



# *Pentecost* Party Pail



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## Note for Parents

*Pentecost Party Pail* is designed for families and children to learn more about the day of Pentecost while having fun celebrating the birthday of the church! Families will discover what happened on Pentecost and how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to dwell with us on earth.

Inside your pail are all the items and activities you need to celebrate Pentecost Sunday with your family!

## **Your *Pentecost Party Pail* includes the following:**

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This resource is meant to be used on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021.



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## **What is Pentecost?**

Pentecost is a Christian day that commemorates the descending of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the church, also known as the birthday of the church. This story is found in Acts 2. Christians celebrate this day on the 50th day after Easter (Easter is day 1. The 50 days include Sundays). The color that symbolizes this day is red.

## **Why should we celebrate Pentecost as a family?**

This special day is a great time to help children understand how the Holy Spirit came to dwell with us on the earth. It helps children see that Jesus kept His promise to us to send the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-27). And it's on this day that the church was born! Children love to celebrate birthdays, so why not celebrate the birthday of the church, too! You can make this into a fun party for your family!



# Pentecost Party Supplies

Every birthday party needs some fun party decorations and supplies! Here are some ideas of ways you can decorate your home for your Pentecost Party:

## **Balloons**

You can buy helium balloons at the Dollar Tree for just \$1 each! If you're wanting to do multiple colors, you can get red, yellow, orange, and white. These are all colors of Pentecost (red, orange, & yellow represent the flames, and the white represents the dove). Hang these on your mailbox to symbolize that there is a party to celebrate that day! You can also hang them in your kitchen or living room (or wherever you plan to hold the party).

## **Streamers**

Line your party space with streamers! Take red and orange streamers and twist them to make a swirl of colors. Tape them together at the ends to hold them in place, and then tape them to your ceiling. These will be a great visual of the flames above the heads of the people in Acts 2. You can also line them around kitchen counters, door frames, and other places around your house.

## **Birthday Banner**

Grab some banner paper or construction paper and make a birthday banner. Using markers, write "Happy Birthday Church" in big letters and then decorate the banner. Hang this in your party space.

## **Confetti**

If you are so bold, you can use confetti for your party. You can make your own confetti using a hole puncher and paper, or you can buy confetti at the store. Spread the confetti around your serving table.

## **Party Plates and Cups**

Buy inexpensive "Happy Birthday" party plates and cups at your local dollar store. Use these to serve cake and drinks.



# Pentecost Party Snack

## **Brownie Cupcakes**

Package of brownie mix  
1 can of white frosting  
Strawberries, cut in half (from top to bottom)

Prepare brownie mix according to the directions on the package. After all is mixed, pour batter into greased muffin tins (you can use cupcake liners if you like). Bake according to directions on the package.

Once brownie cupcakes have cooled completely, spread on the white frosting. Add halved strawberries to top of each brownie cupcake. Put the bigger end of the strawberry onto the brownie cupcake so the smaller end points up. The strawberries represent the tongues of fire.



# Pentecost Family Devotion

## Read Acts 2

Imagine being one of the disciples for a minute. You're a follower of Jesus, but some pretty crazy things have happened over the past several years. Jesus called you to follow Him. He taught you about God and showed His love for you. After three years of following Him, the unthinkable happened... Jesus died. But then three days later something amazing happened...Jesus rose from the dead! You saw Him with your own eyes. He was dead and now He's alive. You were a witness to this amazing act of love for all of us.

After 40 days of staying on the earth, Jesus ascended to heaven (which means He was taken up to heaven). Before He went up, Jesus told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. It was now the 50th day after Jesus had gone to heaven and still no Holy Spirit. But the disciples believed Jesus when He said He would send the Holy Spirit because everything Jesus had ever told them was true. No need to doubt now. They just had to be patient and wait.

It was now the Jewish holiday of Pentecost (a feast of thanksgiving for the wheat harvest and for God's law given through Moses). Jews came to Jerusalem to celebrate this feast every year. So many people were gathered in Jerusalem for this special day.

On this particular Pentecost, which was 50 days after Jesus' Resurrection, what Jesus had promised to send came that day. That morning, while all the believers (120 believers total...see Acts 1:15) were gathered together in one place (a house), there came a loud sound. It was the sound of a mighty, rushing wind. And it was loud!

Imagine being inside your house when all of a sudden every single door blew open because the wind was blowing so hard! That's how I like to imagine it. But then something very strange happened. Tongues of fire appeared in the house. They separated and one flame was hovering over every person there. This was the coming of the Holy Spirit. This was what Jesus promised the disciples before He left the earth.

Then something else pretty crazy happened. All the believers began to speak in different languages! They were able to do this because of the Holy Spirit. When the other Jews (who were not believers yet), heard the loud sound of wind and heard their own language being spoken, they just didn't know what to think. They didn't understand how they could now hear and understand their language being spoken by Jews (people who were not from their country). And the believers were telling the good news of Jesus!



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But some of the people in Jerusalem that day thought they were crazy! They thought the believers had actually been drinking too much wine! It seemed to be the only logical explanation of how they could hear and understand their language being spoken.

