

Religious Education

This week, Class One are learning about the celebration of the good news of Jesus.

Pentecost is often named as the 'birthday of the Church'. The feast celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The Holy Spirit is a new friend that Jesus had promised to send them. With a new friend the disciples felt full of joy and happiness. They were no longer frightened and were able to go out and share the Good News with others.

Look at the picture. Talk about people going to church to celebrate the Good News of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The people in the picture are coming together to share their happiness and joy because they are celebrating the Good News of Jesus who kept his promise and sent the Holy Spirit to be our friend. We can all share in this happiness.

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- What do you see in the picture?
- Why are the people celebrating?
- How are the people celebrating?
- How would you celebrate the Good News of Jesus?

Let's celebrate by singing '*If you are happy and you know it clap your hands.*'

[BBC rhymes - If you are happy and you know it.](#)

Activities to complete with your child:

- Make streamers with the words 'Share the Good News of Jesus with everyone' and create a dance with them.



Pentecost Day (based on Acts 2:1-4)

In the second part of Luke's story, the book of the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the story of Pentecost.

After Jesus had gone back to his Father, his friends stayed together with Mary, Jesus' Mother. Peter was there and James and John and all the others.

They missed Jesus very much.

They felt weary and lost.

They couldn't get up and get on with their lives. They didn't know what to do.

They talked about their time with Jesus, and wondered about his promise, 'I will not leave you alone'.

Then on Pentecost day everything changed.

It was as if they had been made new, re-created.

They were different people.

They were filled with life, joy, peace and happiness. They knew that Jesus had kept his promise to send the Holy Spirit, who would be with them always. They wanted to share this happiness and they got up straight away to go out to tell everyone.



