

## Church at Home Family Pack – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Join us for our online service, usual time of 10:30am on Sunday at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk) – “see” you there!

If you like, join in with the discussion of Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to the different people in your family than others. We’re not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit your family.

### GATHER TOGETHER



#### **A prayer to start –**

Holy Spirit, you are welcome.  
Come among us like a wind,  
like a fire, like a dove.  
Come gently or come boldly.  
We are waiting for you.  
**Amen.**

#### **Action reminder –**

From the top of my head  
*(Touch head)*  
to the tips of my toes;  
*(Touch toes)*  
from the lobes of my ears  
*(Touch ear lobes)*  
to the end of my nose;  
*(Touch nose)*  
from my back, to my front  
*(Turn round)*  
to my wiggly fingers,  
*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*  
God loves me!  
*(jump up and down)*

## READ TOGETHER

### Acts 2: 1-13

#### International Children's Bible (ICB)

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. **4** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages.

**5** There were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. **6** When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. **7** They were completely amazed at this. They said, "Look! Aren't all these men that we hear speaking from Galilee?" **8** But each of us hears them in his own language. How is this possible? We are from different places: **9** Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, **10** Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near Cyrene, Rome **11** (both Jews and those who had become Jews), Crete and Arabia. But we hear these men telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!" **12** They were all amazed and confused. They asked each other, "What does this mean?"

**13** But others were making fun of them, saying, "They have had too much wine."



#### New International Version (NIV)

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

**5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

**13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

## Action Story

Lots of Jesus' friends were together. (**interlock your fingers**)

Suddenly they heard a noise like the wind filling the room. (**blow into your cupped hands**)

Then they saw flames dancing above everyone's head. (**hold both hands up and wiggle your fingers**)

God had sent his Holy Spirit to be with them always. (**put both thumbs up**)

Everyone rushed outside. (**push your hands away**)

They all began speaking in different languages, so everyone could understand them. (**make chattering hands**)

They told everyone about Jesus. (**sweep both your arms out wide**)



## WATCH TOGETHER

God Sends the Holy Spirit <https://youtu.be/OMQKy1Mx49M>

## TALK TOGETHER

If you were able to talk in any language which one would you choose?

Do you know any words in another language?

Why did you start learning that language?

When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they didn't speak other languages for fun, because they were going on holiday, or to pass an exam! The Holy Spirit gave them the power to speak other languages so they could tell people from other countries about Jesus.



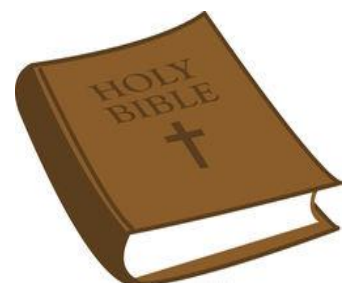
# Wycliffe Bible Translators

One of our mission partners at Christ Church are the Morrissey family who work for **Wycliffe Bible Translators** <https://www.wycliffe.org.uk/> They say 'Every language matters because every person matters to God.'

1 in 5 people (1.5 billion) do not have access to a Bible in their own language. Watch this video <https://youtu.be/WVsPf5jdpUs> - How has having God's word in the Bible, in a language you can understand helped you? Imagine if you didn't have access to a Bible that you could read?

*Romans 10:14 - New Living Translation (NLT)*

*<sup>14</sup> But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?*



## PLAY TOGETHER



Pentecost is the day the Church was born. Why not have a Pentecost Birthday Party for the Church with cake and balloons? *(Any excuse for cake!)*



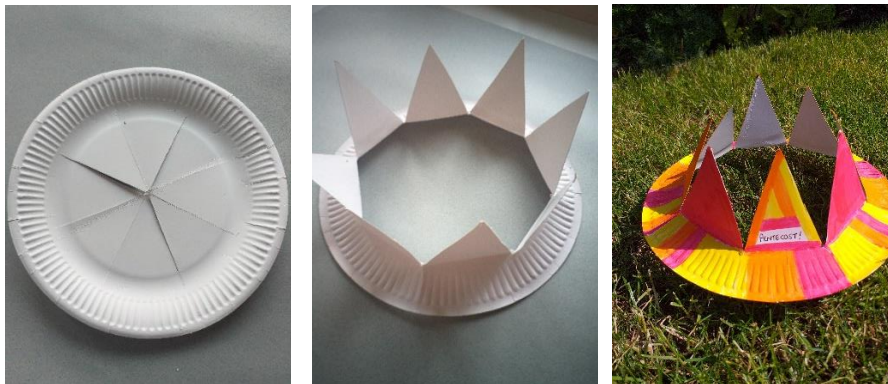
*You can make Pentecost Party Hats from the Make Together section.*

As you celebrate, think of all the things you're thankful to God for about our church. Sit in a circle or, if there's only two of you, sit opposite each other. One person starts by saying, "I love Christ Church/Emmanuel because..." *(fill in the blank)* The next person says "I love Christ Church/Emmanuel because..." – they have to say what the first person said and then add their own thing they love about church. You can keep this going as long as people can think of things they love about our church, or as long as you can remember what other people have said!

