

DIOCESAN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FRAMEWORK

YEAR 2/TERM 5/ PENTECOST - THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES LIVES

This is celebrated 50 days after Easter Day and marks the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples – the Helper which Jesus had promised when he left them. The Holy Spirit is described in various ways in the Bible: like water that fills and refreshes; like fire that burns and purifies; like wind that brings life and power. These pictures of the work of the Spirit are important but there is a danger that we then think of the Spirit as a thing. Christians believe that the Holy Spirit is a person ready to be welcomed into the life of anyone who is sorry for the wrong they have done and who asks for God's forgiveness through Jesus. When this person comes in, he makes all the difference – making Jesus real, making the Christian life possible and making lives new.

SEAL link – New beginnings

Values link – Love, Joy, Peace (fruit of the Spirit)

GATHER	ENGAGE	RESPOND	SEND
<p>Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. <i>All Let us praise and bless God for ever.</i></p> <p>The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let</p>	<p>THE DAY OF PENTECOST (whole school) Acts 2 This has a lot of details which are difficult to understand or explain. The important points are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fact that Jesus kept his promise to send a Helper • The changes in the disciples – from frightened men in hiding to preachers of the gospel (because of the Holy Spirit), ultimately preachers throughout the world <p>You might want to consider all or parts of the dramatic reading at http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/pentecost-a-dramatic-reading/ There are also some suggestions for prayer stations which you might want to use around the school. Use this act of worship to introduce the prayer ideas to pupils http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/pentecost-prayers/ Alternatively, your pupil worship leaders might have their own ideas for interactive prayers for Pentecost.</p> <p>SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: WIND (whole school) Acts 2 v 1-11 The idea of wind as a symbol/sign is that, although people cannot see the wind, they can see its effects. The Holy Spirit is like that – people can see the effects of those who have God's Holy Spirit in them – like the disciples who proclaimed the gospel. (See Margaret Cooling's Summer Assemblies) Use DVD clips of the wind in the trees, possibly including storms, to show the ways in this we cannot see the wind, but we can see the tree moving – dramatically if the wind is part of a storm. Remember too that the Holy Spirit is like a gentle breath – and that we need to breathe all the time. For Christians, the Holy Spirit is like their breath and breathing – he is there helping all the time whether they are thinking about him or not.</p>	<p>Use images related to the symbols of the Holy Spirit for reflection on the power and influence of the Spirit in people's lives</p> <p>Heavenly Father, your Holy Spirit, like a wind from heaven, blows away all that is bad. May that holy wind blow away the sadness and the wickedness in our world, and bring calm and peace. Generous God pour out your love.</p> <p>Your Holy Spirit burns up like fire, to cleanse and renew. May that cleansing fire make us clean on the inside, destroying sin, and changing</p>	<p>Ask – how can we be like the wind which blows away the bad from the world today? Like the fire which cleanses lives today? Like the dove, the bringer of peace today?</p> <p>May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And the blessing of God</p>

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<p>us walk in the Spirit.</p>	<p>We cannot see him but we can see what people do because the Holy Spirit is a part of them. Perhaps someone could speak to the children about how he or she believes that the Holy Spirit helps them to live their life.</p> <p>SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: FIRE (whole school) Acts 2 v 1-11 Discuss the good and bad things which fire does. Fire can cleanse and sterilise, and the Holy Spirit can work in people's lives to make them clean and to effect change. (Margaret Cooling Summer Assemblies). Fire can also provide an amazing amount of power. Find an image/DVD clip of how fire is used to give the power to a steam train. Talk about times when pupils have to show courage – the power to stand up for something even if it is 'against the crowd'. Think about how Peter with 'fire in his belly' used that power on the day of Pentecost to go out and tell the huge crowd about Jesus even if lots of people laughed at him.</p> <p>SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: AT JESUS BAPTISM (key stage or class) Luke 3 v 21-22 The dove appears in the account of the baptism of Jesus – look at the account of Jesus' baptism in an appropriate version of the Bible. Look at some images in art Eg http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/piero-della-francesca-the-baptism-of-christ At the baptism of Jesus, we see the presence of the God the Father (voice), God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit (in the form of the dove) What other associations are there with doves? Peace of God, the story of Noah – promise etc Which of the three symbols of the Holy Spirit (wind, fire, dove) is most helpful for you? Do they each have something important to say? Encourage reflection on this at an age appropriate level and with appropriate images to help the pupils' thinking.</p>	<p>us for good. Generous God pour out your love.</p> <p>Your Holy Spirit is like a flame that enlightens human hearts. May that flame lighten our darkness, and guide us in the ways of peace and justice. Generous God pour out your love.</p> <p>Your Holy Spirit hovered over the world at the beginning of creation. May that hovering Spirit descend on our world today, to mend and to heal, to restore all that is damaged, and bring about the fullness of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. All Amen.</p> <p>Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.</p>
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