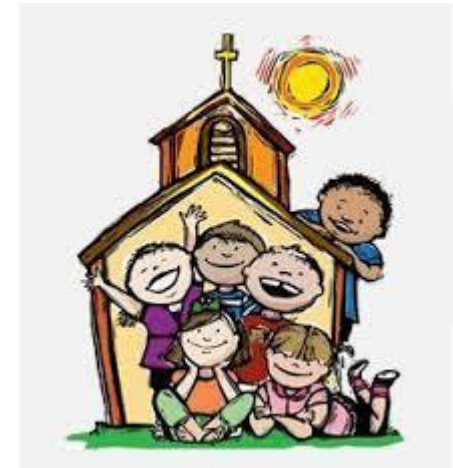
Listen Together...

Listen to this week's scripture, from the Acts of the Apostles...

The disciples had gathered together in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and to wait for the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised to send. One day as they were praying together, the room was suddenly filled with the sound of a powerful wind which roared through the house. Then, what looked like small tongues of fire appeared and spread out to touch each one of them. So it was that they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

At once, in their excitement, they rushed outside to tell everyone what had happened to them. As they began to speak, they were amazed to find that they could talk in foreign languages that they had never spoken in before. People from lands far and wide gathered in a crowd to listen to these men from Galilee. They were amazed and came to believe in Jesus.

So it was, from that day onwards, the disciples went round telling everyone about Jesus and sharing all that he had taught them. They were no longer afraid for wherever they went, Jesus went with them. Not his Spirit lived inside them and they would never feel alone again.



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Respond Together...

- How do you think the disciples felt when they heard and felt the wind around them? They probably felt surprised and frightened when they realized it was inside the house and everything outside was calm.
- How else did the Spirit appear? He came in small flames which rested above their heads. These were no ordinary flames, they were signs of God's Spirit coming to fill the lives of the disciples with light and warmth.
- How did the Spirit change the disciples? It made other people understand them, even if they did not speak the same language and it gave them courage so that they could stand before the crowds and spread God's love.
- When do we receive the Holy Spirit? He comes to us first in Baptism and then his power is refreshed in us at Confirmation.

Pray Together... Come, Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with your love. Work through us to bring Jesus to those who do not know him so that we may share this love with others. Amen.