## MAKE TOGETHER

### Pentecost Party Hats

If you have a paper plate you could make a hat like this one.



Cut the plate as shown and fold back the triangles to make a crown shape. Decorate your hat. You can use 'flame colours' such as red, orange and yellow. You can use paint, pens or stick on coloured paper.

If you don't have a paper plate (or your head is a bit bigger!) you can use a long strip of card. We used card from a cereal box and covered it in tin foil.



Again, you can use whatever you like to decorate your hat. Maybe you can make some painty flame hand prints or draw and colour some flames with felt tipped pens. Join the ends together to make a hat!





## Wind Spinners

### Indoor version –

Paint, colour and decorate a circle of card/thick paper/paper plate.

Draw a spiral on it and cut it out.

Make a hole in the end at the centre of the spiral and thread through some string, wool or ribbon so that you can hang it up.

Put it near a window so you can see it spin in the breeze.



### Garden version (adult help required) -

Use permanent markers to decorate a clean plastic bottle.

Cut the bottle as shown to form a spiral.

Tie around the neck of the bottle with string or wool so that you can hang it up outside and watch it spin in the wind.



## SING TOGETHER

**Blowing Wind and Tongues of Flame (Pentecost) – Bob Hartman & Sam Hargreaves -**

[https://youtu.be/CBQyw\\_1Wc\\_A](https://youtu.be/CBQyw_1Wc_A)

**Spirit Move – Bethel Music -** <https://youtu.be/tbdSQ8MLnYs>

**Holy Spirit – Keith Getty & Stuart Townend -** <https://youtu.be/N8FKZlz97AU>



Worship doesn't always have to use our voices. Why not try to learn and join in with this **British Sign Language** song?

**Joy of the Holy Spirit -** [https://youtu.be/iUJv4q4sr\\_4](https://youtu.be/iUJv4q4sr_4)

## REFLECT TOGETHER

### The Holy Spirit changes us...

Peter was one of Jesus' closest disciples. He was also someone who seemed to speak before he thought and who had good intentions that he didn't always follow through. Read these **Before** and **After** verses in your Bibles and reflect on the change that the Holy Spirit made to Peter. How has the Holy Spirit changed you?

#### Before

Luke 9:18-20 – Peter's confession of Christ

Mark 8:31-33 – Jesus rebukes Peter

Mark 14:32-38 – Peter sleeps while Jesus prays in Gethsemane

John 13:36-38 – Jesus predicts Peter's denial

John 18:15-18, 25-27 – Peter denies Jesus

John 21:1-3, 15-17 – Peter goes fishing after Jesus' death and then is reinstated after his denials

#### After

Acts 2:14-15, 37-38 – Peter preaches and 3,000 people become Christians

Acts 3:1-10 – Peter heals the lame beggar

Acts 10:9-20, 23-26, 44-48 – Peter has a vision, goes to Cornelius' house and sees him receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 12:1-19 – Peter is in prison and is set free

1 Peter 1:1-2 – Peter writes his first letter

2 Peter 1:1-2 – and his second letter

*(You can find different versions of the Bible – including the NIV and ICB - online at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com))*

## PRAY TOGETHER

Lord, your Spirit makes us feel:

as bold as lions; *(roar)*

as strong as tigers; *(growl)*

as safe as puppies; *(woof)*

and loved as children of God. *(hug yourself)*

Thank you, Lord Jesus.

**Amen.**

### God loves us, knows us and hears us no matter what language we speak.

We have had the opportunity to join together and pray the Lord's Prayer daily during 'Thy Kingdom Come' <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

As pray **The Lord's Prayer**, you are united with Christians all over the world praying in their languages – As you watch and join in with these videos remember - God hears it all. <https://youtu.be/gbsPF4xvDps>  
God sees it all. <https://youtu.be/pF7dD8AYRbw>

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## DO IT TOGETHER

When the Holy Spirit transforms our lives that event should have an impact on people around us. As an act of worship to God in gratitude for the gift of his Spirit, plan something that will make a difference to someone.



This can be done individually or as a family. For example, you might decide to do for your mum, one day, what she normally does for you. Or, you could choose to spend some time with someone you know who is alone on the phone or via a video call. You could send a card or small gift to someone or, you could arrange to do something for your neighbours or wider community. Or maybe, if you are able, you could make a donation to the Wycliffe Bible Translators work mentioned in the Talk Together section.

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