



1. *Create an Art Gallery*

Invite children and youth to create pictures on the subject of “God dreams about . . .” or “My vision for the children of the world is . . .” Frame the pictures with red, orange or yellow construction paper. Create an art gallery in the fellowship hall, narthex or hallway. It can also be seasonal or a rotating gallery reminding congregants of Pentecost (and other Special Offerings) year-round.
2. *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Teach children and youth “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” (Hymn # 430, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*). Encourage them to create gestures to accompany the hymn. Have them lead the congregation during worship on Pentecost Sunday. Encourage students to learn the song with harmonies and play instruments.
3. *Wet Watercolor Cards*

Soak a piece of drawing paper in water. Hold it up to drip for a few seconds and then place it on newspaper. Paint right away on the wet paper with watercolors using reds, oranges, yellows, pinks and purples. The colors will blend and blur as you paint. When dry, fold the paper to make a card. Print a Pentecost message on the painted outside using a dark pen or marker, and a note from each child on the inside. Send cards to church members who are homebound or in nursing homes or hospitals.
4. *Happy Birthday, Church*

Pentecost is the church’s birthday. Play birthday games with a Pentecost twist. Play “Pin the Flame on the Head” using an outline of a person taped to a wall and construction paper flames. Decorate a Pentecost birthday cake for the church and invite the congregation to the party.
5. *Your Church’s Banner*

Design a banner for your church to use on Pentecost. Choose symbols that are meaningful to the congregation’s history, traditions and people. Use paper or fabric to create your banner. Alternative: each child or youth makes a small banner. Use as part of a Pentecost coffee hour or in worship.

6. *Dream Tree*

By the time of Pentecost, the school year is ending for most children. Reading books through the summer is a way for children to dream dreams. Have children create a “Dream Tree” for Pentecost (similar to an “Angel Tree” or “Mitten Tree” at Christmas). Encourage the congregation to donate gently used books to give to local shelters, day care facilities and so forth.

7. *Litany of Dreams and Visions*

Encourage children and youth to talk about dreams for God’s creation, this world and God’s people, and what they can do to begin to make those dreams reality. Use their answers in the following litany:

Children and Youth: We are your sons and daughters and we have been entrusted by God to proclaim God’s message.

All: Open our ears that we might hear.

Children and Youth: God dreams of a world in which . . .

All: Let it be so.

Children and Youth: One way we can begin to make this dream a reality is by . . .

All: Gracious God, give us [strength, patience, understanding, compassion, courage and so forth—a different word for each dream].

[Repeat lines 3–6 as many times as necessary.

Then close with:]

All: Our sons and our daughters proclaim God’s message.

As God’s people let the dream be ours as well.

8. *Vision Cookies*

Turn fortune cookies into “vision cookies.” Have children and youth print on small strips of paper a short Bible verse that shares God’s hope for the world. (Possible verses include Acts 2:17, Isa. 11:8, Jer. 29:11, Rom. 8:28 and Matt. 5:16.). Insert the paper into the cookies. Recipe for cookies: 4 egg whites, 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup melted butter, 1/2 cup flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. vanilla, 2 tbs. water. Preheat oven to 375°. Melt butter and cool. Mix sugar into egg whites and blend until fluffy. Add flour, salt, vanilla, water and butter to mixture. Beat until batter is smooth. Generously grease a cookie sheet. Spoon batter to form 3”-diameter circles. Bake for about 8 minutes. (Yield: 4 dozen cookies.) Place message strip on each circle, fold in thirds, and bend gently in center. If cookies become stiff to bend, place back in oven for a minute to soften.

9. *Pentecost Puppetry*
Have older children or youth make puppets and use them to tell the story of Pentecost to younger children or the congregation. Try these ideas or invent your own puppets: paper bags, wooden spoons, craft sticks, hands, fingers, paper plates on sticks, fruits and vegetables, mittens or socks, tin cans, dish soap bottles and butter tubs, and clothes pins.

10. *Sculpting the Story*
Invite youth to sculpt the story of the first Pentecost (Acts 2) by using themselves as the sculptures. Divide into small groups. Give each group some or all of these words or phrases: believers, noise from the sky, strong wind blowing, filled the whole house, tongues of fire, amazement and wonder, amazed and confused, pour out my Spirit, sons and daughters will proclaim my message, young will see visions, old will have dreams. Instruct youth to use their bodies, not their voices, to portray the words or phrases. They can use any number of people necessary. Read the Pentecost story and sculpt the words or phrases as they happen in the story.

