Read: Acts 2:1-21

Today is a special day in the church – some people say it is the Birthday of the Church! On this day we think about when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. When Jesus had ascended into heaven, he promised the disciples that God's helper, the Holy Spirit, would come and be with them. The disciples were scared and worried because of everything that had happened with Jesus. They were all in a large room together when the room filled with wind and what look like tongues of fire landed on their heads. This was the Holy Spirit! The disciples were amazed to discover that they could speak languages from all over the world and understand them! People saw what had happened but didn't understand and thought that the disciples were drunk. Peter stood up and corrected them – he then went on and told everyone everything that had happened. Thousands of people gave their lives to Jesus and got baptised. Today is called Pentecost and is the 50th day after Easter Sunday.

Watch - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M

Where were the disciples when this happened? What happened? What did the Holy Spirit do? What did Peter do? Can the Holy Spirit still help us today?


Pentecost candle craft - https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2021/05/paper-pentecost-candle-celebrating-with.html

Plan an imaginary celebration for Pentecost in your church – what would you do to celebrate?

Pray: Holy Spirit of God, sent to be our guide, you are present in our world today. You are like a dove which brings peace to calm us and peace to our world. You are like fire, which brings warmth, light and power to change us for the better. You are like wind that blows, refreshes us and moves us into new experiences. Holy Spirit of God, bring us peace and help us to share your love with others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (taken from Praying Together)

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.
Keep them by your side.
May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.
Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.
Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.
May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen
(Taken from Praying Together)

Share – Some people think of Pentecost as the church’s birthday – could you bake a cake or some buns to celebrate? Can you share these with some friends, family, or neighbours?
Sunday 12th June 2022 – Trinity Sunday

Read: John 16:12-15

Today is called Trinity Sunday. Today we think about God the father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each one is unique and separate but all still God. It is very confusing! God is three in one. It is not three Gods but one God with three distinct aspects. St. Patrick is said to have used a shamrock to explain the trinity – there are three leaves, just like there are three parts of the trinity, but they all come from the one stem. They are all God. It is important to remember God as three persons because as God the Father he made everything, as God the Son, he saved us and as God the Holy Spirit he lives in us today.

Watch - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK5y_KMm2FU

Who did the jug of water represent? Who did the ice cubes represent? Who did the steam represent? How does this show what the trinity is like?

Trinity Song - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnUVjLJ6Kas


Maze - https://sermons4kids.com/trinity_sunday_maze.htm?fromSermonId=290

Spiral - https://sermons4kids.com/trinity_sunday_spiral.htm

Three-in-one pictures - Using only the number three 3 and the number one 1 create a drawing which contains as many objects or people as possible. Perhaps the children could do this as two teams with large sheets of paper. For example, two threes together and a one could become a tree. Or a three on its side might be a bird in the sky etc.

Pray: Dear God. We know that we cannot fully understand how great and wonderful you really are. But we thank you for revealing yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (a Trinity of persons) even though you are still one. Help us to learn more about you and the great love you have for each one of us.

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Share – Can you think of other things that are 3 in 1?
In our reading today we hear about a very special gift we that we are very lucky to be able to receive. We are all part of God’s big family – and when we are part of God’s family, we are all equal – it doesn’t matter if we are boys or girls, if we like football or not, if we are tall or short – God loves us just as we are and wants us to be part of his family. What is even more impressive is because it is a gift it is free – if we believe and trust in God, we can be part of his family!

Watch - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4laUXOSarM

What did you like most about the video? What did you like least about the video? Being part of the family of God is a gift to us.

Wordsearch - https://sermons4kids.com/family_of_god_wordsearch.htm?fromSermonId=323
Playdough mat - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1URSEqLgHs5_pPITde3HOMGdxFOHub3pZ/view

What was the best present you have ever received? Why did you like it so much? How did you say thank you for that present? What can we do to tell others about the gift of being part of God’s family?

Pray: Dear Father, we are thankful that we can become your children through faith in Jesus Christ. We are thankful that it doesn’t matter whether we are girl or boy -- black or white. We are thankful that in Christ we all become one. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

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Share – Take time and pray for all the members of your family.
Jesus wanted people to know that following him would not be easy – it would be worth it, but it would not be easy! People needed to be prepared to give everything up to follow him – they needed to put him first in their lives – even if it meant leaving everything behind. The next few verses in the Bible are stories Jesus told to help people realise it wasn’t as simple as saying I will follow Jesus, but people had to think carefully about what they were doing and what they would be giving up – it wouldn’t be easy, but it would be worth it!

Watch - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ggNtalGahE

What were people asking Jesus? Why did he want them to think about what they were doing? How can we follow Jesus?

Decoder - https://sermons4kids.com/first_things_first_decoder.htm?fromSermonId=628

Play a game of Follow the Leader.

Maze - https://www.hideandseekministries.com/_files/ugd/2ad8db_8a2219b196ab44d6ae19018b7453b21f.pdf?index=true

Pray: Dear God, help us put Jesus first. Amen

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