

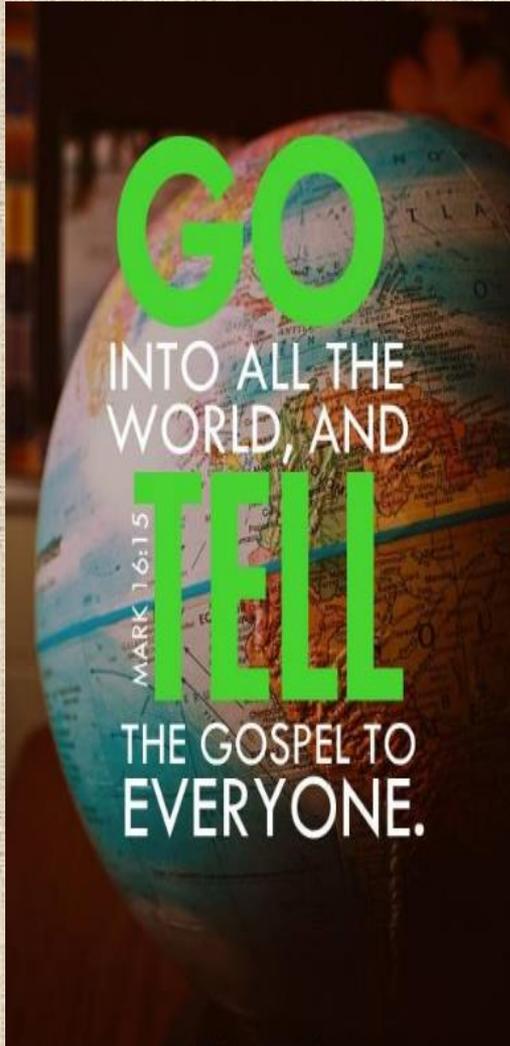
Easter to Pentecost Week 4 Collective Worship

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After Pentecost the Apostles went to other countries to tell all nations about God and His love for us. The Holy Spirit they had received gave them the strength and courage for this task.

The “Acts of the Apostles” can be read in the New Testament of the Bible and it tells us a lot of what the Apostles did after Pentecost, in particular St. Peter and St. Paul. Many of the Apostles were imprisoned and martyred (killed) because of their beliefs but greeted their sufferings with joy because they were doing God’s work.



Symbols of the Holy Spirit



“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty rushing wind..”

The Apostles tell of a mighty wind that swept through the room at Pentecost. God was breathing new life into the Apostles with His Holy Spirit and breathing life into the Church. God's Holy Spirit is somewhat like the wind; we can't see it, but we know that God is there because we can see the effects of His power in our lives.

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

“..there appeared unto them
tongues like as of fire..”

In the Old Testament there
are many images of God as
fire.

Fire brings light and warmth;
the words spoken by the
Apostles at Pentecost and
following this event bring
light to the lives of those who
hear them.



REFLECTION: Light a Candle

The symbols of Pentecost are wind and fire.

The Holy Spirit is the real presence of Jesus, as he told his disciples:

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth” (John 14:16-17).

Close your eyes- imagine making fire sticks at home using-

- Sticks (wooden dowels, bamboo, or sticks from outside)
- Several long pieces of ribbon. Mostly red with a bit of gold and orange to look like flames
- A short piece of ribbon
- Craft glue

Imagine gluing the ribbon to the sticks and going out into the garden.

The wind bring them to life. Remember that like wind, we cannot see the Holy Spirit, but we constantly experience its effects. Maybe you could make some at home or school and leave them outside for the season of Pentecost which lasts until Advent.