11. *Lectio Divina, Lectio Somnia*
An activity for a quieter time or for older youth, this activity revels in scripture reading, reflection, and drawing. Literally meaning "Devine Reading, dreaming, drawing," this activity invites reflective scripture reading and pairs it with dreaming and drawing. Have participants get comfortable and distribute among them some 5" x 7" note cards and color pencils. With eyes closed and in silence, let them listen as you read all or part of the story of Acts 2. After listening once, read it again but invite students to draw a scene from the story. Read it one final time and invite students to finish their drawing. Share with each other how the images of the story came alive in their minds and what they drew because of what they dreamt. Consider how the visions, dreams, and drawings of each person are different or similar.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Korean

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,
이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시오며,
나라이 임하옵시며,
뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것 같이
땅에서도 이루어지이다.

오늘날 우리에게 일용한 양식을 주옵시고,
우리가 우리에게 죄 지은자를 사하여 준 것 같이
우리 죄를 사하여 주옵시고,
우리를 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고,
다만 악에서 구하옵소서.

대개 나라와 권세와 영광이 아버지께
영원히 있사옵 나이다.
- 아멘 -

Korean

Ha nuel eh geh shin oo ree ah buh jee, Ee rum ul kuh
ruk ha geh ha op see myu, Nah rah ee im ha op see
myu, Dduh see ha neul eh suh ee roon gut gah chee
dahng eh suh do ee ru uh jee ee dah. Oh neul nahl
oo ree eh geh eel yong hahl yahng sig ul joo op see
go, Oo ree gah oo ree eh geh chway jee un jah rul
sah ha Yuh joon gut gah chee oo ree eh chway rul
sah ha yuh joo op see go, Oo ree rul she hum eh deul
jee mahl geh ha op see go, Dah mahn ark eh suh
koo ha op so suh. Nah rah wa kwon seh wa young
Kwahng ee ah buh jee kkeh young won he ees sah
om nah ee dah.

All: **Amen.**

Tshiluba (Congo)

Tatu wetu udi mu diulu
Tunemeke dina diebe.
Bukelenge buebe bulue.
Tuenze pa buloba bu muwudi musue,
Bu mudibo bakuenzela mu diulu.
Utupe tshitupa tshia bidia bietu,
bia buatshia—buatshia lelu.
Utujimijile mibi yetu, bu mutuakumana
kujimijila bakuabo mibi yabo.
Kutufikishi padi mateyi, kadi
Utusungile kudi bubi.

All: **Amen.**

Spanish

Padre Nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos dejes caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos.

All: **Amen.**

Dutch

Onze Vader die in de hemelen zijt, Uw naam worde geheiligd. Uw Koninkrijk kome. Uw wil geschiede op aarde gelijk in de hemel. Geef ons heden ons dagelijks brood. Vergeef ons onze schulden gelijk wij vergeven onze schuldenaren. Leidt ons niet in verzoeking, maar verlos ons van den boze, Want Gij zijt het Koninkrijk, en de macht, en de glorie, in de eeuwigheid.

All: **Amen.**

English

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

All: **Amen.**



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Word Search

Can you find the following words in the puzzle below?

church	fire	Pentecost	Spirit
disciples	firstfruits	power	symbolized
extraordinary	heaven	presence	tongues
fiftieth	languages	signs	wind
filled	offering	sound	

R E W O P C S M P M T F E S S
 B V S E L P I C S I D I C E Y
 T O N G U E S I G N S F N G M
 D N I W Z F I L L E D T E A B
 P E N T E C O S T X B I S U O
 F I R S T F R U I T S E E G L
 G N I R E F F O B U S T R N I
 H C R U H C N E V A E H P A Z
 Y R A N I D R O A R T X E L E
 D N U O S P I R I T F I R E D

Crossword

Word List

fire	filled
languages	power
extraordinary	firstfruits
symbolized	Pentecost
wind	Spirit

Across

- This Pentecost was special because the Holy ____ filled the disciples.
- Only after they were ____ with the Holy Spirit did the disciples speak in tongues.
- A violent ____ from heaven suddenly came into the house where they were gathered.
- This is the Greek word for fiftieth (the fiftieth day after Easter).
- The day of Pentecost was a very special day, not ordinary but ____.
- All of the disciples began speaking in different ____.

Down

- Because of the Holy ____ now the believers had this to be witnesses to everyone.
- The fire from heaven ____ the new power and presence of the Holy Spirit in them.
- Pentecost was also called the day of ____, when the people brought an offering.
- It looked like tongues of ____ separated and came to rest on each of the disciples.

Pentecost Anagram

Unscramble the letters to find the words

aeehnv _____

eoprw _____

ceeenprs _____

effhiitt _____

dnossu _____

aaegglnsu _____

effginor _____

beilmosyz _____

cdeilpss _____

iiprst _____