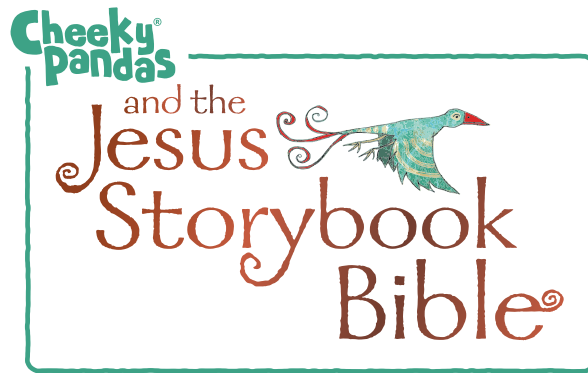




Pentecost

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Please adapt or swap the different parts below to suit your children and situation

Activities for use at home or in small groups of younger children

You will need:

- Paper straws (eco friendly)
- Cardboard cut outs of flames
- Small circles of card and glue
- Trays and rollers of paint
- Covering for floors and children
- Plain individual sponge cakes
- Icing
- Sprinkles etc to decorate
- A candle holder and small birthday candle per child
- Objects or pictures for the *Lets talk about it* section
- The letters of the word Pentecost

It's in the Bible *John 15:4 Message Bible.*

Jesus said *"Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you."*



Let's talk

Can you remember which of these things were talked about in the story?

Flames

Gift

Hair dryer
switched on low

Lock

Different people

Apples

An animal

Candle

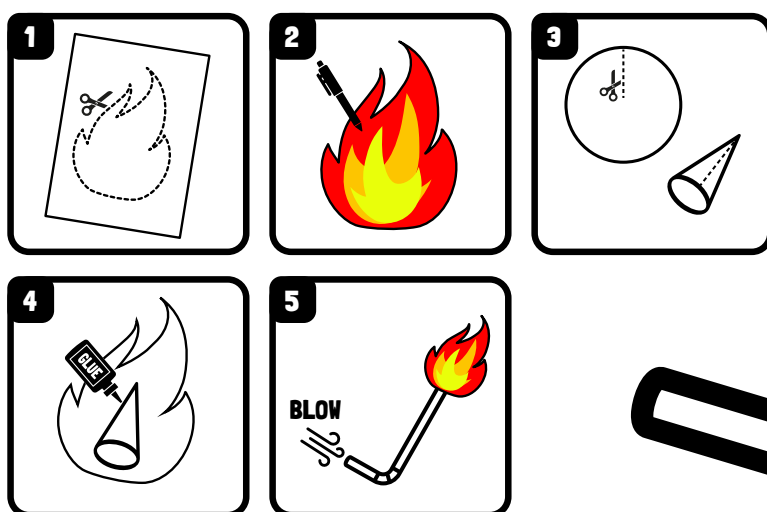
I wonder which part of the story did you like most and why?

Things to try and make

Flame flyers

- Cut out the shape of a flame in card about 5 CMS long
- Colour it in with flame colours
- Cut out a small circle of card and fold into a cone
- Glue the flame on it and balance on the end of a straw

As the child blows into the straw the flame will fly off.



Hand flames

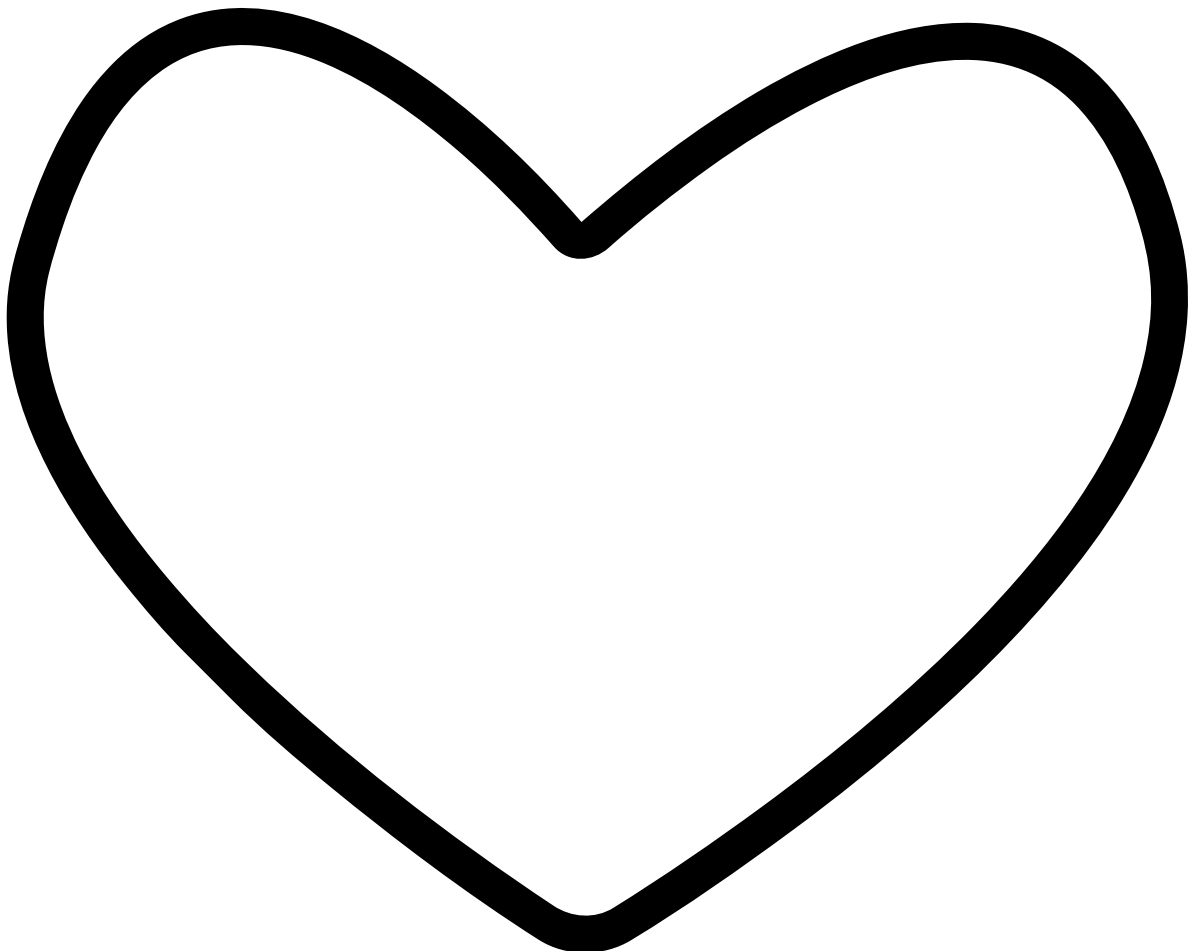
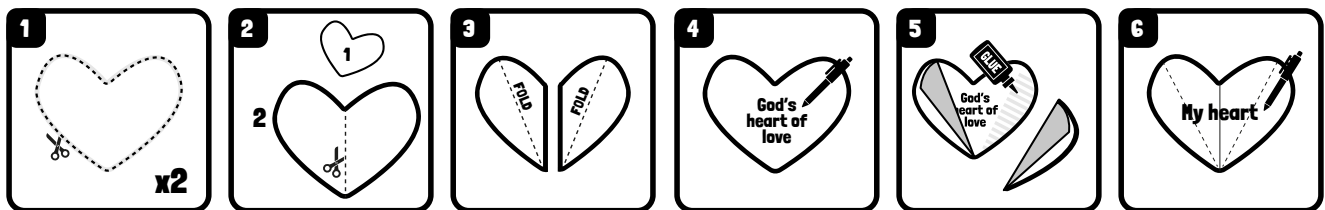
For a really fun and messy time provide trays of flame coloured paints. Each child can paint one hand using the flame colours. They are then pressed onto a large piece of paper to make one huge flame to display in church.

