



Pentecost



Acts 2

WATCH THE VIDEO STORY

https://youtu.be/lqG_lvZhU-A



Ask children to think about people that they would like to be touched by the Holy Spirit (including themselves!) and, as each picture is finished, write that person's name on the plate. Display somewhere in the house as a reminder to pray for that person.

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/04/pentecost-flames-salad-spinner-art-and.html>

Pentecost flames Salad spinner art

You will need:

- Cheap salad spinner (YOU MUST ASK PERMISSION FROM MUM TO USE THIS)
- Washable red, orange and yellow paint
- Small paper plates
- Hair gel (optional)
- Old shirt or apron
- Newspaper



Method

1. Put on your old shirt or apron. Put newspaper on your table.
2. Put a paper plate on the bottom of the inside of the spinner and blob some paint on the plate. Put the lid on.
3. Spin the spinner for a few seconds and see what you get. Each piece will be different.
4. Adding a blob of hair gel does make the paint thinner Experiment and see what works best for you.



The noise and the spinning as you make the pictures is a strong reminder of the sound of the powerful wind that came upon the disciples at Pentecost and the 'flames' are reminders of the tongues of fire.

Descending Dove Suncatcher

This is a suncatcher that represents the Holy Spirit descending! It includes the flames of the Pentecost story with a dove, which most of our children are familiar with as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

You will need:

- Red, yellow, orange tissue paper flames'
- Sticky back plastic
- Paper 'descending dove' shape (template on page 2)
- Gold circle (template on page 2)

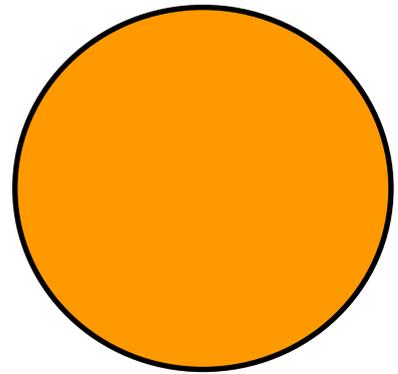
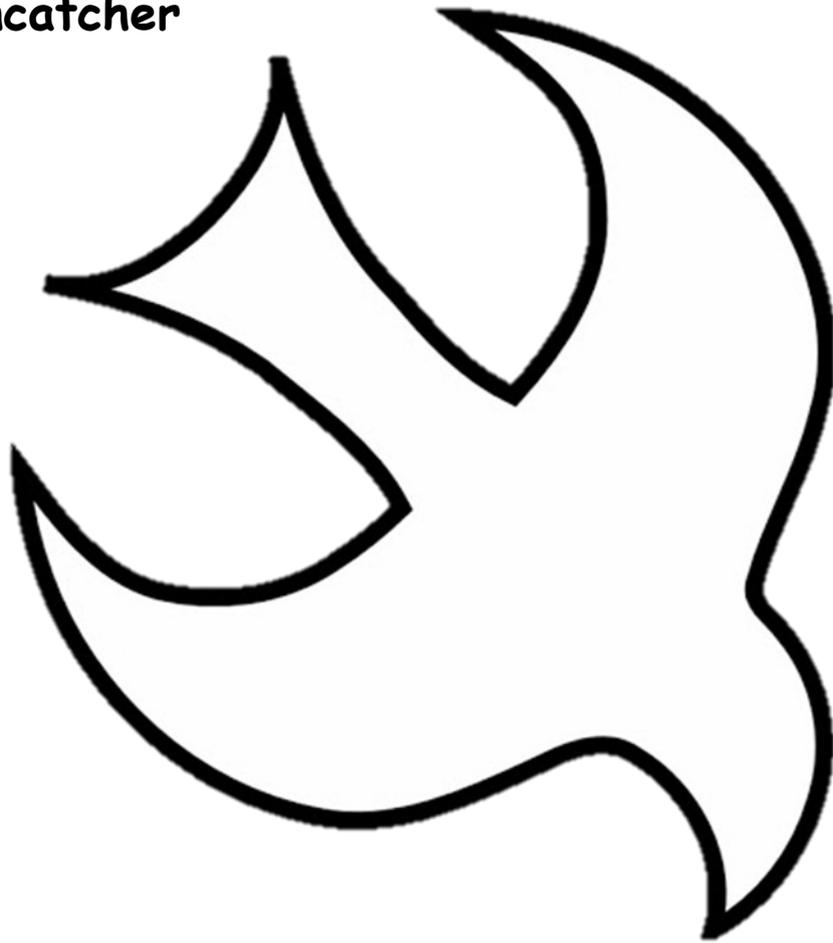
Method

1. Arrange the tissue paper flames on the sticky side of the plastic.
2. Then stick the gold circle underneath the dove's head so it looks like a halo.
3. Stick the dove on top of the flames.
4. Hang in a window and let the sun shine through to light up the flames!

