

Tongues of fire

When the disciples were all together in 'one place', they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire separating and then resting on each one of them as the Holy Spirit came to each of them and filled them, for the first time, with the power and presence of God.



But that experience of God's power was not a static thing. They didn't just sit there like rocks and 'glow'. The Spirit came to them for a purpose. They found themselves speaking to people of all nations about Jesus. They were compelled from that place to go all over the world bringing the good news of Jesus to those that needed to hear it.

It was like the little flecks of light from the mirrorball that you can see sprinkling over our church tonight. This Central Flame needs to be

dispersed around the world. God gives His Spirit to you so that you can give Him away to others.

TASK

This station isn't about creativity, things to do, things to think about.

We just want you to pray and be prayed for.

Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask someone in the prayer ministry team to pray with you and pray for you that God will fill you with His Holy Spirit.

Ask Him to empower and equip you to serve the Kingdom of God in this world. Ask Him to make you able with the words to say and the actions to do that will speak to others of Jesus and help them find out the Good News for themselves.

Marshmallow hearts



'If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you...

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God'

Romans 8.11,14-16

Paul wrote to the church in Rome that it is by the Spirit of God that we can truly understand that we have a relationship with God. God adopts us as his own children. We are able to be as close to him as a baby in the arms of his loving father. God loves us. God loves you.

Elsewhere in the same letter, Paul writes that God's love is 'poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us' (Rom 5.5).

God's love remakes our hearts. It softens us, melting the hard parts in our lives and helps us not only to love God in return but to love ourselves and to love others.

TASK

Take one of the marshmallows and using the sticks provided, place it in the flame.

As you do so, pray silently that just as the flame melts the marshmallow so that the warming, loving flame of the Holy Spirit will melt and soften your heart.

When you are ready and before the marshmallow melts entirely, eat it!

As you eat, continue to think and pray. Do you struggle to love God or to love yourself or to love others? Pray into whichever is most difficult for you and ask God to meet with you and help you.

Flame of Faith

2 Timothy 1:3-7

³I thank God as I always mention you in my prayers, day and night. I serve him, doing what I know is right as my ancestors did. ⁴Remembering that you cried for me, I want very much to see you so I can be filled with joy. ⁵I remember your true faith. That faith first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I know you now have that same faith. ⁶This is why I remind you to keep using the gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. Now let it grow, as a small flame grows into a fire. ⁷God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid but a spirit of power and love and self-control.



Although the Holy Spirit may not be shown to us through physical flames today, we can think of our faith like Paul and Timothy as God's Holy Spirit giving us gifts and abilities which need to be fanned into flame. We need to use those gifts and abilities, we need to allow God's spirit to work in us so that the Good News can burn and spread through us.

We need to remember the importance of this as we try to spread the flame of the Holy Spirit to others in everything we do.

As we talk to others about God, the most important thing to remember is how special His love is for us, how strong His love is for the people we are speaking to, and therefore how strong our faith should be in Him.

TASK

Look at the candles making up the word “Flame.” Does this resemble your faith in God, or do you feel as though you’re not burning for the Holy Spirit as much as you should be?

Think about the gifts and abilities God has given you. Are you fanning them into flame?

Pray to God that His Holy Spirit will shine through you and your actions, so you can spread His Good News to others and help them become more aware of what God’s love, word and Holy Spirit are truly about.

Happy Birthday Church!



Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Church. When the disciples received the Holy Spirit and preached the gospel, people were converted and the Church was born. “Church” is not just the name given to the building where Christians worship, but in fact it refers to all Christians. The Church faces many difficulties, both here in England and abroad.

TASK

Spend some time praying for the Church, locally, nationally and internationally. Pray for church leaders and for the areas where Christians are not free to worship openly like we are in England.

Use the information and pictures to help you pray.

For the Church leaders, pray:

- that God will use them to lead the church in the way that He wants
- for their safety and for God's protection
- that people in their parishes / dioceses will have open minds and hearts to what they say
- that God will give them wisdom

For the areas where Christians are persecuted, pray:

- For the delivery of spiritual and physical aid
- That the believers in labour camps will know God's love and comfort in their distress
- For wisdom and strength for believers on the run searching for protection and safety
- For the leaders of the countries
- For the provision of Bibles to areas where there are none
- That the persecutors will be touched and changed by the love of God
- For freedom from fear for those in prison or hiding
- That those being persecuted will not turn away from God, but that they will be filled with hope and encouragement.