

This week's preparation for First Communion



1. This Sunday is another feast day, **Pentecost**. At Pentecost, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' friends and what a difference that Spirit made to them! You might remember that most of Jesus' disciples ran away & hid after Jesus was arrested. When they received the Holy Spirit they became really brave, so brave that they left where they were hiding & went and told everyone about Jesus. You could say then that this Sunday is really the day that the church was born so we are really **celebrating the church's birthday**. Hooray!! You can read the story of what happened at Pentecost on the next page.



2. Draw a picture of a really big birthday cake for the church and put lots of candles on it. Ask a grown up how many candles the cake should have! Can you draw that many? I think we might need to have the fire brigade ready if we lit all those candles.



The First Reading for Pentecost Sunday

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, all of Jesus' friends were together in one place.

Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind!

It filled the house where they were meeting.

Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire moving in all directions, these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
and they began speaking foreign languages.

Now at that time, many Jews from countries all over the world
were living in Jerusalem.

And when they heard the noise, a crowd gathered.

But they were really confused,

because each of them could hear the Apostles speaking in their own language.

They were amazed and astonished, and said:

“Don't all these people who are speaking come from Galilee?

Then how does it happen that each of us hears them in our own language?

We are from many different parts of the world yet we all hear them using our
language to tell about the wonderful things that God has done.”

The word of the Lord.