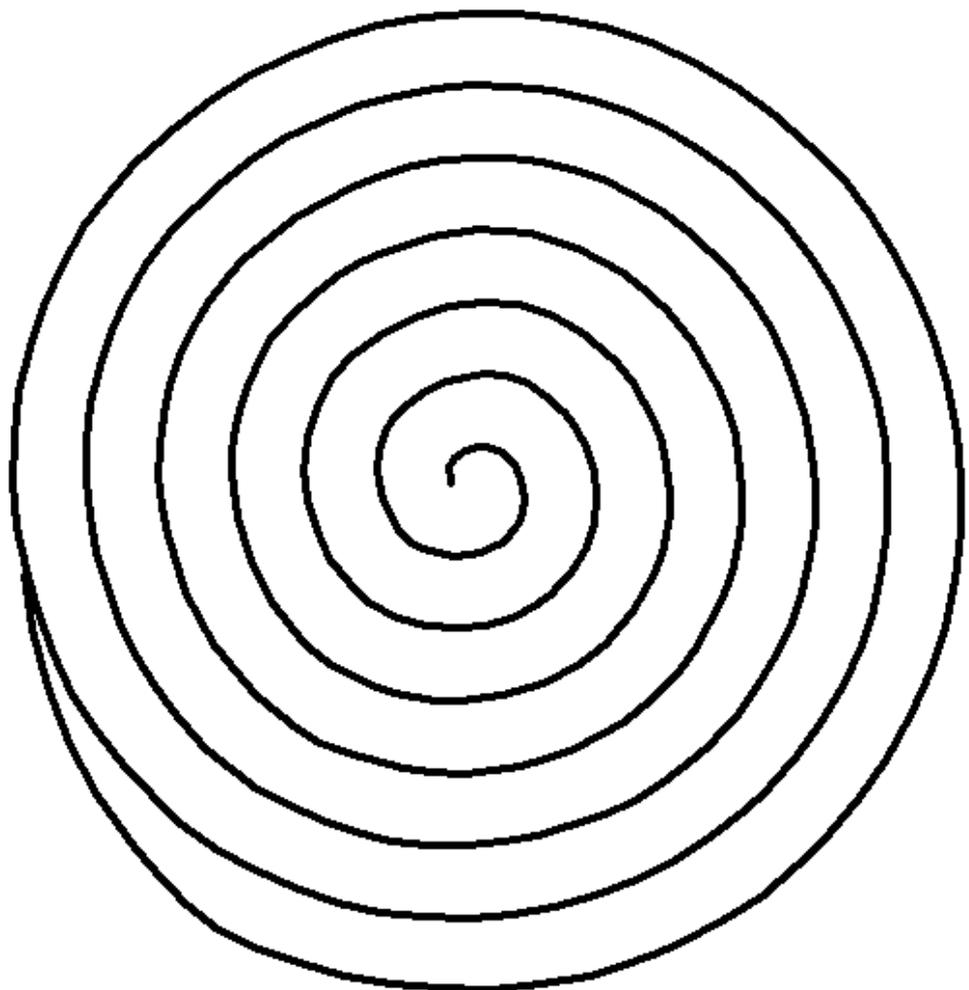


<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/05/descending-dove-suncatcher-pentecost.html>

**Templates for Descending Dove
Suncatcher**



**Spiral template
for Pentecost
Wind Twirler**





Pentecost Tongues of Fire Headbands

You will need:

- Headband and flames template on page 4
- Red, orange and yellow paper.
- Glue
- Stapler or tape
- Safety scissors

Method

1. Print the template on page 2
2. Cut out all the pieces. Ask an adult to help you.
3. Glue the flame pieces together (red on top of orange, yellow on top of red).
4. Ask your child to choose a coloured piece of paper. Use the rectangle templates and trace the larger pieces onto the paper and the smaller piece onto red paper. You will need three of each.
