

Pentecost: The Birth of the Church

Acts 2:1–15, 22–24, 37–42

The Art Workshop explores Acts 2:1–15, 22–24, 37–42 through creative art experiences.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Write prayers on strips of red cellophane.
- Hear the story of Pentecost.
- Make a banner with their red cellophane prayer strips and other symbols of Pentecost.
- Draw pictures of ways they can pay attention to the Spirit blowing through their lives.

The Audiovisual Workshop explores Acts 2:1–15, 22–24, 37–42 through audiovisual media that is heard, viewed, or made.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Learn where the story of Pentecost is found in the Bible.
- Watch the story of the first Pentecost using *The Visual Bible: Acts* DVD.
- Review Questions 30–35 from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*.
- Understand that the Holy Spirit comes to Christians to teach, help, and strengthen them for faith and life.

- Think about ways they would like the Holy Spirit to teach, help, and strengthen them.

The Computer Workshop explores Acts 2:1–15, 22–24, 37–42 using computers. Sometimes computers are used to tell the story and sometimes they are used to respond to it.

Objectives of the workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Color a picture depicting Pentecost.
- Hear the story of Pentecost.
- Answer questions about the Pentecost story.
- Respond to the story by using *Kid Pix Studio Deluxe 4.0* or *Microsoft Paint* to make a pinwheel to remember the Holy Spirit and Pentecost.

The Drama/Storytelling Workshop explores Acts 2:1–15, 22–24, 37–42 by retelling the story in ways that help children remember it.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Hear the story of God's gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- Imagine what the disciples might have felt upon receiving the Holy Spirit.
- Consider how the Holy Spirit is at work today.

The Games and Puzzles Workshop explores Acts 2:1–15, 22–24, 37–42 by having children play biblically related games or puzzles.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Play a game in which they will consider ways that they are thankful or joyful about how God has acted in their lives.
- Find and read Acts 2:1–15, 22–24, 37–42, paying particular attention to people, places, and the manifestations of the Holy Spirit.
- Work with three puzzles and games to reinforce the ideas and facts of the story.

The Music and Worship Workshop explores Acts 2:1–15, 22–24, 37–42 through music and makes the connection to worship in PC(USA) congregations.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Hear the story of the day of Pentecost. They will hear how on that day the Spirit of God visited the apostles gathered in prayer.
- Make Pentecost crowns with flames attached to serve as a reminder of that day in the lives of the apostles and all who witnessed it.
- Learn an upbeat and joyous song, "Flames of Faith." The flames on each crown will have the words to the song on them, which will help the children learn it.

- Wear their Pentecost crowns as they enter into worship and remember Pentecost, which started with prayer and ended with joyous praise.

The Bonus: Mission Workshop explores Acts 2:1–15, 22–24, 37–42 with activities that help children learn about mission around the world.

Objectives of the Workshop

The children will have the opportunity to:

- Use stickers and a large world map to see where God's people are at work around the world.
- Learn about how the Pentecost Offering is being used to help children, youth, and young adults in their community and in places farther away.
- Think about ways that they can share what they have with people in need.
- Hear the story and imagine themselves with the disciples on Pentecost.
- Use the *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* and the *Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* to learn about mission around the world.