

Pentecost

(May 15th- 22nd 2016)

On the following pages are celebrations for each day of Pentecost, one for use with younger children, marked YC, one for use with older children and adults, marked OC.

If you haven't already, it is worth reading the 'Introduction to At Home with God', especially if this is your first time using resources like this.

It may be easiest to print out a few copies for each person in your family to use and find the [music videos](#) beforehand. Other than that, this should be preparation-free!

Here are some other pointers to keep in mind:

1. With younger children, either use the bible reading, or the equivalent story in a children's bible.
2. Find a special candle to light each day. You'll need three candles on the last Sunday, or one with three wicks.
3. Encourage the children to do as much as they are able to. With older children it may help to keep a record of who's doing what to avoid arguments.
4. Don't worry if you miss a day.
5. Singing: -if you're musical sing together,
-or you could read the words,
-or you could leave the song out.

We hope you enjoy using this resource with your family, don't forget to check out the blog for reflections on using this material, and get in touch with any suggestions or comments.



YC Pentecost Sunday

Sing: “All over the world.” (no. 18 in Mission Praise if you have a copy)
or “[City on a Hill](#)” (search ‘City on a Hill’ and try the lyric video)

Read: Acts 2 v1-4

Light the candle as you read.

Pray: Lord God, what an exciting day for the disciples!
Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to give power to believers.
Thank you that you have also given us your Spirit to be our Helper.
Please help us to shine like fire for you.
In Jesus name,
Amen

OC Pentecost Sunday

Sing: “All over the world.” (no. 18 in Mission Praise if you have a copy)
or “[City on a Hill](#)” (search ‘City on a Hill’ and try the lyric video)

Read: Acts 2 v1-4

Light candle as you read.



Pray:

Voice 1: We thank you Lord God,
for the wind and fire
of your Holy Spirit.

Voice 2: We ask that your Holy Spirit
will blow through us,
filling us with your presence.

Voice 3: We ask for the fire of your
Holy Spirit,
to light up our lives
and set us on fire
to praise and worship you.
Amen

YC Monday

Light the candle.

Read: Acts 2 v42-47

Pray: Dear Father,
Thank you that your Holy Spirit
helped people to want
to share their
money, time and possessions.
Amen.

Ask: What could we share with other Christians today or
sometime this week?



OC Monday

Read: Acts 2 v14-21, 38-39.

Pray:

Voice 1: Heavenly Father,
we thank you that you
are pouring out your Holy Spirit
on our world.

Voice 2: Sometimes, Father,
it's easy to fall asleep
and forget how much power
is available to us.

Light the candle.

Voice 3: Wake us up!
So that we will not
miss out on what you want to
do among us,
-in our family
-our church
and in our community.
Amen.

Ask: What have you noticed the Holy Spirit doing
recently?



YC Tuesday

Light the candle.

Read: Acts 3 v1-10 – Peter heals the crippled beggar.

Ask: Do you know anyone who is ill?

Pray: Dear Lord Jesus,
We thank you that
your Holy Spirit
made the man better.
We pray for _____
please help them get well.
Amen.

OC Tuesday

Read: Acts 2 v42-47

Ask: How are we sharing our lives with other Christians who live around us?

Light the candle.

Pray:

Voice 1: Lord God,
Sometimes the way we
live as Christians,
seems little different to the
lives of non-Christians.
Please forgive us.

Voice 2: Do we say, “God first”,
but not really put you first?



Voice 3: Please show us
parts of our lives
where you don't come first.

Voice 4: And give us the determination
to change.
So that you are the centre of our life,
and everything else
falls into place around you.
Amen.

Think in silence: Are there areas of my life where God doesn't
come first?

Say together: Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind."
(Lk 10 v 27)

YC Wednesday

Light the candle.

Read: Acts 8 v26-38a.

Pray: Thank you God,
That you cared so much
for the Ethiopian, that your Holy Spirit
led Philip to talk to him.
Please let your Holy Spirit help us to talk to
people about you today.
Amen.



OC Wednesday

Light the candle.

Voice 1: "I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful."
(Ps 139 v14)

Read: Rms 12 v4-8 and Eph 4 v7, 11, 12.

