

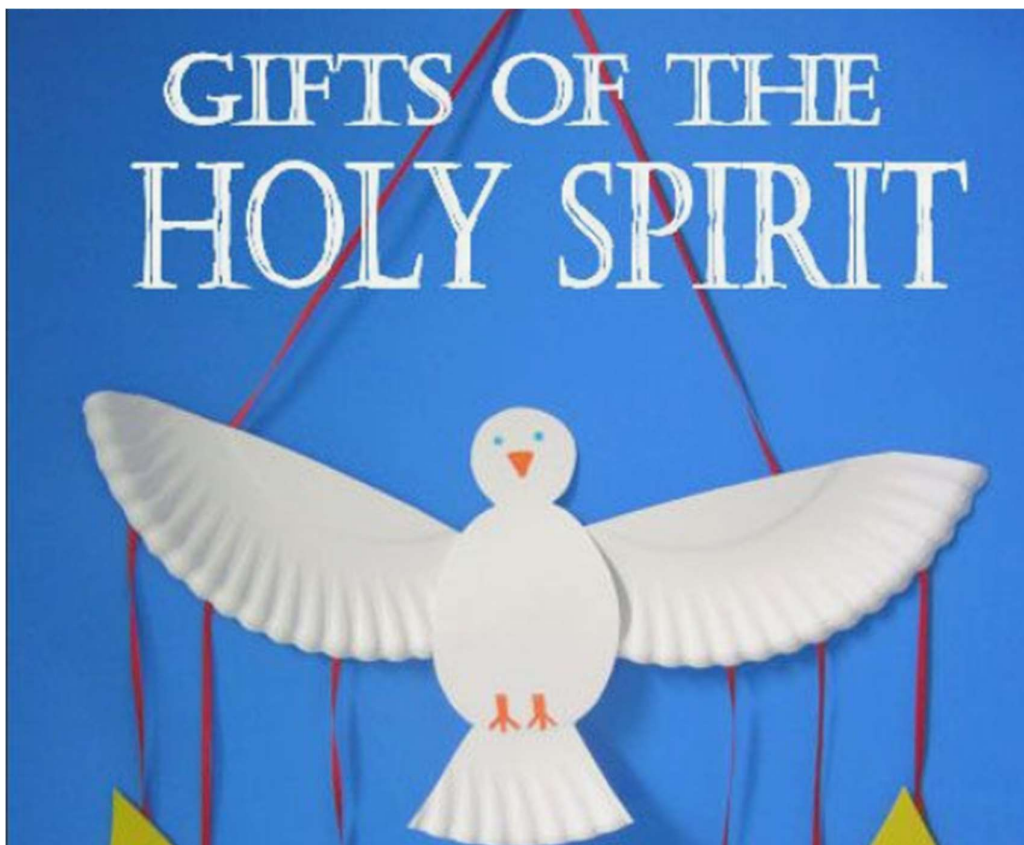
Ascension/ Pentecost

The Church's Birthday

Here are some things to do this half term.

Some of you may already have had a Messy Church Bag. For those who did not here are a few extra activities for older children.

Baking at the for those who enjoy it a birthday celebration



This is made from a paper plate. Maybe you could have a go



A blue cup white clouds and a cut out jesus together with tape or string./
Jesus said goodbye to his disciples the went up into a cloud and dissappered.



This is made from coloured paper. Holy spirit came to the disciples and it was like a fire and they spoke different languages.

Here is the bible story

THE BIBLE

The story so far Jesus had been arrested and died on the cross But had risen (remember Easter?!) And gone to be with his Father in heaven. But he didn't leave his friends alone



The Holy Spirit Comes

Acts 2

Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish holiday called *Pentecost*. They came from many countries and spoke many different languages. Jesus' disciples were staying there. They were praying together.



Suddenly, a noise filled the room.
It sounded like a strong wind blowing.
The Holy Spirit appeared as
tongues of fire on each of the disciples.



They started talking in languages they did not know.