5. Glue the smaller red pieces on top of the larger pieces. Then glue the assembled parts together creating one long band. Alternatively you can just cut two long pieces of paper, the smaller in red.
6. Wrap the band around your child's head. Once you have the desired length, staple or tape it together.
7. Glue the flame to the centre of the band, opposite the staples or tape.

Pentecost Wind Twirlers

You will Need:

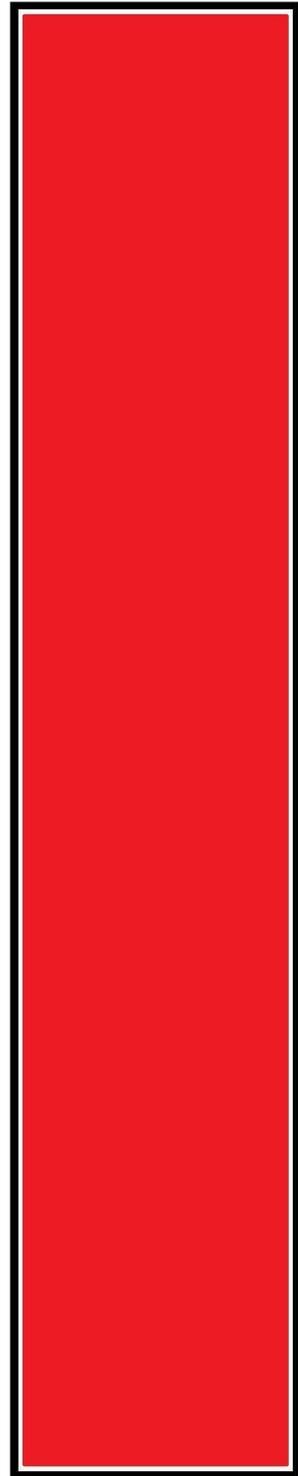
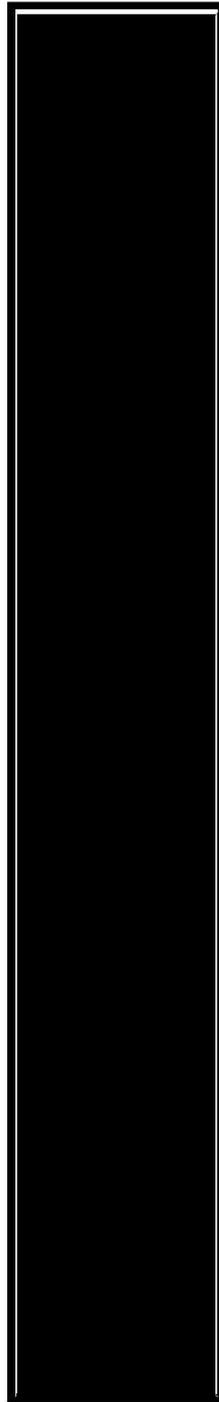
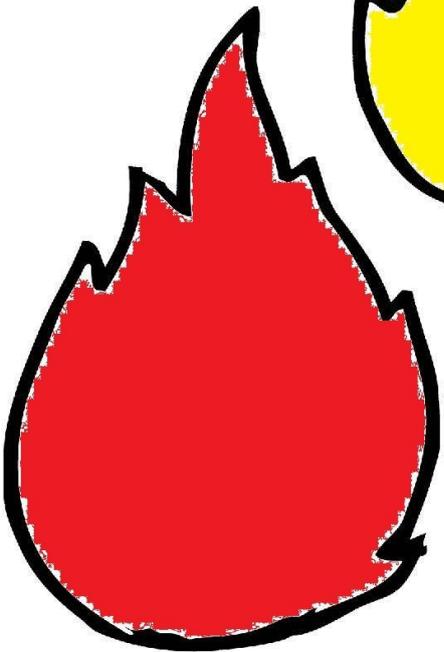
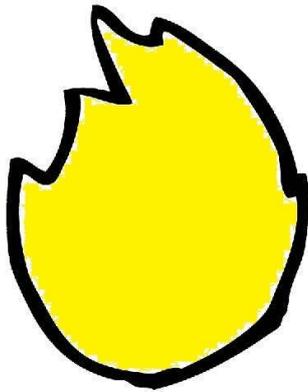
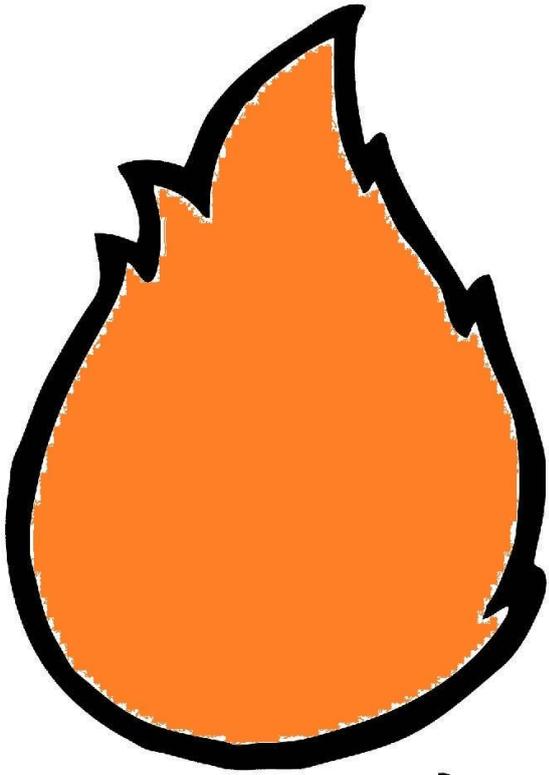
- Paper
- Small plate
- Spiral template on page 2
- Washable felt pens, coloured pencils or crayons
- Wool
- Safety scissors
- Hole Punch

