

SOUTHVILLE WARRIORS

PENTECOST!

31.05.20 Session Aim

To discover what Pentecost is and why it's such an important occasion for Christians.

Bible Verse/s

Acts 2, Acts 1:4-9, John 14:16-18, 25-27, John 15:26-27.

VIDEO & STORY - PENTECOST

- WATCH THE YOUTUBE VIDEO - God sends the Holy Spirit

EQUIPMENT: Several plastic dolls such as Sindy or Barbie or Action Man, fiery coloured paper, blu-tac, water tray.

Cut out some flame shapes from the paper and put a bit of blu-tac on the back of each.

Give your child a few dolls to hold. Say that after Jesus went back to heaven, all the disciples carried on hanging out together. They would meet in each other's houses and talk about all the amazing things that they had seen Jesus do.

READ THE STORY....

One day they were all in a house together when something very strange happened: suddenly they house was filled with the sound of a fierce wind.

Ask your child to make this sound. How might the people (dolls) react to the sound?

Then something even stranger happened: little flames of fire came and sat on each person's head. (Blu-tac a flame to the forehead of each doll.)

Ask your child what they would think if fire was on their heads. Say that this fire was special - it didn't burn them, it just rested there.

Then a third strange thing happened: all the disciples began to speak in funny languages. Ask your child if they can pretend to make the dolls do this. Say that there were lots of people from all over the world in Jerusalem and they recognised the disciples speaking their language - even though the disciples did not know how they were doing it.

The disciples knew that something very special was happening - God was giving them a special helper called the Holy Spirit, and these were all signs that he had come. The Holy Spirit had come to help the disciples tell everyone about Jesus.

One of the disciples - Peter - stood up in a crowd outside in Jerusalem. (Ask your child to pretend that one of the dolls is Peter.) He told all of the people all about Jesus and lots of them wanted to follow Jesus too.

Peter baptised all the people who wanted to be friends with Jesus. Baptise some of the dolls in the water tray. That day 3000 people decided to follow Jesus! We remember this day as Pentecost.

The Point: To re-tell the story of Pentecost