The people in Jerusalem heard the noise and came to see what was happening.



The crowd was amazed and asked, "How are you able to speak *our* languages?" Peter said, "The prophets told us this would happen."



Then Peter told them about God's plan.
"God sent Jesus to save everyone
from the bad things they have done."

The word 'Pentecost' comes from the Greek word for 'fiftieth' and refers to the festival celebrated on the 50th day after Passover. It is the festival that recalls the day when the Holy Spirit came with power to the first followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. It also means we have a great excuse to celebrate and have a birthday party.



So Sing 'Happy Birthday' to the church!!

To the tune of 'London's Burning' sing (in a round if you are really good at singing!):

Spirit burning, Spirit burning, Fell upon them, fell upon them, Praise God, praise God, God is with us, God is with us

Spirit burning, Spirit burning, Falls upon us, falls upon us, On fire, good news, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord

Spirit blazing, Spirit blowing, Like a great fire, like a great wind, Sing praise, sing praise, God is with us, God is with us

PRAYERS



PENTECOST

God still gives his Holy Spirit today to everyone who believes in Jesus, so we can praise God and do things for God that we'd never be able to do on our own.

Prayer; **Jesus, thank you that through your Holy Spirit you are with your people throughout the world and throughout history. Help us to live as one family, loving each other through thick and thin. Amen**

Messy grace;

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (hold out your hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (hold hands)

Be with us all now and forever. Amen! (raise hands together on the word 'amen')

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



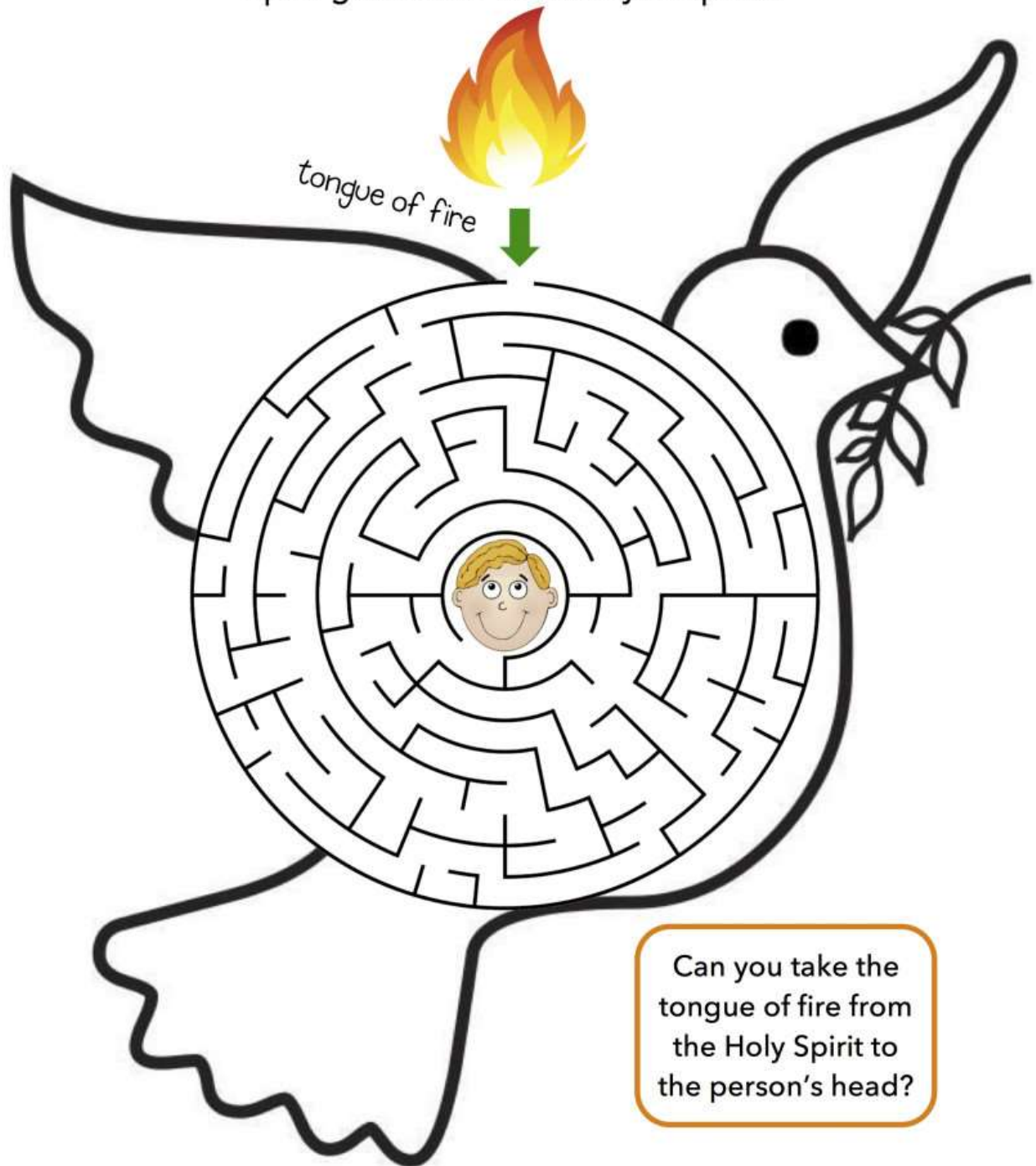
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Activity Sheet

