

Tools for Extra-Ordinary Times

Begin by . . .

- Recognizing the Holy Spirit's presence in your life
- Asking the Holy Spirit to guide you
- Sharing the love of God through the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Spiritual practices:

Pentecost

Celebrate the Church's birthday

At home

Pentecost, the Sunday at the end of the 50 days of Eastertide, is the birthday of the Christian church. All over the world Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus promised, to be with all disciples. Let the party begin!

Invite your family to bake and decorate a cake with red, yellow, and orange icing to represent the images of flames and fire at the first Pentecost celebration.

Place a candle for each member of the family on top of the cake. Invite each person to light a candle, and to name one gift or talent the Holy Spirit gave them to show God's love. Help the little ones in your family to participate.

Through ritual

- * Close your eyes for a breath prayer, silently inviting God's spirit to fill you as you breathe in and sending God's spirit into the world as you exhale.
- * Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit by running and catching the wind or blowing on a pinwheel. Watch it spin. Imagine God's spirit filling you with power.

Galatians 5:22–23 lists the gifts of the Holy Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Use these gifts to show God's love to each child, teen, and adult in your school.

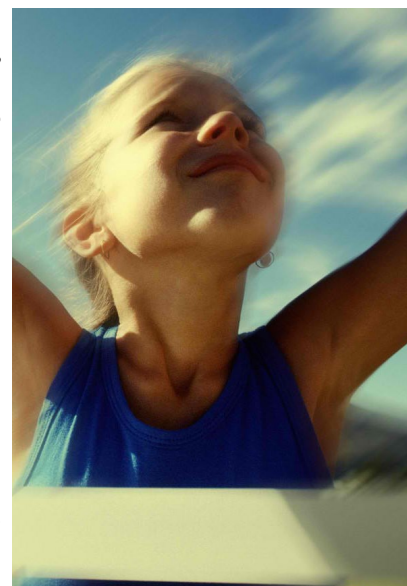
At school

At work Unleash the power of the Holy Spirit to navigate the complexity of your work environment. If you need wisdom to deal with difficult employee, ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. If you need to speak the truth to power, invite the Spirit to bless the conversation.

In the world

Each morning pray, "Spirit, show me this day how to be God's love in the world."

Each night pray, "Spirit, thank you for helping me today to be God's love in the world."



Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Through action

- * Use Pentecost Offering materials to learn about ministries with young adults, youth, and children at-risk.
- * Collect change in May to donate to the offering.
- * Research missions and ministries of church or service organizations. Choose one to support with your time, treasure, talents.

At church

Decorate	Entries, sanctuary, and selves in flame colors
Move	Like the sounds and actions of wind and fire
Celebrate	The birthday of the church with cupcakes
Live	Each moment in the power of the Holy Spirit

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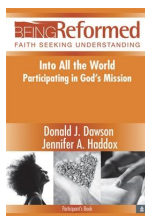
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Resources for Pentecost

Adults



Being Reformed: Into All the World: Participating in God's Mission

Identifying the missional identity of the church, this study focuses on the mission of God and how participants can live out God's work in the world. An excellent companion study to *Faith, Hope, Love, and Witness: The PC(USA) Form of Government*.

Youth



Faith Questions: New Testament

This four-session study explores the questions:

- Why Do Some Churches Wear Red on Pentecost?
- Why Do Some of the Books in the New Testament End with --ans?
- Why Does the New Testament Talk Down to Women?
- What's Revelation All About? (And Should I Be Worried?)?

Families



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