And then Peter became bold and spoke up. He told those in Jerusalem that the believers had not been drinking wine. It was only 9:00 am! And then Peter gave a powerful sermon about how the prophet Joel had prophesied about this day, about the life of Jesus, about His love for them, about how He had died and been raised to life. Peter explained to them that these 120 believers were all eyewitnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection. None of them had made this up. All of these people had witnessed Jesus' death. They had seen Him rise from the dead. They had seen Him alive for 40 days after His resurrection and had spoken with Him. It was real. Jesus was not dead! He was alive!

Peter's message of Pentecost really cut to the heart of those in Jerusalem. They asked Peter what they should do now. And here's what Peter said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:38-39).

And guess what happened that day? 3,000 people were saved!! 3,000 people believed in Jesus and accepted Him as their Savior. How amazing is that!

Pentecost is now a Christian holiday. It's the day we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church because it was on this day (50 days after Easter...when we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection), that the Holy Spirit arrived, just as Jesus had promised.

Do you know that the Holy Spirit is with us right now? The Holy Spirit has not left us. The Holy Spirit remains with all of those who believe in Jesus as their Savior. My prayer is that, if you haven't already, you will accept Jesus as your Savior, that you will ask Jesus for forgiveness of your sins, that you will tell Jesus you believe in Him and you want to live forever with Him one day, and that you will tell Him how much you love Him.

Do you want others to know Jesus like you do? Go out and share Jesus with others. Tell them that Jesus loves them, too. Tell them the Good News of Jesus and what He did for them!

*Thank You, Jesus, for dying for me. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be with me on the earth. I pray that You will help me to be bold and share Your love with someone else. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# Pentecost Party Craft

## Pentecost Sticks

**Supplies Needed:** long stick, streamers (red, orange, yellow)

This activity is a great visual tool to help children understand how the Holy Spirit arrived.

First, go outside in your yard and find a stick (find one that's long enough for you to tie several streamers to).

Next, cut strips of red, orange, and yellow streamers. Tie them (or tape them) to one end of stick. Tie on as many as you like!

Once finished, grab a box fan or go outside (if it's windy). Have your kids hold their Pentecost sticks in the air and let the wind capture the streamers and watch them fly. Remind your kids of the mighty wind that came on the day of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit arrived on that day.

Next, have a parade around your house or down your street. Wave your Pentecost sticks in the air and have fun celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit.





# Pentecost Party Craft

## Family Prayer Flames

**Supplies Needed:** *construction paper (red, orange, yellow), markers*

In this activity, your family will be creating prayer flames.

First, have each family member trace their hand onto several sheets of construction paper. Then have them cut out each hand.

Next, have each family member write down someone they would like to pray for. Write 1-2 names on each hand. Then, fashion the hands into the shape of a flame and tape to your wall (or onto your fridge).

At dinner time each night, say a prayer out loud for each of the people on the prayer flames.



# Pentecost Party Game

## The Windy Race

**Supplies Needed:** *tissues, paper plate*

The wind blew hard on the day of Pentecost as the Holy Spirit arrived!

In this activity, you will race your family members to see who can make their tissue cross the finish line first!

First, make sure each family member has a tissue and a paper plate. Designate a starting line and a finish line. Have each family member place their tissue at the starting line. When someone yells go, have each family member fan the paper plate back and forth making their tissue move. Family members can only make their tissue move by fanning their paper plate (they cannot use their mouth to blow air to make it move). The goal is to get the tissue to move from the starting line to the finish line. The person whose tissue crosses the finish line first, wins!



# Pentecost Party Game

## Pentecost Trivia

**Supplies Needed:** *Pentecost trivia sheet (plus answer key)*

Test your knowledge to see how much you learned about Pentecost! You can do this one of two ways:

1. Divide your family into teams and compete against one another. Have one person read aloud the questions and teams can go up against each other. The team that answers correctly first wins that round. Keep score. Winning team gets an extra brownie cupcake!
2. Hand each person a blank sheet of paper and a pen. One person will read each question out loud, and the other family members will write down their answers for each question. At the end, read the answers out loud. The person who gets the most right, wins!



# Pentecost Trivia

1. What was the loud sound that came through on Pentecost?
2. What appeared above their heads?
3. All the people were filled with this on Pentecost.
4. What happened after they were filled with the Holy Spirit?
5. Who gave a sermon that morning to the large crowd of people in Jerusalem?
6. What time was it when the Holy Spirit came? (Hint...see Acts 2:15)
7. What was the topic of Peter's message that morning?
8. When the crowd heard Peter's message, they were "cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37). They asked Peter what they should do. What did Peter tell them to do?
9. How many people were saved and came to know Jesus that day?
10. Pentecost is the day we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of who?
11. How many days are between Easter and Pentecost?
12. What color represents the day of Pentecost?



# Pentecost

## Trivia (Answer Key)

1. Blowing of a violet wind
2. Tongues of fire
3. Holy Spirit
4. They began to speak in other languages
5. Peter
6. 9:00 am
7. It was all about Jesus
8. Repent of their sins and be baptized
9. 3,000
10. Birthday of the Church
11. 50 days
12. Red