Pentecost Maze

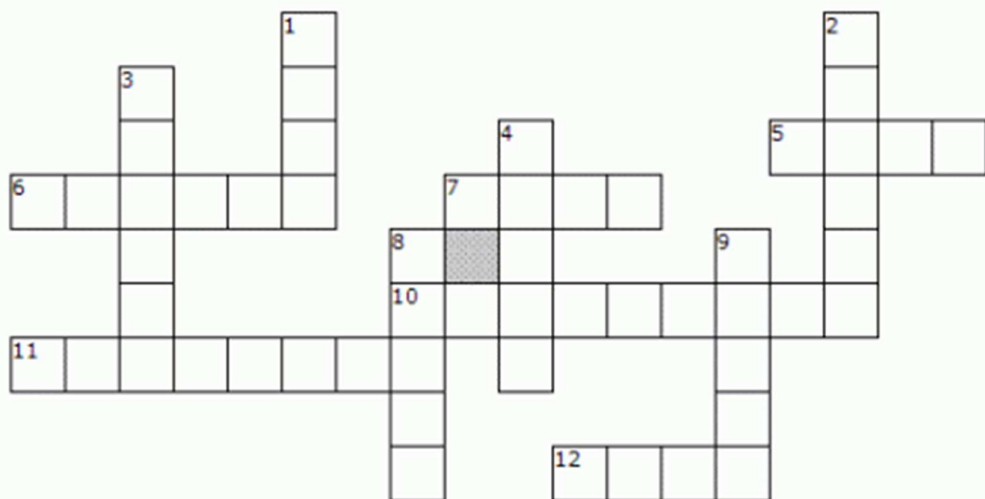
'Tongues like fire appeared and were distributed to them, and one sat on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak.'



Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. Make something to be full
6. To be totally surprised
7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
10. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
11. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
12. A destructive burning

DOWN

1. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
3. The place where God lives
4. Something that can be heard
8. To say words, to use the voice
9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN
WIND
SOUND