Method

1. Draw round a small plate on a piece of paper and cut this out
2. Ask an adult to help you draw a spiral on the circle (like the template on page 2). Doesn't have to be neat but make sure the spiral is wide enough for you to cut out later.
3. Get your children to completely cover the spiral in flame colours.
4. Ask an adult to help you cut round the spiral.
5. Hole punch the middle of the spiral and then tie a piece of wool through the hole you have made.
6. Hang it up so it can move when the wind blows. This craft will remind your children that the Holy Spirit is present even though we can't see it.

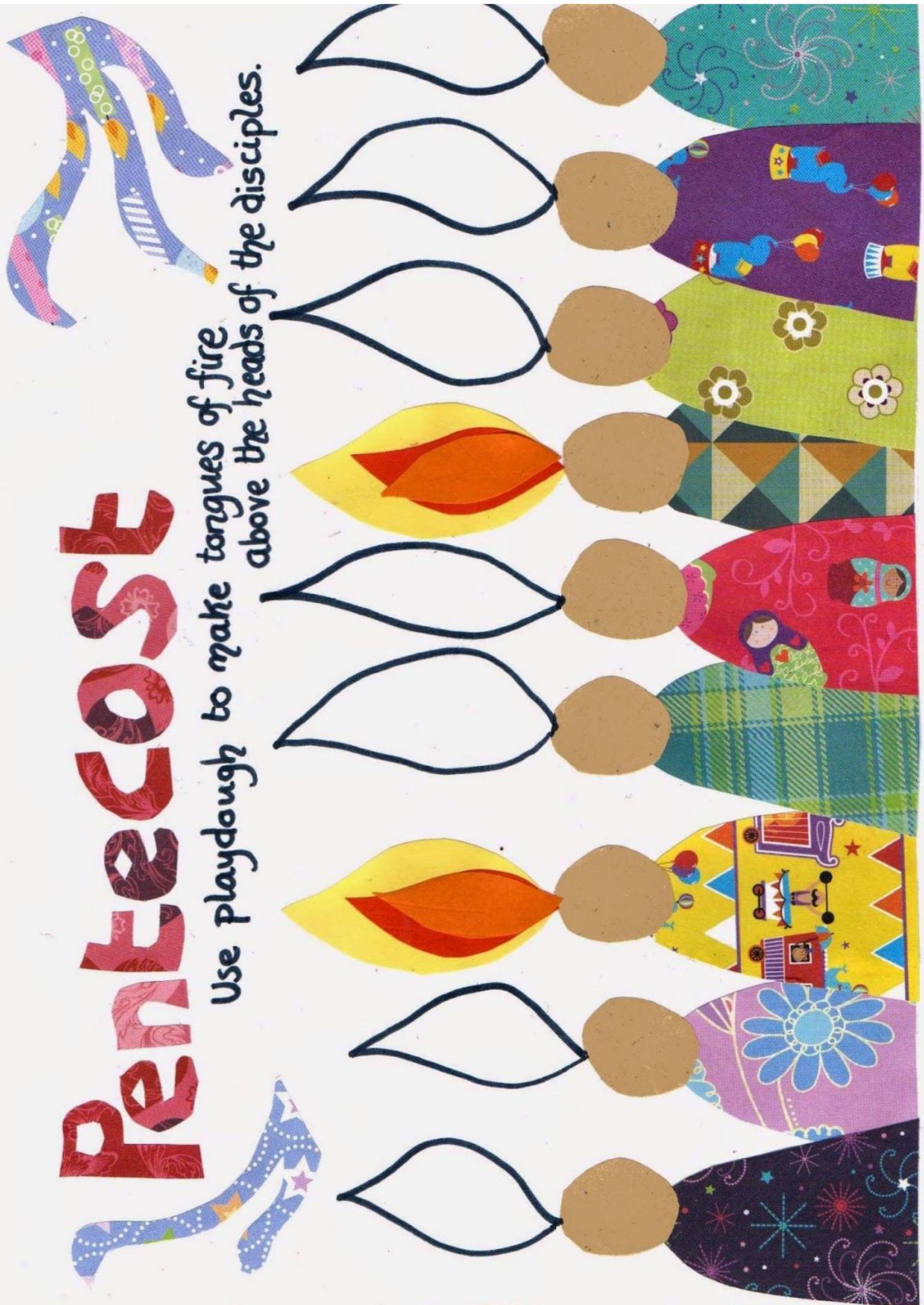


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Pentecost

Use Playdough to make tongues of fire above the heads of the disciples.



Flying flames

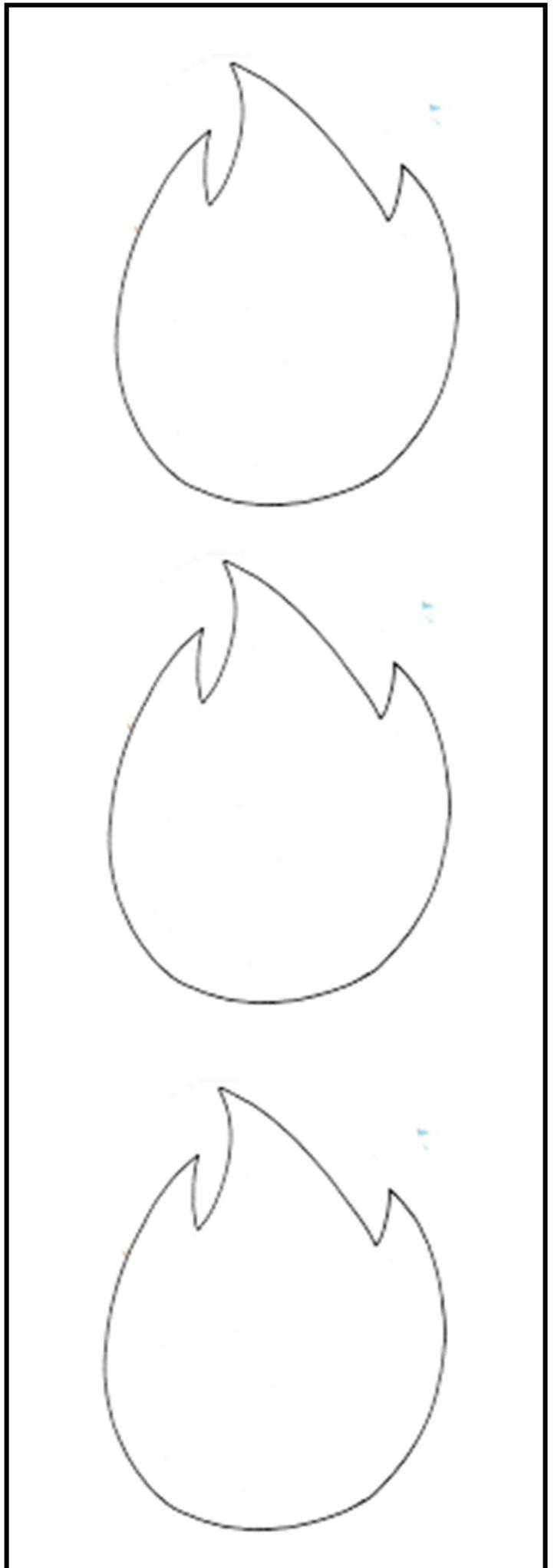
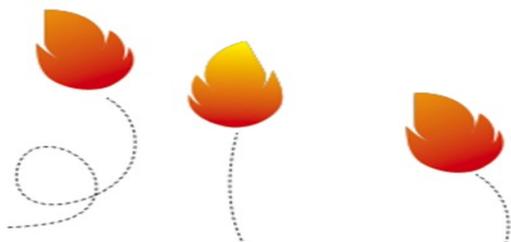
You will need:

- Large printed flame template on the right.
- A straw. You can use paper straws, but plastic might be better in this activity (paper might go soggy after a few attempts!)
- Washable pens, coloured pencils or crayons
- Tape
- Small strip of paper to make the launch cap.



Method

1. Colour in the flames using red, orange and yellow pens or pencils
2. Cut out your flames
3. Loosely roll a strip of paper around a straw, and seal with sellotape in the middle, and at the top. This is the launch cap, a bit similar to a pen lid. It should not be too tight. (You could also make this with a slightly bigger straw)
4. Tape the launch cap to the back of the flame
5. Put the straw into the launch cap and blow - the flame should fly up into the air



Stained Glass Pentecost Flame

You will need:

- Flame template on page 8
- Black card
- A4 sheet Sticky back plastic
- Orange, yellow and red tissue paper squares (approx. 2.5cm x 2.5cm)
- Safety scissors
- "Come Holy Spirit" label on the right



Method—You will need adult help with parts 1-4.

1. Cut around the outside and inside flame. You can use this or 
2. Trace this flame shape onto black card and cut flame shape out of the card which will be stronger. 
3. Peel off the back of the sticky back plastic
4. Lay the black flame outline onto the sticky side of the sticky back plastic
5. Stick the colored tissue paper one square at a time to the sticky paper. Start with red at the bottom, then orange around the middle and yellow near the top. Keep adding tissue paper until there are no more spaces showing. The tissue paper can overlap or can be cut or ripped to smaller pieces if needed. 

