



Spreading The Word

In his unit the children will learn that Pentecost is the 'Birth Day' of the church. It occurred 50 days after Easter Sunday or 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus had already gone back to Heaven so the disciples and new believers of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that's what Jesus told them would happen. Plus, since Jesus wasn't with them anymore the Holy Spirit would help bring them closer to God. People were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Festival of Weeks (a harvest festival) when Pentecost took place.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Key Knowledge

- Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit.
- The Ascension is when Jesus returns to his Father in Heaven.
- Pentecost is a Greek word meaning the fiftieth day
- The gift of the Holy Spirit is for all time.
- Know a prayer to the Holy Spirit.
- The power of the Holy Spirit in daily life.
- Christians pass on the Good News of Jesus through the Holy Spirit.
- What we mean by the Resurrection of the dead.

Key Vocabulary

Message: something we pass on to another person.

Risen: having moved from a lower position to a higher one.

Resurrection: risen from the dead.

Holy Spirit: The third person of the Holy Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit).

Ascension: rising to a higher level.

Witnesses: the people who see an event take place.

Blessing: promising. something or someone to the care of God

Pentecost: The feast celebrating when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples of Jesus.

Promise: a commitment by someone to do or not do something.

Good News: the news of the coming of the Kingdom of God.



Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- What responsibilities are involved in passing on messages?
- Which is the best way to pass on messages?