

Pentecost Party at Home

Opening Prayer:

God's Love

God's love is all around us.

God's love is a hug.

God's love is beauty.

God's love is warmth.

God's love is family. Amen.

*Prayers for Faithful Families by Traci Smith

Pentecost Reading:

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

Acts 2: 1-4

Party Preparations! Don't forget to wear red!

- Have a dessert with birthday candles for the church
- Create a guestlist
- As you name each guest out loud, blow a bubble and let God know you are thinking of them.
- Don't have bubbles?

Write their name on a leaf and blow the leaf away.

Grab a pinch of flour and blow as you say their name.

Make DIY confetti out of leaves.

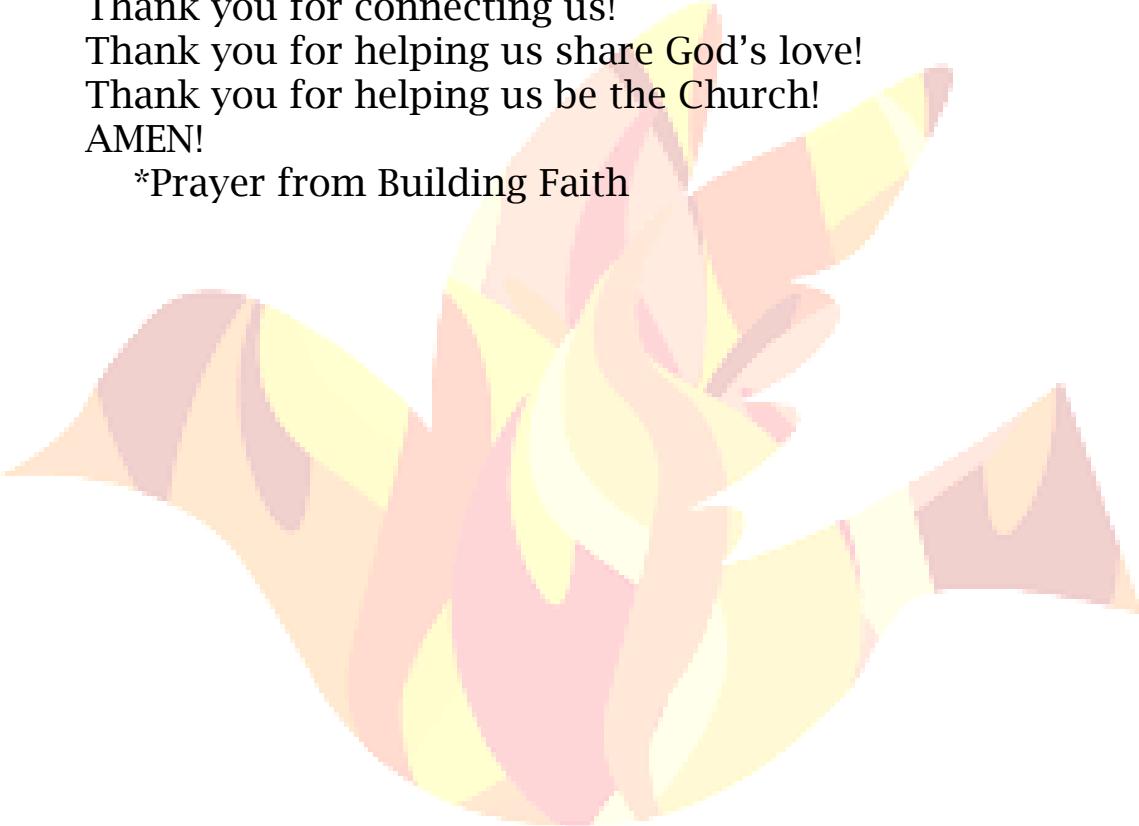
Thanking God for Gifts

- Go outside to see the gifts of creation and write down/draw a list. Share with your family or call a friend.

Closing Prayer:

Thank you, Holy Spirit!
Thank you for being with us!
Thank you for connecting us!
Thank you for helping us share God's love!
Thank you for helping us be the Church!
AMEN!

*Prayer from Building Faith



Going Deeper Activities:

Party Hats: Flame Hats

- DIY Crown: <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/07/06/the-day-of-pentecost/>
- Template: <https://craftingthewordofgod.files.wordpress.com/2013/07/the-day-of-pentecost1.pdf>
- Purchase: <https://www.orientaltrading.com/color-your-own-tongues-of-flames-pentecost-crowns-a2-13757483.fltr>

Party Attire

- It's a party, dress the part! Wear as much red or flame colored clothing as you can.
- Take it Further: Even dye your hair red! (But ask your parents!)

Gift Lists: Thanking God for Gifts

- Dig Deeper: Have your family write down a list of gifts for each person in your family. Share your list, add to it, and pray for each of those gifts.
- Alternative Idea: Building Faith's Activity 4: Reflect, Celebrate, & Pray found here: <https://buildfaith.org/pentecost-in-a-box/>

DIY Fire Sticks

- <https://buildfaith.org/pentecost-fire-sticks/>
- Dig Deeper: Waving your fire sticks, reflect as ribbon flies in the wind. Think about how the spirit came like a mighty rushing wind.

Church Birthday Cake: What's a party without a cake?

- Make a red velvet cake or a vanilla/chocolate cake with red frosting.
- Put one candle for each family member on the cake.
- Talk about how this day marks the birth of the Church and how people all over the world will celebrate being the body of Christ.

Extras:

- Coloring Sheet: <http://www.thecatholickid.com/pentecost-sunday-coloring-page/>
- Pentecost Greeting Cards: <https://buildfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PentecostinaBox-GreetingCards.pdf>