



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## PENTECOST

Pentecost is fifty days after Easter, the day when Jesus arose from the dead! He promised that he would send us the Holy Spirit; and, he did. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came—like fire, like wind—and the church was born. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church! Let's celebrate with fire sticks!



*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

*Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.*

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

*Acts 2:1-4*

## Materials Needed

- Sticks (wooden dowels, bamboo, or sticks from outside)
- Several long pieces of ribbon or stripes of paper. Mostly red with a bit of gold and orange to look like flames
- A short piece of ribbon or strip of paper
- Craft glue, or hot-glue (or tape)

1. **Gather** your household and read the scripture above.
2. **Make** your fire sticks. Glue or fasten the long pieces of ribbon to one end of the stick. Then use the shorter piece of ribbon to wrap around the top of the stick – cover the glued ends so that it looks tidy.
3. **Take** your fire sticks outside. Watch the wind bring them to life. Remember that like wind, we cannot see the Holy Spirit, but we constantly experience its effects.
4. **Enjoy!** Leave your fire sticks out for the season after Pentecost, which lasts until Advent.

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