



St Brendan's & St Mary's Parishes are child safe communities. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Pentecost Sunday, Year C

8 June 2025

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**
or

R. Alleluia.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R).
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R).
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R).

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

or Rom 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless

you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

or

Gospel Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I have said to you.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the very old days, the 'Holy Spirit' was known as the 'Holy Ghost'. It comes from the old English word 'gust' which 'blows wherever it pleases'. St Luke's account of Pentecost tells of what 'sounded like a powerful wind from heaven'. This is the Divine Wind, this is the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit. Out of nowhere, this mighty Gust burst into the disciples' lives with gale force, sweeping away their fear.

The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. 'O Breathe on me Breath of God' is one of the most beautiful hymns, sung to a traditional Irish melody. One verse goes: 'O Breathe on me Breath of God . . . until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine'. It is like a log at the back of the fireplace late at night. The log is intact but absolutely glowing through and through with fire. It is to be the same with us.

Peter was inspired to preach to the crowds 'with a loud voice' about 'Jesus the Nazarene' and the fact that 'God raised him to life'. That is the gospel. That is the message which those who breathe with the breath of God have been preaching since the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

We could pause for a moment to pray an ancient chant of the Church:

'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they will be created,

and you will renew the face of the earth.'

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am



Syro Malabar Rite: Wednesday 6.00pm,

Saturday 8.30am, Sunday 5.30pm

St Mary's Dookie, Sunday 9.30am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

Rosary— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Thursdays 7pm to 8pm and

Fridays 4.45pm - 5.45pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years.

We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

Readers & Commentators June 14 & 15, 2025

6pm	NDC YOUTH	NDC YOUTH
8am	Berni Sullivan	Kathy Hunt
11am	Angel Vales	Mavis Amankwaah

Recently Deceased: Joan Drenen (nee Wright), Michael Laffy

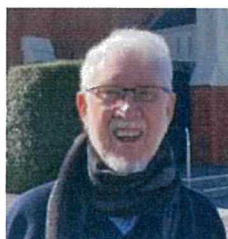
Anniversaries: Corvan Townsend, Craig Scoresby-Thorpe, John Crawford, Gabriella Scarcella, Frank Minogue

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Fr Joe will be 'relegated to lesser duties' (ie Retire) as of Tuesday 30 September 2025.

The Parish invites you all to help us celebrate Fr Joe's wonderful vocation as a Priest in this Diocese.



He has served many people in the following Parishes (Kennington, Wangaratta, Wodonga, Papua New Guinea, Kerang, Euroa, Kennington, Heathcote, Shepparton/Dookie).

So, needless to say, we are planning a wonderful Liturgy on Sunday 28 September at the 11am Mass which will be followed by lunch in the Sacred Heart Hall (originally known as the Mons Bones Hall). More information to follow. *Thank you*

Sacramental Programme Information

Presentation Masses are this weekend for those who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in August.

This is where the children will receive their final preparation workbook.

Please come to the Narthex (Main entrance of the Church) to have your child's name recorded so that we know to call them up during the Mass.

Adult Faith Information Evening

Tuesday 10 June @ 7pm

This will be our final Adult Faith Gathering & Information evening where we will focus on the Sacrament of Eucharist.

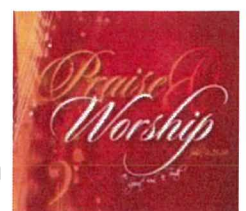
We will be meeting in the Pastoral Centre (behind the church). At least one parent is expected to attend. Children do not need to attend.

Please remember to bring your confirmation cards back.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Held every 2nd Friday of the month at 7 pm in the Church.

We would like to invite everyone to come along on FRIDAY 13 JUNE.



PLANNED GIVING (Mini Review)

Like any household, the Parish has continuous bills to pay such as electricity, gas heating, water, phone and internet. We support our Priests by providing a stipend, food and lodging as well as fuel in their cars for pastoral visitation and the anointing of the sick and many other things. When maintenance issues arise, we try and attend to things as soon as possible. For our weekly and daily liturgies we purchase altar breads, wine, incense, candles. We have Contract Cleaners that clean all our buildings and our outdoor amenity.

We have regular maintenance checks on things such as air-conditioners, fire blankets and fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and exit lighting. We employ staff to carry out many different roles, as well as serve our parishioners and our wider community.

None of the above just happens!

We have had amazing monetary support in the past and this has allowed our Parish to thrive. But we need to do more than thrive, we need to survive and become sustainable.

Are you able to increase your financial support through any of these options?