6. Cut out the "Come Holy Spirit label below
7. Turn your flame over and stick the label to the bottom of your flame.
8. Stick your flame to the window where the sun shines in and see the colours shine.

Come Holy Spirit

<https://www.sarajcreations.com/2018/05/pentecost-stained-glass-craft.html>

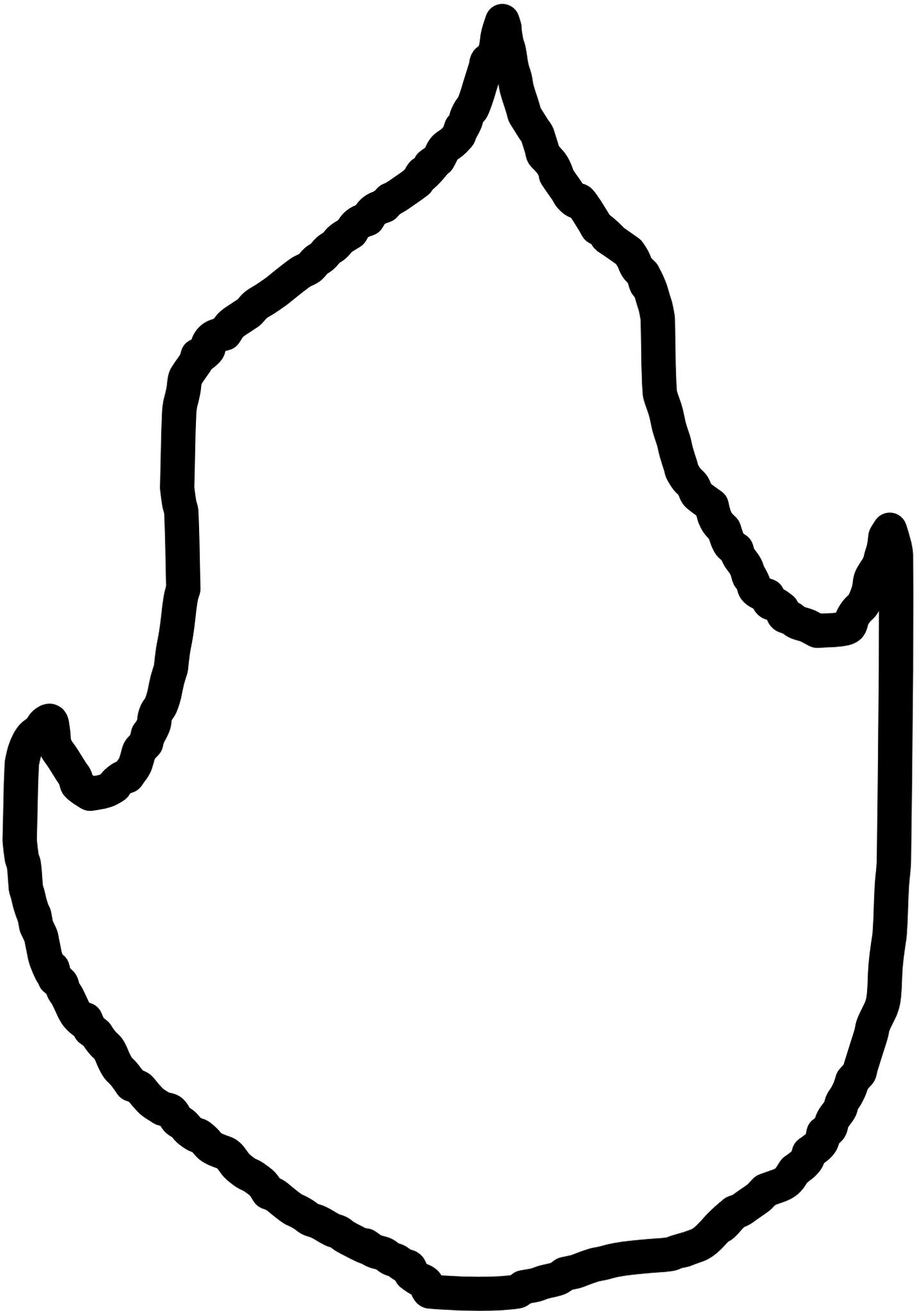
Flame biscuits

You will need:

- Digestive biscuits or rich tea biscuits 
- Red, orange and yellow glaze icing (125g icing sugar, 15ml warm water—gradually mix together until smooth. Divide into 3 and put a few drops of food colour in each so you have your red, orange and yellow glaze icing)
- Cocktail stick

Method

1. Put a small amount of red icing on bottom edge of your biscuit, a small amount of orange icing in the middle of your biscuit and a small amount of yellow at the top of your biscuit. They should slightly blend together.
2. Use your cocktail stick to pull wavy lines up through your colours to look like flickering flames.
3. Alternatively you could make your own cookies and cut them into leaf shapes and then add the icing as above. 



Pentecost windsock

You will need:

- Paper cup
- Stickers or self adhesive gemstones
- Washable pens, pencils or crayons
- Red, orange or yellow crepe or tissue paper
- Glue or tape
- Safety scissors
- Wool
- Cocktail stick



Method—Ask an adult to help you parts 2, 3 and 4

1. Decorate the outside of your paper cup as you like. Make it as colourful as possible.
2. Make a hole in the bottom of your cup.
3. Tie your wool round the cocktail stick and then thread the other end of the wool through the hole in the bottom of the cup. Pull the cocktail stick up into the cup to secure the wool.
4. Cut your crepe or tissue paper into strips.
5. Glue or tape one end of your strips inside the rim of your cup.
6. When glue is dry hang your Pentecost windchime up in a tree and watch it blow in the wind. This will remind you of the power of the wind and the power of the Holy Spirit.