Think in silence: What is the person on my right really good at?
What special gift has God given them?

Pray:

Voice 2: We thank you generous God
for the gifts that your
Holy Spirit gives us.

Each person in turn says: We thank you for _____
(name the person on your right) and their gift of _____.

Voice 3: Help us to use our gifts
to benefit other people,
our family, friends and church.

Voice 4: Give us creative ideas
as to how we can use our gifts
to serve you,
and the courage to risk
doing something different
with the gifts we've been given.
Amen.



YC Thursday

Light the candle.

Ask: What's the best gift you've ever been given?

Say: God's Holy Spirit gives us presents or special gifts.

Read: Rms 12 v6-8

Pray: Thank you Holy Spirit
for the special gifts you give us.
Help us to use
the things we're good at
to help other people.
Amen.

OC Thursday

Read: 2 Tim 1 v3-7

Light the candle at v6.

Pray:

Voice 1: Holy Spirit,
You are God,
You give us courage,
power,
love
and self-discipline.

Voice 2: Remind us each day
to use these gifts you offer us.



Voice 3: Help us to have the courage
to live up to the standards you
set for our lives,
the courage to behave differently
and to speak out your truth.

Voice 4: Give us the power
to bring your word to people today.
Give us the power to bring shalom-
wholeness and healing
into their lives.

Voice 5: May we keep growing in
self-discipline,
so that we have the will
to choose to follow your way
and not our own way. Amen.

YC Friday

Read: Gal 5 v19-26 (or 22-23)

Choose one of the fruits of the Spirit which you especially want
in your life.

Pray: Lord God,
We want the fruit
of your Holy Spirit to grow in us.
Especially we ask for _____
to grow.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.



OC Friday

Ask: How many of the fruits of the spirit can you remember?

Read: Gal 5 v19-26

Light the candle at v22.

Pray:

Voice 1: Lord God,
We ask that the fruit of
your Holy Spirit may grow in us.

Voice 2: Let love grow in us:
so we learn to accept
events and people we meet.

Voice 3: Let joy grow in us:
so that we see the good
in those around us.

Voice 4: Let peace grow in us:
so that we won't be
tossed about
by the storms of life.

Voice 5: Let patience grow in us:
so we learn to wait,
sometimes in darkness.

Voice 6: Let us choose goodness
when we're faced with
evil and temptation.



Voice 1: Let us continue faithful
in an unfaithful world.

Voice 2: Let us be gentle,
when we're taught that
aggression is the best way
to get what we want.

Voice 3: Let self-control grow in us
so we won't be controlled
by our sinful nature,
but by the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

YC Saturday

Light the candle.

Read: Jn 14 v23, 25-26

Say: Close your eyes. Imagine inside yourself a little house
where God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have come
and made their home together.

Pray: Thank you Father, Son and Holy Spirit
that you are happy to live
inside me.
Please stay with me forever!
Amen.



OC Saturday

Light the candle.

Read: Jn 14 v15-21 (As you read choose a verse or line which you particularly like. When you finish the reading say what you've chosen and why.)

Pray: Use the verse you've chosen and turn it into a prayer.

YC Trinity Sunday

Use three candles or one candle with three wicks.

Read: Lk 3 v21-22

Light the three candles as you read.

Sing: MP 142 "Father we love you."

Pray: Lord Jesus,
At your baptism the
Holy Spirit rested on you
and the Father said
how much he loved you.
Thank you that the Holy Spirit rests on us
and that the father loves us
very much.
Amen.



OC Trinity Sunday

If you can find a candle with three wicks, that would be ideal for today. Alternatively collect together three candles.

Read: Jn 14 v23-27
Light two wicks in v23.
Light the last wick in v26.

Sing: MP 142 "Father we love you."

Pray: Make up a prayer/poem to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Use the letters for Trinity Sunday to start each line:

T
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If each person has a piece of paper (print next page) and writes it down then you can all say it together, or you could print out the following page to use.



Prayer Activity

Make up a prayer/poem to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Use the letters for Trinity Sunday to start each line:

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