



# Pentecost

## John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

### Some things to think about...

- Jesus greets the disciples by saying "peace be with you" - when do Catholics say this?
- What do you think Jesus was sending the disciples out to do?
- This is the day the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and gave them the gifts they needed to spread the Good News. Do you know what these gifts were?

### Activity

- What gifts do you have that you can use as a Mini Vinnie? E.g. art, music, talking to people etc.
- Choose gifts of the Holy Spirit that represent you e.g. courage
- Write these on your flame or around the base. Colour in your flame
- Stick the flame on the front of your rectangular base and stick the 2 ends of the base together to make a crown shape

### Materials needed

- Strips of card/paper (for base of crown)
- Flame template (overleaf) - 1 per child
- Glue sticks/sellotape

## Teacher's Notes

Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. We read about this in the first reading (Acts 2:1-11): "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance".

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, and awe. Catholics pray for these to help them carry out God's work. Unpack the meanings of these with your group.

After Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension into Heaven, the disciples were fearful of what was to happen next and were worried about the persecution they would face. Pentecost is a time to remember that Jesus gave the disciples, through the Holy Spirit, what they needed to spread the Good News. This shows us that through the Trinity (God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit), we too can spread the Good News of God's love.

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