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Pentecost Windmill

You will need:

- Template on page 10
- Red, orange and yellow crayons, pencils or washable pens
- Stick
- Pipe cleaner
- Safety scissors
- Tape or glue



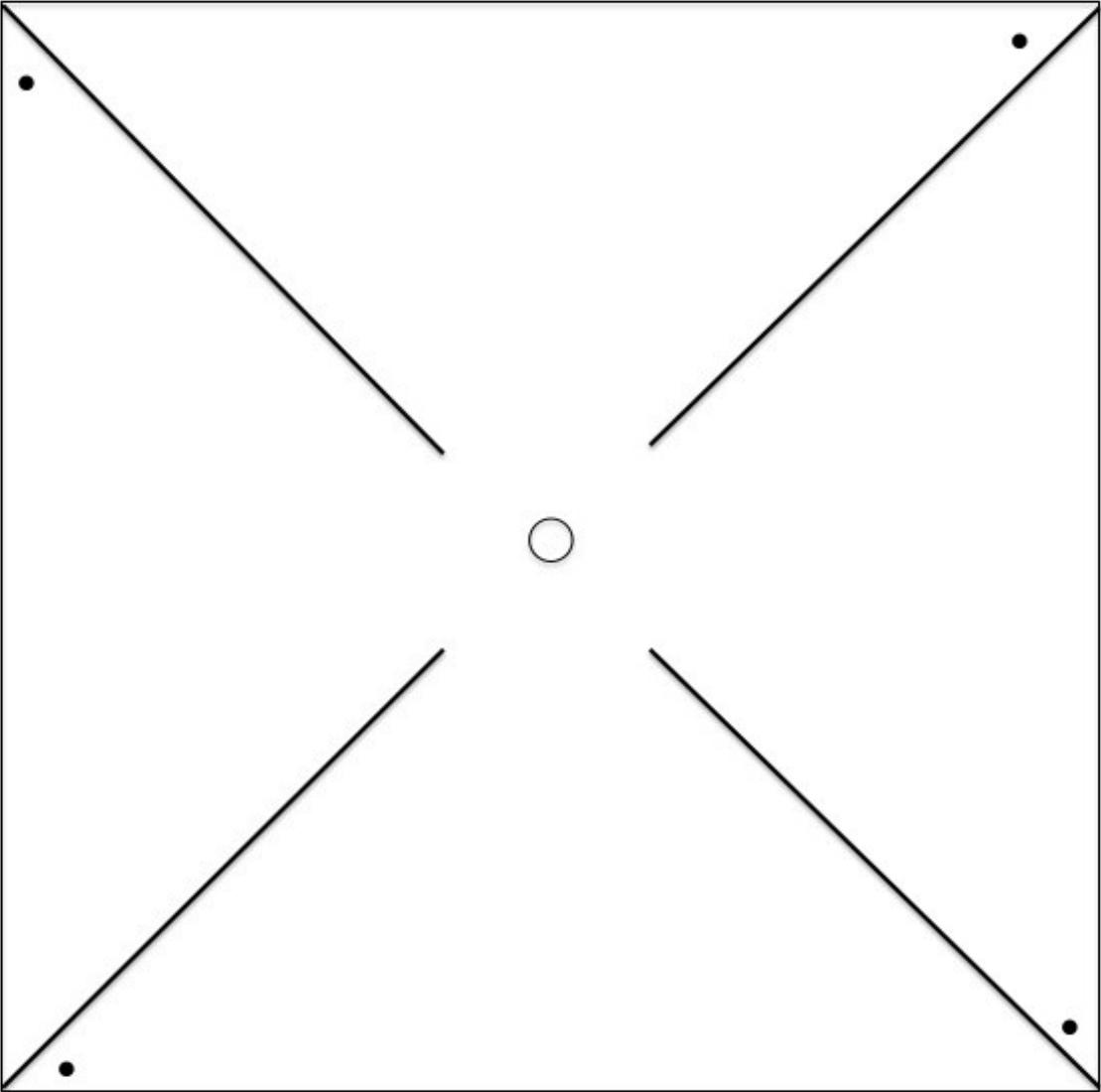
Method—Ask an adult to help you

1. Decorate your both sides of your windmill sail with either flame shapes or just bands of colour.
2. Cut along the diagonal lines.
3. Tape or glue the corners with dots into the centre.
4. Cut a hole in the middle.
5. Wrap a pipe cleaner around the stick.
6. Put the other end of the pipe cleaner through the windmill (from back to front) and secure with a knot.
7. Let the power of the wind blow your windmill like the power of the Holy Spirit.



<https://bryonytaylor.com/2013/05/27/pentecost-craft-idea/>

Pentecost Windmill Template





The Story of Pentecost

Before Jesus returned to Heaven to sit at God's right hand, He promised that the Holy Spirit would come, and that the Spirit would teach the disciples everything they needed to know. This is the story of what happened on that day—It is called **Pentecost**.



John, was with the disciples and was glad that they were all safe. It was ten days since Jesus had left them and they were hiding. Jesus had told them the Holy Spirit would come but they didn't know what the Holy Spirit would look like or when it would come.

Jesus had told them that all they had to do was ask and the Holy Spirit would come. They had all been praying but nothing had happened which was difficult for the disciples. Jesus had said that the Holy Spirit would come when the time was right. The disciples decided to pray together. They said the Lord's prayer—Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be your name.

Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire moving in all directions, and a tongue of fire came and settled on each person there.