CREDIT CARD

- Monthly or quarterly basis
- Efficient
- Easy to set up
- No more cash handling

WEBSITE

www.catholicparish.app/shepparton

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DIRECT DEBIT

- Monthly or quarterly basis
- Efficient
- Easy to set up
- No more cash handling

CASH

- Contributed when you attend Mass

BEQUESTS

- A sustainable gift to the Parish
- Written in your Will

TAP N GO

- Terminals located at our (2) church entrances
- Choice of \$12, \$15, \$25 or \$50 amounts
- Clean and easy
- Can contribute when you come into the church



**We ask that you put some thought into how you can contribute.
Remember every little bit helps and goes a long way.**

A **bequest** is a very special donation you leave to the Parish in your Will that takes effect after you have died. It's a powerful gift that shows to those left behind the things that were of deep importance to you.

Leaving a bequest to St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton is so much more than a financial contribution.

It reflects your heart for the needs of our Parish and leaves a legacy that benefits future generations.

For many years St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton has supported people in need, providing them with pathways of support. This is only possible because of the generous support of people like you.

Will you help St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton to continue to grow and service our Parish and Community? By leaving a bequest to St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton you can help make a significant and lasting difference to the future of our Parish.



Liturgy Formation Session

with Fr. Jake Mudge

Building Community through Liturgy

This wonderful opportunity will take place on

Sunday 22 June

from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

St John's Parish, Numurkah

Topics include: Liturgy and Church today; Liturgy as Prayer; Liturgy in a Synodal Church (mission, communion, participation).

For more information, please contact
David Walker at 0439 207 307.

Winter Night Support

A HUGE THANK YOU to those who have already donated meals. There are still some containers from the Narthex for your use. Next time you make a pot of soup, a casserole, pasta dish or any other meal, fill a container or two and return them to the Parish.

For enquiries please call Kathy Hunt 0416058431



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK VICTORIA

Has your card expired?

Please check because if you volunteer with our Parish, we will need an updated copy.

If you have any questions, please contact
Kathy Hunt on 0416 058 431.

All Sacristans and ladies who help around the church are invited to join us for a cuppa on the 2nd Saturday of each month

at 10.00am, including **Saturday, June 14.**

Contact Kath on 0409 003 420.



On the Lighter Side

Child's prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Dear Holy Spirit, please guide my dad, protect my mum, help my brothers and sisters, and strengthen me. Oh, please take care of yourself. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

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**Friendship Group will meet for lunch again on
SUNDAY 15 JUNE at the PEPPERMILL INN, 7900
GV Highway at 12.30pm. Everyone welcome!**

Our next Men's Group is on
Saturday, June 14 at
St Mary's Parish in Mooroopna,
starting at 7:30am in the
Parish Hall.



We will be welcoming Pastor Simon Robertson, our Anglican friend from Mooroopna. Simon works with a very diverse group of people in his ministry, and he will be sharing about bringing people to Jesus, especially those suffering from various forms of addiction.



**HAPPY 60TH
BIRTHDAY TO BISHOP
SHANE ON JUNE 5.**

**ST BRENDAN'S PARISH
YOUTH
MASS**

**Saturday, June 14th, 2025
@ 6pm**

**YEARS 7 - 12 STUDENTS ARE WELCOME
TO JOIN US FOR PIZZA, SOFT DRINK
AND GAMES IN THE
PASTORAL CENTRE AFTER MASS**

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Along the track

Pentecost

Once again we welcome Pentecost. Or do we? We know the story, how after the resurrection of Jesus, his followers were confused and lost. What are we supposed to do now? When anyone dies, we want them back, we want things the way they were. So they gathered together, locking themselves away, fearful, confused, not knowing what on earth to do. Yes, yes they did hear all that about "I will not leave you orphans" and "I will be with you always." They heard him say so often, 'do not be afraid' and even 'peace be with you, my peace I give you.' Yes, he did say that the Father will send an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. But that was then and this is now! So where is all that now in this time of anxiety and confusion?

We might even ask ourselves the same question about our here and now!

So it is quite a dramatic change when the Spirit comes to enliven and inspire them. From cowering away, they almost burst from that room, alive with the Spirit, ready to take on the world!! Bit too dramatic for us today? Not relevant to our lives? Perhaps that is not what is asked of us today, to go out into the highways, the streets, the cities to proclaim the message of Jesus in the way that they did. But something is asked of us. To keep the message of Jesus alive. And that has been true of every age, of every time since that first Pentecost. Our circumstances may be different but Pentecost gifts us with the same Spirit and asks something of us no matter the times.

