

## Sunday School Home Activities - Week of May 23, 2021



Weekly home activities, great for the whole family, are designed to guide children from Nursery thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their families in Bible stories, engaging experiences, spiritual practices, and opportunities for reflection. Pick one to two activities to do with your family each week. Contact Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director, for more information. [kschmucker@faithumchurch.org](mailto:kschmucker@faithumchurch.org)

### Welcome to Wonder

*Prepare Ahead: As a family, create a Wonder Table. Find a small table or area in your home. On the table place a candle, a plant or flower, and any other special items you want to include. Use this space while gathering as a family to engage in the lesson or watch Worship by Wire together.*

### Wonder with Me - READ the Bible Story - Read the Bible story, Acts 2:1-12

- Roll the Wonder Cube. Take time to answer a few of the questions. *A copy of the Wonder Cube for this quarter is included in the March 7 & 14 Sunday School Home Activities.*

### WATCH the Bible Story and Sing with the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos

Watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video on Amplify Media:

Amplify Media is a new resource for our congregation! This will make it easy for you and your families to access 100's of videos for adults, youth and children. To receive the log in info and our congregation's access code, email [kschmucker@faithumchurch.org](mailto:kschmucker@faithumchurch.org) or text Kathy at 330-224-6138. Once you have logged into Amplify Media search Celebrate Wonder to watch this week's Celebrate Wonder Video and view the Celebrate Wonder Music Videos! Amplify Media has also recently added a section called, Cokesbury Kids, to make it easier for you to find all the great resources available for children! **This week is Spring Session 12 Pentecost**

**WONDER:** How do you think the Holy Spirit might visit you today?

#### WONDER Together

- What does wind feel like?
- How many languages can you name?
- How would you feel if you felt a strong wind inside a house or saw flames on top of your friend's head?
- When do you feel close to God?

**PRAY together** - Dear God, thank you for being present with us. Amen.

### SHARE the Faith Word:

**LOVE**—Love means a closeness and connection we feel with God and others.

**WONDER:** What do you think the Day of Pentecost felt like to the people who were there?

Can you name an emotion they might have felt?



### Many Languages (Logical)

*Supplies: eighteen note cards, marker*

*On separate note cards, write the name of each language listed in the answer key (below). Then, on a new set of note cards, write the word for worship in each of the languages listed in the answer key (below). Continue this process until all the languages and their corresponding words are written on note cards.*

- Work together to match each language to the word for worship in that language.
- When complete, check your answers to see how many you guessed correctly.

*(Answers: English—worship, Spanish—rendir culto, Latin—cultum, French—culte, Greek—latreía, German—anbetung, Dutch—aanbidden, Swahili—ibada, Armenian—yerkrpagel.)*

**WONDER:** What language or languages do you speak? Do you know someone who speaks another language?

## Spiritual Practice—Exploring Love Through Service



- Gather together.

**WONDER:** Who or what is the Holy Spirit?

**SAY:** The Holy Spirit is one way we can feel God's love. The Holy Spirit is like your breath. You can feel it, but you cannot see it. The Holy Spirit is one way we can feel God's love. This is a wonderful mystery.

- Participate in the following spiritual practice:

**SAY:** Hold your hand up and blow on it. Feel the warmth of the air on your skin. Blow gently on your hand several times.

**SAY:** Anytime you need to remember God is with you, you can do this practice. The Holy Spirit is always present and wraps each of you in warmth and love.

**PRAY:** Holy Spirit, help us remember you are always with us. Amen.

- Find a time to read together the *Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book*.

## Celebration Chart

Print out and place the chart on your refrigerator, kitchen table, or in an easy-to-access place. Throughout the week, have your child mark a space each time he or she completes an item on the chart. When a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line is completed, celebrate together! *A Celebration Chart for Spring can be found in the Lent Kit or in the March 7 or 14 Sunday School Home Activities.*

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## Additional Family Activities:

- Click [here](#) to print a Pentecost coloring sheet for all ages to use for Pentecost worship and tag Faith United and share your design on Facebook or Instagram.

## Celebrating Pentecost By MaryJane Pierce Norton

On Sunday, May 23, 2021, Christian churches celebrate Pentecost. For Christians, Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter. On that day, the church celebrates the happenings recorded in the New Testament Book of Acts, chapter 2. Notice when you go into church, the changes in colors in the sanctuary. Red is the color of Pentecost, and it signifies the tongues of flames seem over the heads of those praying together. The Scripture also tells us that the sound of the blowing wind filled the house where they were praying. In addition to the color red, churches often display tongues of flame and symbols of the wind on banners and posters.

In Scripture, we read that the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to go into the streets telling of Jesus to all those they met. Following Peter's sermon, many were baptized; and the church began to grow. Because of this, we call Pentecost, "the birthday of the church."

In our families, we may have elaborate celebrations of Christmas and Easter, but fail to celebrate Pentecost. However, without Pentecost, we wouldn't have the church. It is worthwhile to spend time in family devotions and celebrations for this church holy day that helps us remember how the church began.

What can you do in your family to celebrate Pentecost?

- Read Acts 2:1-40. Ask each family member to tell one thing he or she remembers from the Scripture reading.
- Make a Pentecost cake to celebrate the birth of the church. Tint icing red and decorate. Place candles in clusters to symbolize the flames.
- Attend worship on Pentecost Sunday and wear something red.
- Enjoy wind activities together. Make and fly a kite. Sit outside at dusk and feel the wind on your faces.
- Contact an older member of your church. Ask your church friend to tell you about memories of how your church started, of memories of Sunday school, and of memories of people who were important to his or her faith formation.
- Decorate your home by making red banners, posters, or pictures.
- Use chenille stems, tissue paper, or origami paper to make doves and Pentecost flames.
- Check out the resources in the Pentecost packet in Faith United's Family Worship Kit to make a glowstick Pentecost Worship Hoop and origami doves.
- **Resources for Talking about Race and Racism with Children:** Visit our website at <https://www.myfaithunited.org/anti-racism/>
- **Look for God Sightings**, looking for our good God in the world! Share the God Sightings you find with us. We will share them during our Wednesday Night Live worship.
- Use, individually or as a family, the worship and devotional resources you will receive connected with Sunday's Worship by Wire and Wednesday Night Faith Connections and Sunday School. Share with others! Visit our website for updated resources: <https://www.myfaithunited.org/worship-livestream/>