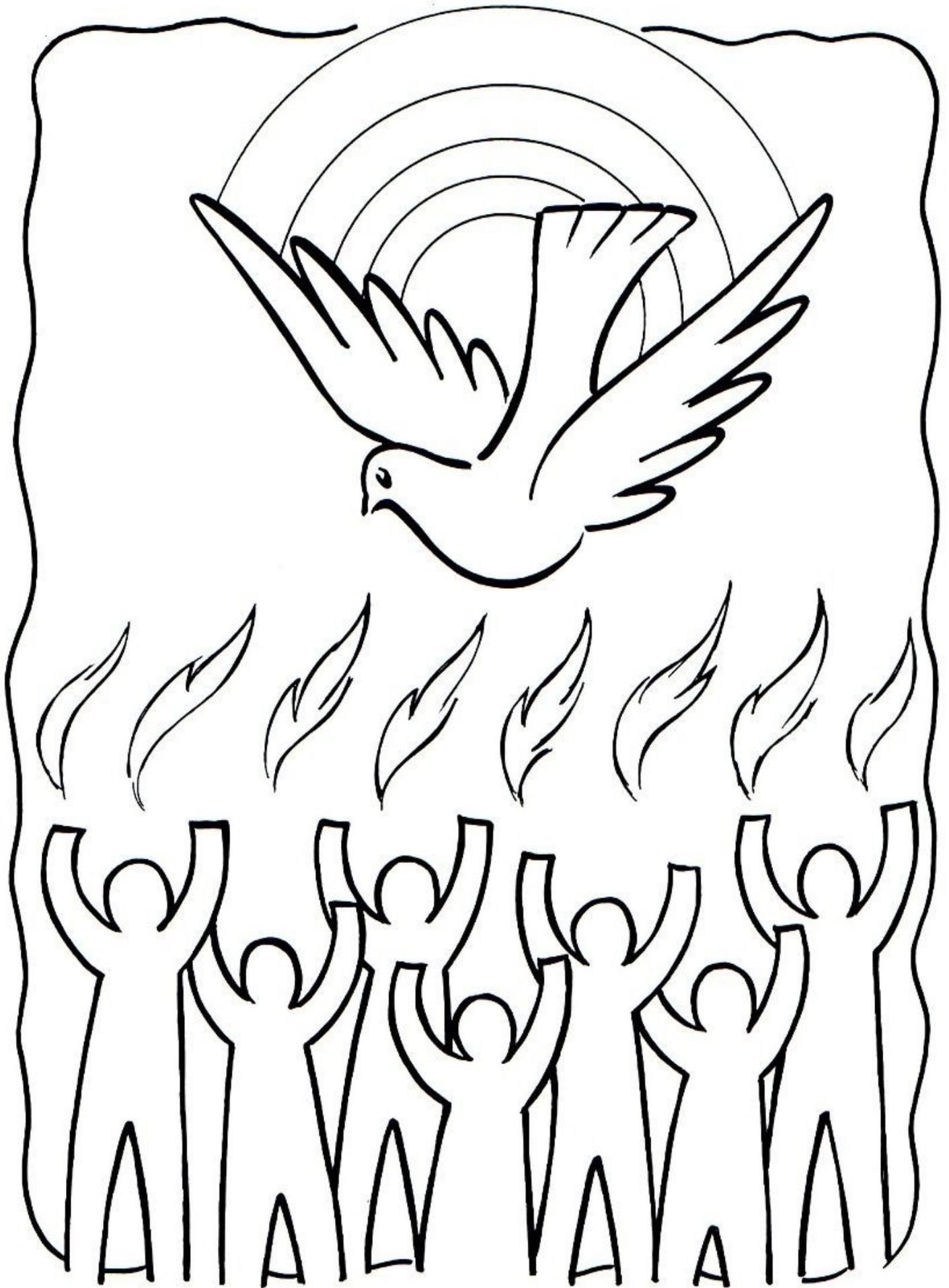
The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking in many different languages. In these languages they shouted - Jesus is the Messiah. He was crucified but rose from the dead. Jesus is the Messiah! I saw him crucified, but he rose from the dead. Praise be to God! Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, Jesus is the Messiah. He will show wonders in the heavens and signs on the Earth.

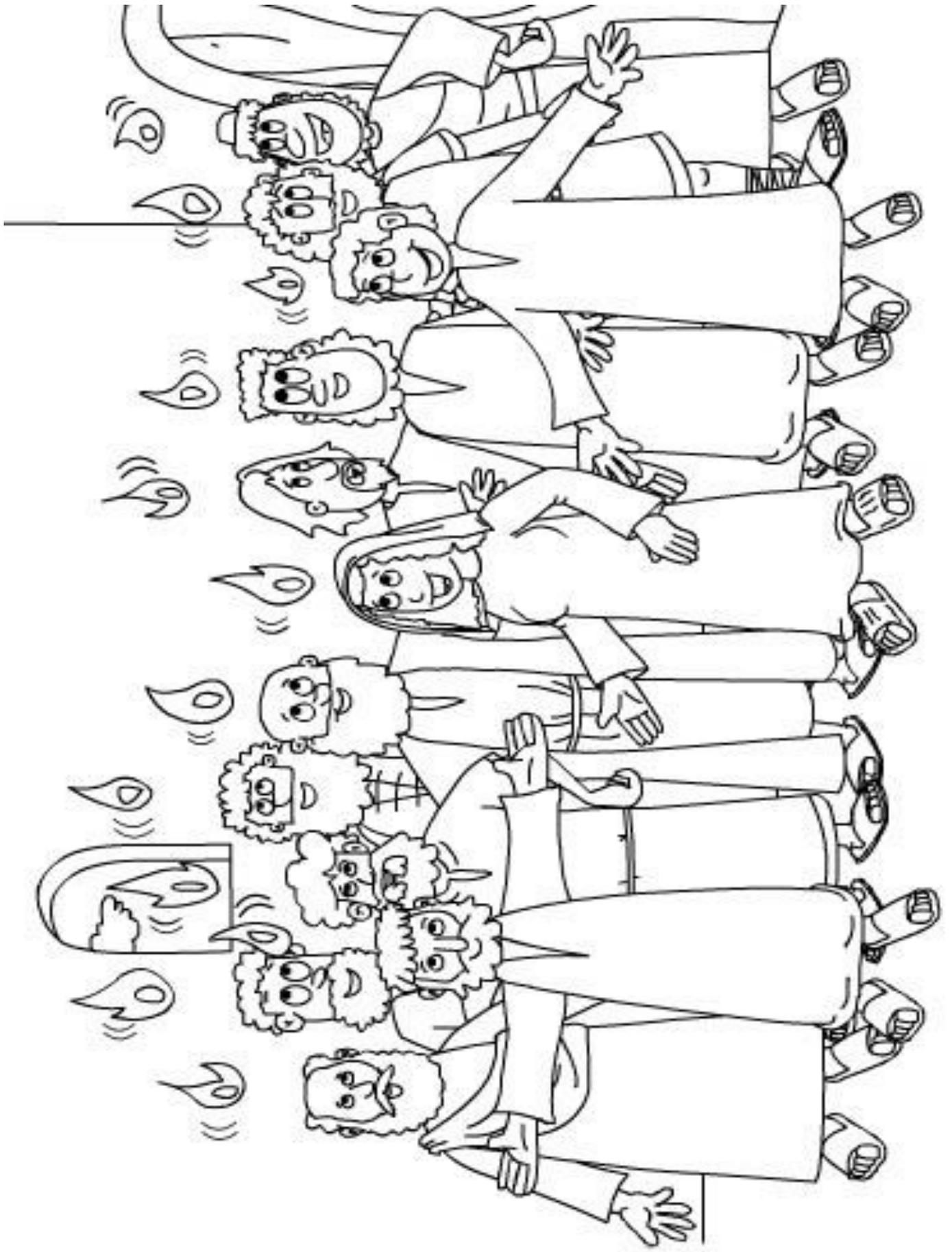
The disciples couldn't understand how they had spoken in so many languages? Then one of them said "The Holy Spirit. He is with us!"



Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem. And when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered. They were surprised, because they were hearing everything in their own languages. The Holy Spirit gave Peter the power to speak a great message telling everyone who listened about who Jesus is. Peter told the Good News. And 3000 people came to the Lord that day.





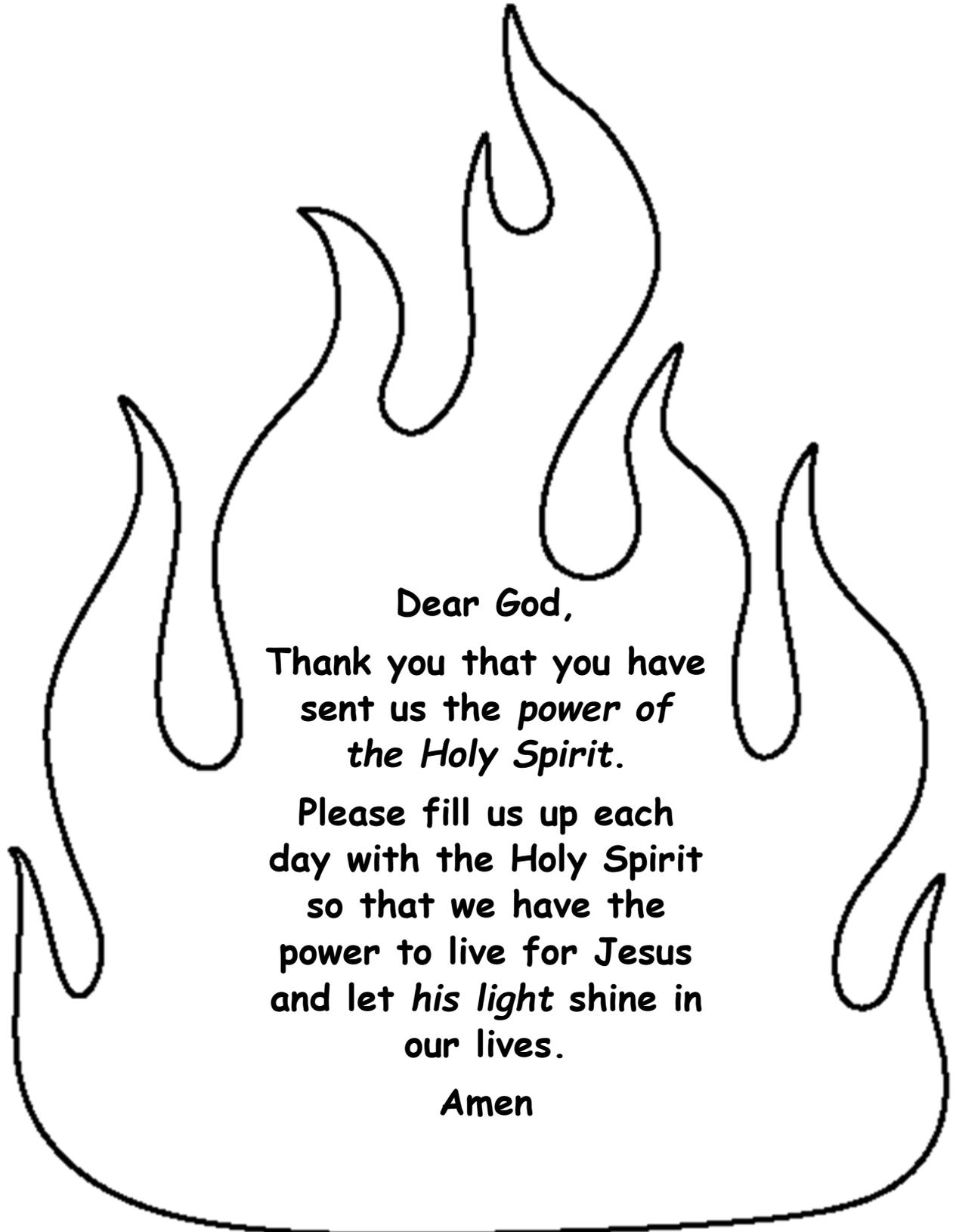


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Pray for Pentecost

Put a candle in a cake. Ask your parents to help you light the candle. Say the prayer below and then blow out the candle and share the cake.

You can colour the prayer in and hang it up to remind your of Pentecost.



Dear God,

Thank you that you have
sent us the *power of*
the Holy Spirit.

Please fill us up each
day with the Holy Spirit
so that we have the
power to live for Jesus
and let *his light* shine in
our lives.

Amen