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Jesus heart in your heart activity

1. Cut out two identical hearts on either card or paper. *(There is a heart template below)*
2. Cut one in half. Then fold from the point to the top on each of them
3. Write on the whole one *GOD's heart of love*
4. Glue the outside edges of the folded ones to either side of the whole one.
5. Unfold the two sides so they cover the *God's Heart* and write across it *My heart*



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This is a special time in the year of the church. What is it called?
Children reassemble the letters to make PENTECOST

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It is also known as the *Birthday of the church*. I wonder why?

A special gift was given. Can you remember it's name?

Perhaps you might share a birthday cake together.

Can you decorate a mini birthday cake for everyone in your home or even your church?



Let's pray

Each child hold the cake they have made or a small candle.

Leader prays:

**Father God we thank you that you are always
with us. We thank you that Jesus left the special
gift of your Holy Spirit for each one of us.
As we look at the candles they help us celebrate
that you, God, are with us and you will never
leave us.**

Amen.



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Additional Activities

Activities for use at home or in small groups of older children or in family groups.
If possible run this session outside. If not see below for an inside version.

You will need:

- A fire pit or charcoal barbecue with fuel and lighters *(please complete a risk assessment, appoint a fire Marshall with appropriate fire prevention equipment)*
- Marshmallows and kebab sticks
- Un-popped corn
- Some red and yellow cardboard cut outs of flames
- A large candle

Once the fire is lit, allow the group to sit for a short while and simply watch the fire and flames.

It's in the bible Acts 2:1–4

When the day of Pentecost came they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like mighty rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Let's wonder together

I wonder why the gift of the Holy Spirit was described in terms of flames of fire?
Some possible ideas gathered from the children or use the prompts below:

Watching the fire, what do we notice about it?

*It gets hot; It brings light; Things that come in contact with it get changed.
ie: wood becomes ash and gets hotter*

The other way the gift of the Holy Spirit is described is as a rushing wind.

I wonder why that was? ie: what does wind do or change?

*If it is safe, fan the fire a little and watch what happens.
The flames come alive again.*

What changed in the people who were around on this day of Pentecost?

The young people might like to draw the changes.



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How can we explain it?

Either using a popcorn maker or a solid based pan, show the group the unpopped corn. Invite the group to notice what happens to it once heat is applied. *ie: Before it was hard and after it expanded and became a lovely treat.*

Explain that is like what happens to us when we pray and ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit. We then become more and more like Jesus.

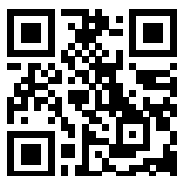
Lets pray

Place the red and yellow flame cut outs on the floor around the large candle which is then lit. Invite those who would like to be filled with the gift of God's Holy Spirit to hold some unpopped corn as you pray. As they say *Amen* they can throw the corn into fire and listen to it pop.

Use the fire to toast marshmallows etc *(subject to allergy needs)*

Indoor version

Either make a pretend fire using dried logs, crumbled red cellophane paper and a set of battery fairy lights, or if possible, sit in front of a log burning stove.



You could also play a video of fire burning such as:
<https://youtu.be/qs0Uv9EzKsg>
Adapt the content as for the outdoor version.

Craft Activity *for both older groups.*

Provide the children with an assortment of materials (e.g. lego, play dough, paints etc.).

Ask them what they would design to show people what the special gift of the Holy Spirit might look for them.