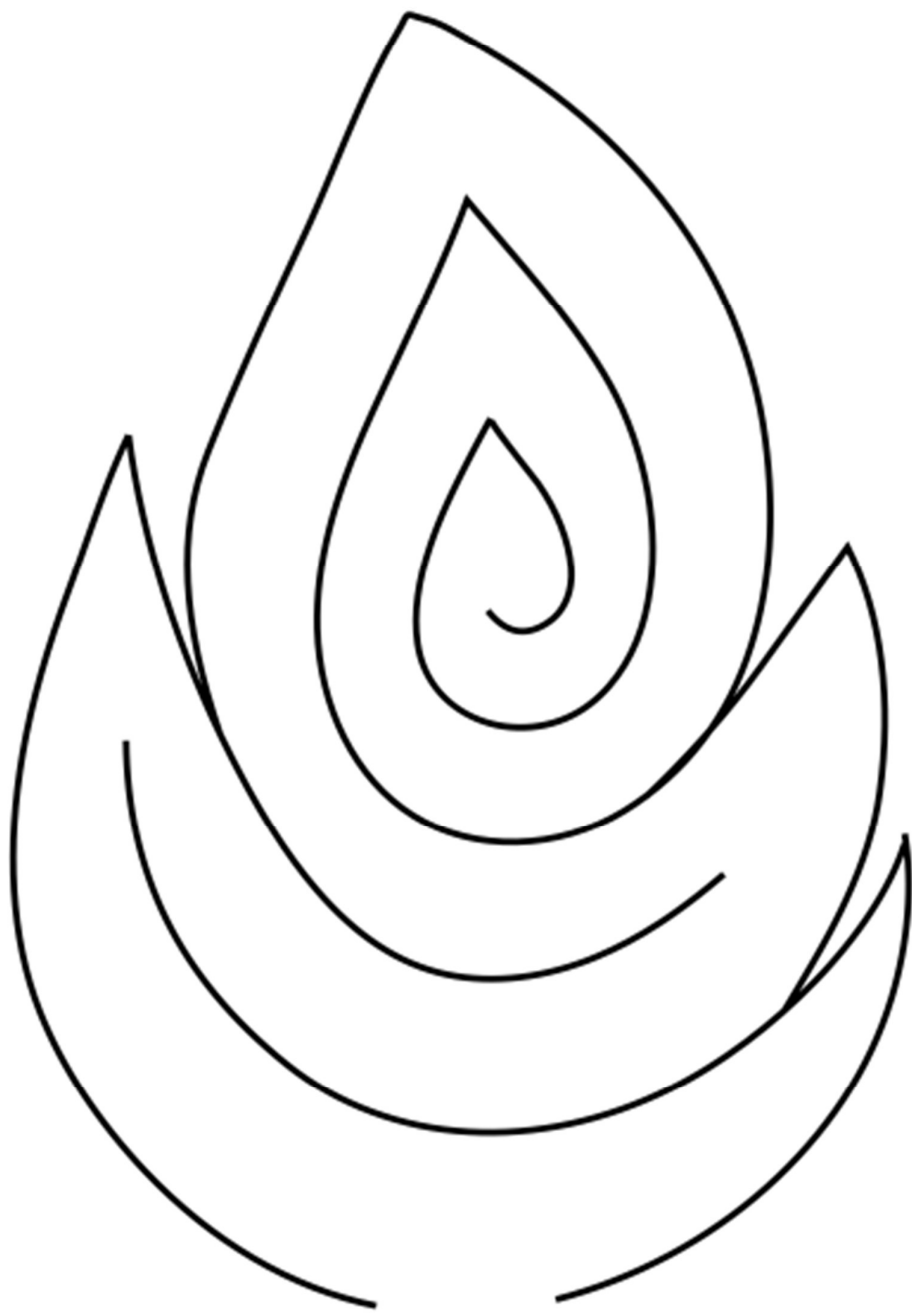
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SPEAK
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START

As you move to the centre of the flame, think about the word: Hope. What does it bring to mind? What do you think of?

IN THE CENTRE

Pause and listen to God. The Bible reminds us that the Holy Spirit can fill us with hope. (Romans 15:13). What do you need hope for today? Ask God to fill you up with hope.

ON THE WAY OUT

As you trace your way back out the flame, think about someone who needs hope this week, and ask God to fill them with the Holy Spirit.



It's party time, so join in with the celebrations and mark the birthday of the church, 'Thy Kingdom Come' and the Messy Church Messtival on 22 May at 3.00 pm on YouTube! Share pictures of your marvellous creations using #messtival21

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