

LORDSBRIDGE TEAM OF CHURCHES



Feast of Pentecost – 23rd May 2021

Read Acts 2.1-21

You may like to use this material as a basis for discussion in your family.

Today is a special feast day in the church. It's called the Feast of Pentecost, which was celebrated by the Jews 50 days after Passover.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes how the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and gave them courage and the confidence to go out into the streets and preach. It's a very dramatic description of the scene. The Holy Spirit appears as a strong wind in the building and flames of fire above the head of the disciples. Can you imagine the scene? This picture also shows a dove above the disciples – a symbol that is often used for the Holy Spirit.



Have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit? What did it feel like?

Jesus had promised the disciples that he would send the Spirit to them to give them support when he was not with them. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would be an advocate for the disciples. What is an "advocate"? You may find advocates in law courts. What is their role? What do they do? Is this what the Holy Spirit does for us?

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit prompted the disciples to go out into the streets and preach the Gospel. What is the Holy Spirit encouraging you to do? Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to tell other people about Jesus? Or is the Holy Spirit directing you to care for creation?

Activity

- God's spirit pours out onto the whole of creation. This week make a collage of all sorts of natural objects that remind you of God's spirit in creation. You could look for items that are "flame" coloured or things that are blown about by the wind, to remind you of the wind and flames on the day of Pentecost.

Prayer



**Living God, thank you for the energy of your Holy Spirit;
for the way it touches our hearts
and changes our lives.**

We thank you for the overflowing of your Spirit in the world. Amen.