

Called to Wonder

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What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the seventh Sunday after Easter. It is the day that the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers, just like he promised. They were waiting in a room together. There was the sound of a wind and flames appeared on the heads of the people and the Holy Spirit came to all of them. All of them were able to speak in languages they didn't know. After this Jesus' followers started to tell everyone they could about Jesus and his gift to us.

The colour of Pentecost is red.

The red symbolizes both the fire of Pentecost as well as the passion of the apostles and early followers of Jesus who were gathered in the Upper Room to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

What are the Fruits of the Spirit?

They aren't something to eat! In Galatians 5:22 Paul lists some ways that we will act if we have the Holy Spirit living in us. They are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

When Paul calls these things fruit he is being figurative or symbolic. He means that we are like a tree with fruit. We will do these good things because the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts.



Pentecost Activities:

- Hang some red streamers from a tree and watch the wind move them!
- Fly a kite with a friend.
- Ask your parents to build a fire (in your fireplace, firepit etc). Roast hot dogs or marshmallows.
- Read Acts 2:1-13 with your family and answer the following questions:
 - What did they hear?
 - Where did the sound come from?
 - What did they see?
 - What were they filled with?