

## Pentecost Resources for Christian Education

Pentecost Sunday is when we celebrate the birth of the church. Who doesn't like a birthday party? So why not have one for the church, complete with cake, party decorations, and gifts? Your gifts can be items collected for a shelter, children's ward of a hospital, or other suitable charitable organization. Here are some more ideas for celebrating with children, youth, and adults.



### Make it colorful

The color for Pentecost is red, representing the tongues of flame that symbolized the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. Encourage everyone to dress in red and have red, orange, and yellow streamers and other decorations.

### Make it dramatic

Let children dress up and act out the story of Pentecost as someone reads the account in Acts 2. Props can be paper flames that the children hold over their heads as they make the sound of the wind.

### Make it symbolic

Pentecost is rich in symbols. There are plenty of crafts which illustrate **fire** and the tongues of flame which appeared over Jesus' followers. You can find them on [Pinterest](#) along with other Pentecost crafts for kids. To emphasize that the Holy Spirit was like a fierce **wind**, make pinwheels. The [Stories on the Way website](#) include a lesson with instructions and a template for pinwheels. The **dove** is another symbol for the Holy Spirit. There are plenty of craft ideas online to make paper or fabric doves. This [website](#) shows how to make a dove out of a paper plate.

### Make it intergenerational

Why not have an intergenerational worship service on Pentecost Sunday? PRC – Practical Resources for Churches had a free webinar led by Karen Ware Jackson entitled "Worship for All Ages: Ideas for Pentecost," which had plenty of ideas for just such a service. You can visit the [Pentecost section](#) of PRC's Online Resource Center to register to view the recording of the webinar and download three documents related to the webinar.

## **Additional resources**

There are webinar recordings on our Online Resource Center titled "[Celebrating Pentecost with Children](#)" led by Elizabeth Christie and "[Breathe: A Child's Guide to Ascension, Pentecost, and the Growing Time](#)" led by author Laura Alary.

*[The Day When God Made Church: A Child's Book about Pentecost](#)*

This children's storybook is also meaningful for adults and could be read in Sunday school or a worship service.

*[Breathe: A Child's Guide to Ascension, Pentecost, and the Growing Time](#)*

This book "explores the comings and goings of Jesus and the Spirit through retellings of the biblical stories of Ascension and Pentecost, interwoven with contemporary reflections from the point of view of a child."

There are Pentecost lessons on the [Ministry to Children website](#).

Pentecost coloring pages, activity sheets, crafts, and other resources can be found on [DLTK's Bible Activities for Kids website](#).

The Ministry Matters website has a page called "[Preparing for Pentecost](#)," with suggestions for celebrating Pentecost.