That is what Pentecost is about. What is that gift, that 'something'?

Paul tells the Galatians that 'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control'. We are given these gifts at Baptism and at Confirmation. We have been given a good serving of that fruit. They are there within us to be used.

So which one or ones do you think you most need at the moment, which ones does your family need from you at this time, which ones might your community need from you?

I read recently that we live in time of restless unhappiness - not satisfied with our situation. Another described this time as an age of resentment. We are not satisfied with what we have and resent others for having it! If that is the case, what gifts of the Spirit do you think we need to offer that sort of world?

If you consider that list St Paul offers the Galatians, which ones can you see in yourself? Which ones do you think you might need to work on a bit more?

Spirituality writer Fr Ronald Rolheiser offers this example: *For example, if I enter a room and my person and presence radiate positive energy: trust, stability, gratitude, concern for others, joy in living, wit, and humor, that energy will affect everyone in the room and will remain with them after I have left the room, as the spirit that I leave behind. Conversely, even though my words might try to say the contrary, if my person and presence radiate negative energy: anger, jealousy, bitterness, lying, or chaos, everyone will sense that, and that negative energy will remain with them after I leave, coloring everything I have left behind.*

The gifts of the Spirit are not just abstract ideas but rather they are real and waiting to be used. They lie within each of us and they are given for a purpose, just as they were to those gathered in that room two thousand or so years ago. Their world was different and what was asked of them was different to how these gifts might change the world we live in today. But these gifts are needed just as much – our world still needs the joy of the Good News, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Inside each of us there awaits a wonderful gift of freedom that can open hearts that are closed, where negative feelings have built barriers, a gift that believes in the goodness that lies within each of us, a gift that can bring joy to others, even in the dark times, a gift that brings kindness and generosity where jealousy and resentment have taken hold.

The gifts of the Pentecost Spirit come alive in each of us if we want them to.

Regards
Jim Quillinan

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Building Community Through Liturgy

You are invited to our
Liturgy Formation Session
At St John's Parish, Numurkah
on Sunday, June 22nd
2.00 pm - 4.30pm

Led by Fr. Jake Mudge
Parish Priest St Therese's Kennington
Lecturer Catholic Theological College

Parishioners & Educators from
Neighbouring Parishes &
Schools are most welcome

Topics include: *Liturgy and Church Today; Liturgy as Prayer; Liturgy in a Synodal Church (mission, communion, participation).*



Register via the QR Code above | Enquiries to David Walker 0439 207 307

COMBINED CHURCHES

*of Greater
Shepparton*



Beginning with a 24 hour fast together
starting at 6pm on Friday, 6th June.
Ending in a gathering meeting and meal
to break the fast together on

JUNE

7TH

6 PM

**South Shepparton Community Church
15A St Andrews Rd, Shepparton**

With special guest Peter
McHugh from City to
City Australia



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Pentecost Sunday

8 June 2025 - Year C

***"As the Father sent me, so I send you.
Receive the Holy Spirit."***

Something to Think About

Jesus changed the world! We can change the world too if we follow Jesus.
Pentecost reminds us to be people of energy, enthusiasm, and imagination!

The Story

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. All of a sudden, Jesus appeared in the room with them. He gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent them into the world to continue his work of healing and forgiving people.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (20: 19-23)

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,
and on the evening of that same Sunday
they locked themselves in a room.
Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.
He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.
When the disciples saw the Lord,
they became very happy.
After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,
"I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me."
Then he breathed on them and said,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone's sins,
they will be forgiven.
But if you don't forgive their sins,
they will not be forgiven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Group Discussion

People who are filled with a joyful energy attract others. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to inspire and motivate people so that together we can achieve great things. What fills you with energy? What marvellous things would you like to achieve in your life?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray for wise and fair leaders. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for an end to violence and suffering. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for peace and joy in our homes and in our world. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for the energy to do Jesus' work in bringing joy to others. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for hearts that are open to the Holy Spirit. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 6: We pray for our own needs. *(Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions).* Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Holy Spirit of life,
Fill us with your love and energy so
that we can bring peace, comfort and
joy to others.
Amen.

Video (optional)

Click to watch the video: [Kid Bible Story: Pentecost](#)



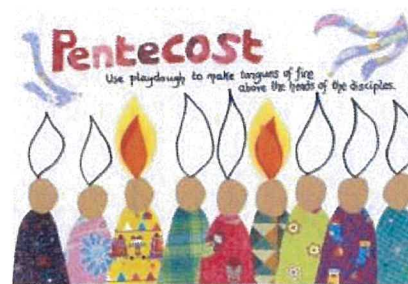
Group Activity (optional)

PENTECOST PLAYDOUGH

You will need: orange, yellow and/or red playdough, a worksheet for each child.

