

Pentecost



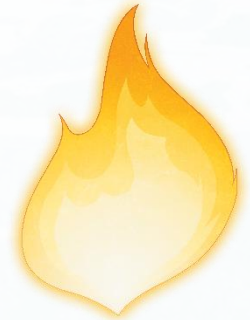
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God's Gift

After Jesus' resurrection from death, after the crucifixion, he remained among his friends and family for forty days.



Jesus gathered together the disciples, on a mountain, and told them that they would be sent a gift, which would help them with their task of spreading God's message of love.

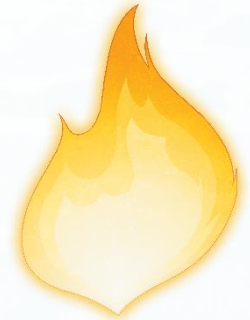


Waiting

While on the mountain, the clouds descended. Jesus left his disciples for the last time and ascended into heaven.



For the next ten days, the disciples would gather together to meet, talk and pray. They had no idea what this promised gift would be.



The Gift Arrives



Suddenly, the room was filled with the sound of a violent wind! Tongues of fire appeared, separated and came to rest above each person's head, but no one was burned!

Each of the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.



Spreading God's Message

Suddenly, the disciples realised they could speak different languages! The Holy Spirit enabled them to speak different languages and they were amazed!



Discuss It

Why was it necessary for the disciples to be able to speak different languages to spread God's message?



The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The disciples were talking away and their voices carried out into the streets. Jerusalem was full of people from many different countries at that time and they were amazed to realise that they could understand what the disciples were saying in their own language.

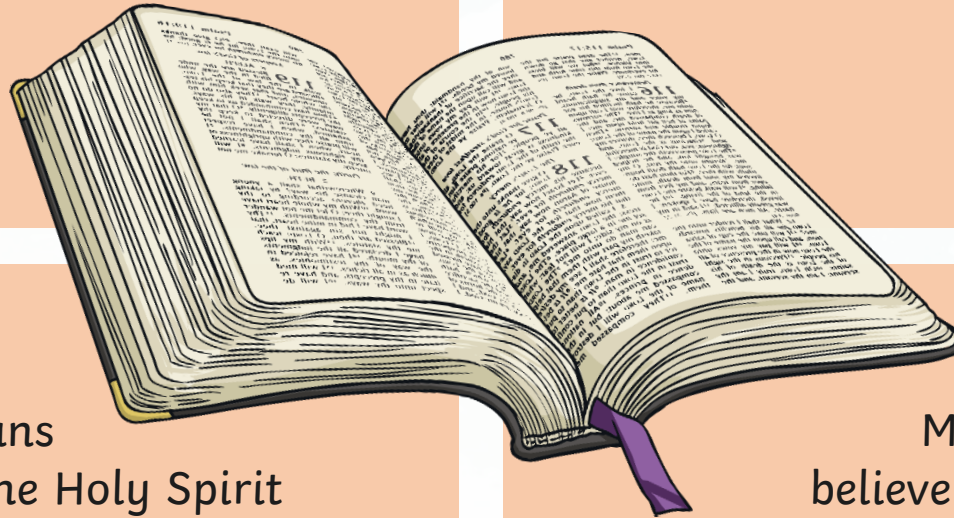
Fellow Jews and all who are in Jerusalem. Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead. You must all repent and be baptised for the forgiveness of your sins, then you too will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!



Christian Beliefs About the Holy Spirit

Some Christians believe they receive the Holy Spirit when they accept Christ and are baptised as Christians.

Some Christians believe that the Holy Spirit is always with them, and therefore, God is always with them.



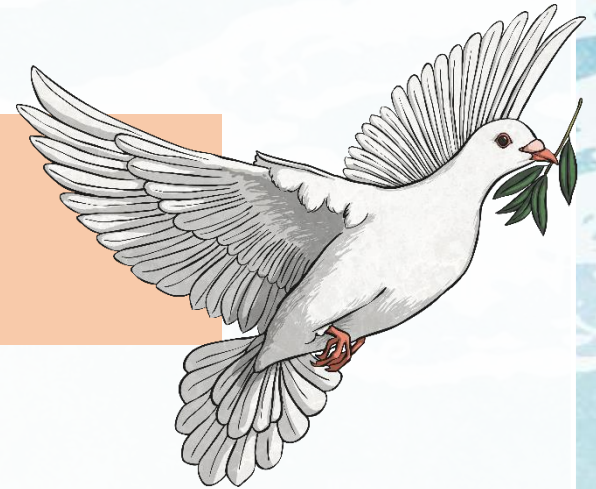
Some Christians believe that the Holy Spirit teaches them and takes care of them, helping them to make the right choices.

Many Christians believe that Pentecost is the birth of the Christian Church and is celebrated 50 days after Easter.

Symbols of Pentecost

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The dove represents the Holy Spirit. When Jesus was baptised by his cousin, John the Baptist, a dove appeared, bringing the Holy Spirit to him.



The colour red is used in some Christian churches as a symbol of the flames appearing on the disciples' heads.

