

A Church is Born

Aim

Happy Birthday Church! Today the church was born through the Holy Spirit. Learn how this happened when the disciples were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

To explore the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Bible Passage

Acts 2

Introduction

In our story today, the friends of Jesus were given the power to speak lots of languages. This enabled them to go and share the good news of Jesus to lots of different people. How difficult would it have been to talk about Jesus if they didn't have this gift? Try playing the game below.

Game Time

Charades - With you family, play charades. In this game, participants act out words or phrases with out speaking, while others guess the phrases. You could try acting out stories of the Bible and see if your family can guess which ones they are. How well did you do? How difficult is it to guess? It would have been much easier to be able to speak to each other! How easy would it have been to spread the stories and message of Jesus without words?

Bible Time

The Bible story today is from Acts 2. You can read this from your Bible or use this link to listen to the story of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M>

- What would it have been like to have been one of the followers in the upper room Pentecost?
- How would you have felt with all the noise and wind rushing around?
- I wonder how it felt to receive the Holy Spirit?
- What would it have been like to suddenly start speaking different languages? Languages you may never have heard before?
- I wonder how it felt to have 3000 people come to know Jesus on the first day of the church?

Why not have a party to celebrate the birth of the church. You have already played a party game. In the crafts below, you can make other items for your party and then dance and sing in the worship time.

Craft Time

Pentecost Crown - Make you own fire crown to wear.

You will need; red or black card, stapler, flame shapes and glue.

1. Cut out a strip of red or black card that will fit around your head (you could use a strip of card cut from a cereal box).
2. Cut out flame shapes from red, yellow or orange card (again, this can be done using any paper and painted or coloured to look like flames).
3. Stick the flames around your strip of card, I have made one flame but you could add lots!
4. Staple together so that it fits your head.

This craft can be found on the TMC Facebook page and website.

Pentecost Cupcakes - make some party cupcakes.

You will need; cupcakes, icing sugar, yellow food colouring and strawberries.

1. Use a favourite chocolate cupcake recipe or some bought from the shop!
2. Make up some yellow icing and decorate the top of the cup cakes.
3. Cut the strawberries in half and put one on each cupcake to look like a flame.



Worship Time

Go to the Tavistock Facebook page or website for some songs this Sunday. A new song will be added every hour from 9am so or why not have your own Pentecost party? Wear your crowns, eat the cupcakes and dance to the songs. Join James and Ilona as they sing 'Be Happy'.

Prayer Time

Let us pray; Dear Lord, thank you for sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to your disciples and to us. Help us live a life like Jesus. Amen