



Growing Faith-Filled Kids: Pentecost



Fun Facts:

- Concludes the Easter Season and is known as the Birthday of the Church
- Occurs 50 days after Easter
- Celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit

Brief Summary: Acts: Chapter 2

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down to the Apostles who were lonely and afraid after Jesus left them. It gave them strength beyond themselves to continue Jesus' work of building God's kingdom on Earth. It also gave them courage and great gifts such as speaking a different language. It was a reminder to the Apostles that Jesus would always be with them.

Celebrate!

- Have birthday cake or sundaes for dessert. Suggestions: Red Velvet cake or Pentecost Sundaes (<http://www.catholicicing.com/celebrate-pentecost-sunday-with-pentecost-sundaes/>).
- Read the story of Pentecost from the Bible to your children. If your children are small, just tell it in your own words while holding the Bible.
- Since the Spirit came in wind & fire, decorate by making tongues of fire out of red construction paper & hanging them from your chandelier.
- For older kids, watch the short video by Busted Halo: Pentecost in 2 minutes (<http://youtu.be/J5tr4pgWlo4>).
- Decorate your dinner table in red. Red tablecloth, napkins, or candles.
- Wrap 7 boxes to represent the Gifts of the Spirit. Write the 7 Gifts of the Spirit on individual slips of paper and put one in each box. Open each one and discuss as a family how we are given these gifts at Baptism and they are renewed when we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. You can find

the Gift of the Spirit in 1Corinthians 12:8-11. Below is an explanation for you to use.

- Knowledge is the gift that helps us to know ourselves and the world around us.
 - Understanding is letting the Word of God have room in our lives.
 - Wisdom is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to see and understand God's plan in our lives and in the world.
 - Courage is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us walk out into the world and feel prepared.
 - Reverence is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to see God in everything around us. It teaches us to treat our fragile world gently.
 - Wonder is the gift of the Holy Spirit that keeps us awestruck by the power and beauty of God in our lives.
 - Right Judgment is the gift of the Holy Spirit that encourages us to talk things over so that we can make choices that let us feel comfortable with ourselves afterwards.
(Paraphrased from: <http://www.archwinnipeg.ca/>)
- Start building up your own library of religious books on saints and feast days.
 - For younger children, log on to Catholic Icing website to see ideas for easy to do crafts as well as a Pentecost song.
<http://www.catholicicing.com/category/pentecost/>

Just Remember...



Start small and don't get overwhelmed



Make it fun and keep it simple



Ask the Holy Spirit to bless you and your family