Optional: device to take a photo of each child's work.

1. Children each receive a worksheet.
2. Children use playdough to make flames above the head of each disciple.
3. Group leaders may like to take a photo of each child's work to create a display, or to send home to parents.

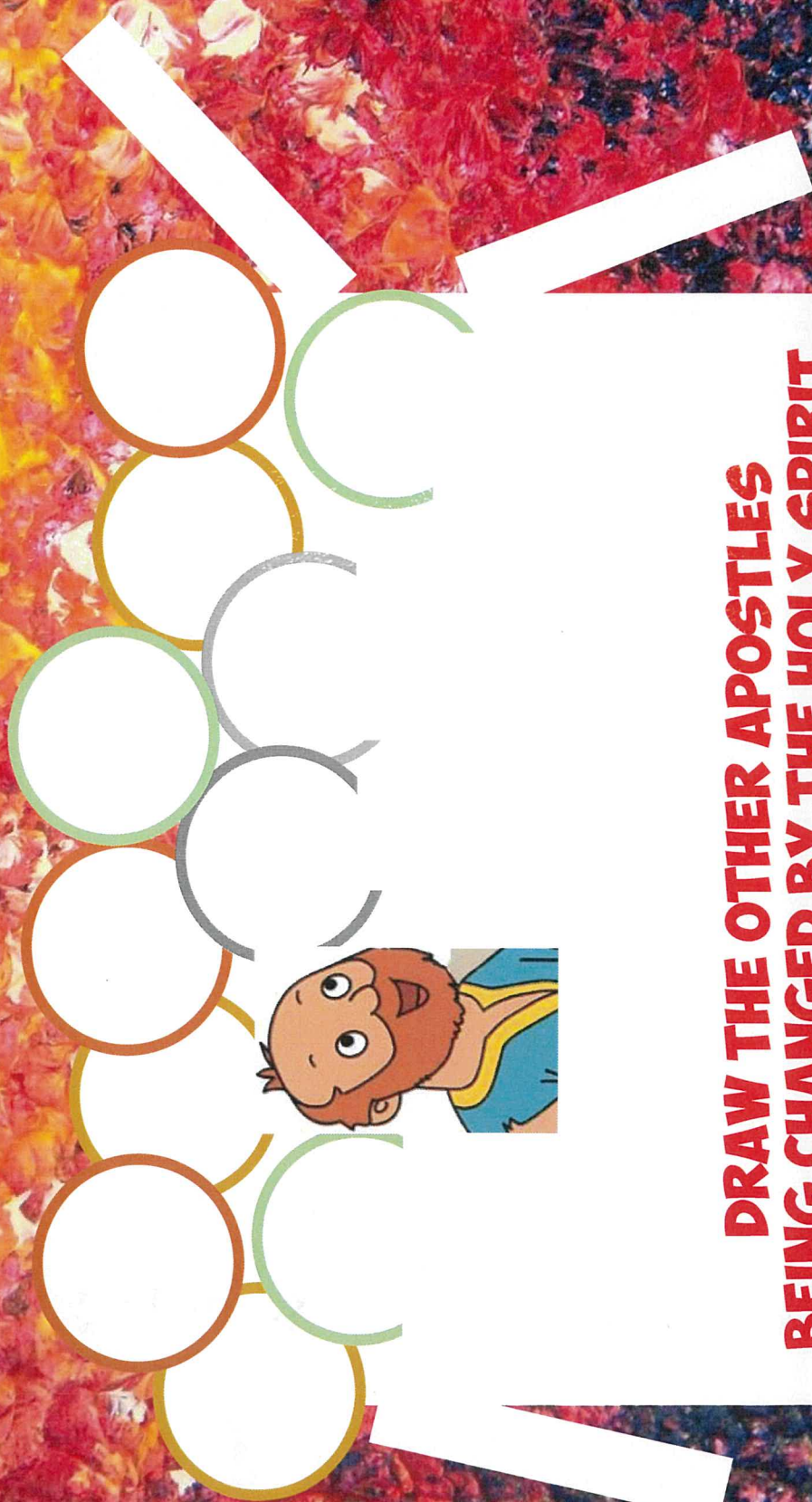


Pentecost

Use playdough to make tongues of fire
above the heads of the disciples.



RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT



**DRAW THE OTHER APOSTLES
BEING CHANGED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**