

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of Jesus.
- > Birthday cake and birthday cards.
- > Seven candles.
- > Seven gift-wrapped packages; inside, cards marked with one of the gifts of the Spirit (joy; love; patience; kindness; understanding; reverence; courage).
- > Dove or flame shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE WORD OF THE LORD

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts
with the fire of your love.**
Alleluia!

A reading from the Story of the Early Church given to us by Luke.

It was Pentecost day, and all Jesus' friends were gathered in the room where they had met for the Last Supper. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, and it seemed the whole house was full of its noise. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire. These

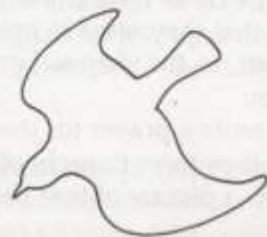
DISCUSSION

Recall with the children that before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us the gifts we need to carry on Jesus' work, the gifts we need to be like Jesus.

Open the gift packets, and take out the 'gifts' printed on the cards.

Together, talk of examples of people who use one or more of these gifts.



SHARING

Today is the birthday of the Church. On our birthdays we receive cards and gifts. Often the gifts help us do something, e.g. paint, draw, read, etc.

The birthday of the Church is a celebration for us too, and so we receive special messages and gifts from God.

Today we listen to a story, not from the Gospel, but from the second book that Luke gave us, which is the Story of the Early Church.

separated and came to rest on the heads of each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to preach the Good News.

Jerusalem was full of people from all around the world who had come for the feast. But amazingly, all of these foreigners not only heard Jesus' friends, but could understand them. They said,

'We hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children take it in turns to mime a 'gift'; the rest have to guess which 'gift' is being mimed.
- > Give out the cut-outs.

Either:

- > Have the children make a badge with them of the gift they would like the Holy Spirit to send them.

Or:

- > Have the children write on them the Alleluia verse:
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