

# PENTECOST

## Thought for the day

The Holy Spirit of God is poured out in power on the expectant disciples, just as Jesus promised.

## Readings

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
 Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21  
 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## Aim

To celebrate the Church's birthday.

## Starter

Pass the parcel. Beforehand prepare an outline picture based on the one below.



## Teaching

Cut flame shapes from coloured paper to fit exactly over the flames in the picture. Pack the flames into the layers of the parcel and the silhouettes of the disciples' heads in the 'prize' place. You can add a sweet if you wish! As each flame is unwrapped the child sticks it on to the right space, until the group has collectively completed the whole picture.

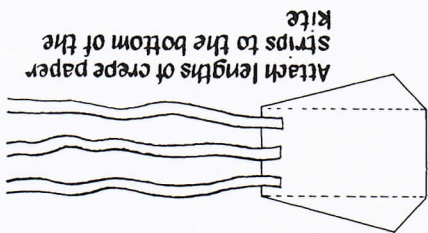
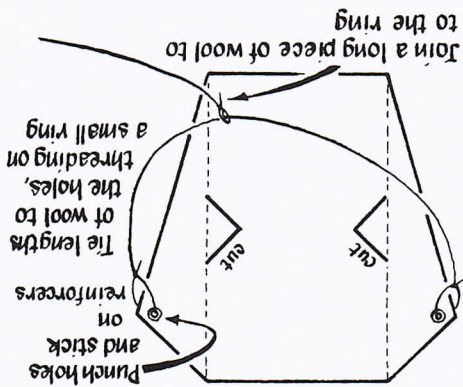
Today we are celebrating! It's rather like the birthday of the Church, because today we remember how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit on his friends so they would be filled with God's love and power. What did the Holy Spirit sound like? It sounded like a strong wind, blowing round the house. (All make the sound.) What did the Holy Spirit look like? It looked like flames of fire. (Light twelve tea-light candles.) What did the Holy Spirit feel like? It felt like being happy and excited and peaceful all at once, and wanting to tell everyone about how lovely it is to be loved by God.

## Praying

Come, Holy Spirit,  
 and fill me up with God's love.  
 I may be small  
 and not very tall  
 but I can be BIG with God's love!  
 (Make yourself as big as possible)

## Activities

The sheet can be made into a simple kite to fly. Each child will also need some cotton. Put reinforcers on the punched holes and staple the kites like this.



The kites should fly even in a very light breeze if the children run with them.

## Notes