Our mission today:
to discover what Pentecost is.

Use the words on the right to fill in the blank spaces below.

Pentecost is a very special time in the Bible, when Jesus sent the _____ _____ to his Disciples after he had risen from the dead and _____ to heaven.

Before Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, the Disciples were nervous about going out and sharing the message of Jesus with others. They were _____ and afraid.

But after the amazing events of Pentecost, the Disciples were _____ by the Holy Spirit to go out and _____ the message of Jesus with everyone, everywhere.

That is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the _____, because it was from this day that people from began to gather as _____ , to pray and share.

Church

Christians

share

Holy Spirit

encouraged

ascended

anxious

Write as many synonyms as you can for 'ascended' in this box:

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Here is the Bible reading that explains what happened at Pentecost.

'When Pentecost day came round, the Disciples all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house.

Something appeared to them that seemed like flames of fire; these flames came to rest above the heads of each of them.

The Apostles were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages because the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.'

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4 (adapted from Jerusalem Bible)

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a Disciple and an Apostle?

- A disciple is a student: one who learns from a teacher.
- An apostle is sent to deliver those teachings to others.

Why do you think the apostles were able to speak in different languages

Write your answer in here:

Can you work out where these greetings come from

Answers on page 7.

Pentecost symbols

We discover what happened at Pentecost in a section of the Bible called, 'Acts of the Apostles'. 'Acts of the Apostles' was written by St Luke. To help us understand how great the coming of the Holy Spirit was, St Luke used two important symbols. Can you highlight these symbols in the passage below:

'Suddenly the Apostles heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were staying. Something appeared to them that seemed like flames of fire; these flames came to rest above the head of each of them.' Acts of the Apostles 4:2-3

What is a symbol?

Symbols are pictures or words, that are used to represent something else.

Symbols are really useful when trying to explain an experience, emotion, or idea that would be difficult to express without the help of pictures or words.

Q. Is this emoji a symbol?

In this box, write the first symbol you highlighted in the passage. Then write all the words that symbol makes you think of.

In this box, write down the second symbol highlighted in the passage. Then write all the words that symbol makes you think of.

The Holy Spirit encouraged the Apostles to go out and serve!

After Jesus had risen from the tomb and ascended to heaven, the Disciples became anxious. They were used to Jesus encouraging them when they were unsure or afraid. Now they began to worry about how they would cope without Jesus by their side.

To help, Jesus promised that when he reached heaven he would send the Holy Spirit to be with his followers for ever. God's powerful Holy Spirit would bring gifts that would encourage the Apostles to go out as Jesus' witnesses, serving others through love.

The **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** are not the kind usually shared at birthdays. They are much more important than toys or sweets. The gifts are listed here
Can you find the gifts in the word search?

Awe
Wisdom
Courage
Understanding
Prudence
Reverence
Knowledge

X	Y	A	O	O	P	R	U	D	E	N	C	E
P	N	O	W	L	Y	M	O	L	F	C	O	V
W	R	E	V	E	R	E	N	C	E	W	S	R
C	O	U	R	A	G	E	W	I	S	D	O	M
U	N	D	E	R	S	T	A	N	D	I	N	G
R	G	J	J	N	Q	J	Y	R	I	O	C	Z
O	K	N	O	W	L	E	D	G	E	O	I	B

When would the gift of prudence be useful?

When would the gift of reverence be useful?

The Church was born at Pentecost!

During his time with the Apostles, Jesus had instructed his followers to share God's love with the world.

> **Jesus said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's good news to one and all."** Mark 16:15

After the Apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they did just this - often making dangerous journeys over hundreds of miles to do so. Thanks to their efforts, people across the world came to know the message of Jesus and the love of God. This is how our Church began to grow into a worldwide family, made up of people from every continent, praying, sharing, forgiving, as Jesus did.

Write a Pentecost Prayer in this box, try to use as many of the underlined words as you can.

Use the words on the right to fill in the blank spaces.

After Pentecost, many _____ followed the example of the Apostles, and with the help of the _____ _____ they shared the message of Jesus and the love of God with the _____.

People who travel to different countries to share the _____ of Jesus are called _____. The charity Mission Together helps Missionaries to share God's love.

world
message **Holy Spirit**
Missionaries **Christians**

Mission Together helped Sr Sonia set up a health clinic in Malawi. Through prayer and sharing, you can continue to help Missionaries like Sr Sonia keep children healthy and safe.

You can watch a short film about Sr Sonia's work, on the **Mission Together website.**

On our website you can also find a **Virtual World Map**, helping you learn about children around the world who, like you, pray and share to help other children. Why not make a start by looking for the following countries on the Mission Together Virtual Map?

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