

## Scribbled Truths about

# Pentecost



This edition we will be looking at the Christian festival of Pentecost

### A story from the Bible

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages.

There were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were completely amazed at this. They said, "Look! Aren't all these men that we hear speaking from Galilee? But each of us hears them in his own language. How is this possible? We are from different places. But we hear these men telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!" They were all amazed and confused. They asked each other, "What does this mean?"

*(This version of the Pentecost story comes from Acts 2:1-12 in the International Children's Bible)*



### What is Pentecost ?

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Holy Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit which is the way Christians understand God.

It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, "fiftieth"). Pentecost is often regarded as the birthday of the Christian church.

Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot.

The apostles were celebrating this Jewish festival when the Holy Spirit came to them. It sounded like a strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit.

## Wondering Questions



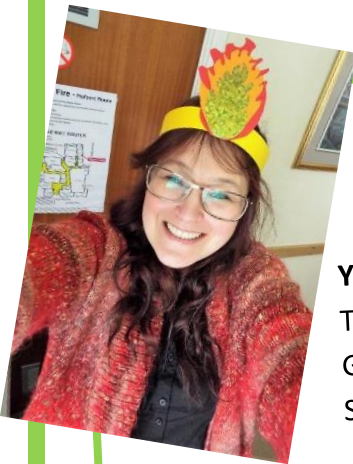
I wonder why the disciples were suddenly able to speak in other languages?  
I wonder why the Holy Spirit appeared as the sound of wind and tongues of fire?  
I wonder how the disciples felt?  
How do you think you would feel?



## Challenges

How many different languages can you learn to say hello or welcome in?

Try to make the sound of wind in as many different ways as possible, for example flap a piece of card, make a sound with your mouth, rub your hands together.  
What other ways can you think of to make wind sounds?  
Which one sounds the most like the real wind?



## Craft



*Make a Pentecost flame crown.*

### **You will need:**

Thin card or paper in flame colours (yellow, red, orange, gold)  
Glue  
Scissors

Take a piece of thin card or paper and cut it into strips. Measure the strips so they fit around head like a crown and stick the strips together to make a circle headband.  
Take some flame coloured paper or card and cut them into flame shapes, make each colour paper flame a slightly different size and stick them on top of each other so that you can see each layer behind (see photo for example).  
Stick your flame onto your circle headband and wear it as a Pentecost crown.

*Optional extra: use some glitter or shiny card or paper to make the flame sparkle.*