



Pentecost

May 2024

John 20:19-23

You can share a variety of liturgies linked to this week's gospel with your child at home.



You can find weekly Gospel Liturgies from The Mark 10 Mission by clicking on the link [here](#).

You can also share the Children's Liturgy from Redemptorist Publications with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph by clicking this link [here](#).

Check this newsletter regularly for other links to liturgies designed for children.

Each week, you can download a weekly Bible verse from *The God Who Speaks* website.

[Click here](#) to access the Weekly Bible Verse archive.



Jesus looked up to heaven and said:

"It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them.

"Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at

seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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The disciples were scared of people they thought would hurt them and so they were hiding away. But when Jesus came, they rejoiced, and he gave them a very special gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

What do you remember from the first reading today?

Suddenly the room that the disciples were sitting in is filled with the sound of a strong wind. Then the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit. They go outside to tell people about Jesus and everyone can understand them – even people from far away who speak a different language! How do you think this happens?

Why do you think Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the disciples? What difference do you think the Holy Spirit made to them?

We cannot see the Holy Spirit, like we can see each other. The Holy Spirit is like the wind. We cannot see the wind, but we can certainly feel it on a windy day. We can see the leaves moving in the trees because of the wind, or a kite flying high in the sky. The wind can be very strong and powerful.

Can you think of any other ways that you can see the wind? Can you think of ways in which the wind is helpful? (eg windmills, sailing boats etc)

Just like the wind, we can see the effects of the Holy Spirit. Can you think of how we might see the Holy Spirit moving in our world?

The Holy Spirit can work through us when we are kind to our family and friends, when we think about other people around the world, and when we work together with people who need our help. Can you think of the last time you did any of these things?

The Holy Spirit can also give us courage to speak out, just like the disciples in today's readings. Can you think of a time when it might be difficult to say what you really think?

We can see that the world is not a very fair place. Many children do not have enough food to eat or clean water to drink. What do you think you could do about that?

During Lent this year, hundreds of children in England, Wales and Scotland took part in something called the Big Lent Walk. This meant walking loads of steps to raise money to help people in poor parts of the world.

These children love helping others and really did their best. This is an example of how the Holy Spirit can work through people like you and me, as we carry out Jesus' teaching in all that we do.

What will you do this week to show the effects of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Art can help
bring the
Gospel to
life for
children.



You may find the
website [Christian Art](#) enjoyable to
explore with your child. Each day they
share artwork linked to the daily
Gospel.

**Protect them from the evil one
John 17:11-19**

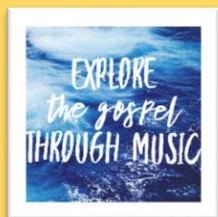
**Car accident, circa 1918, New
York**

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We can worship and pray through Music. For this week's Gospel, enjoy listening to both traditional and contemporary worship music!

Traditional: 'Come Lord Jesus Come' by Kevin Mayhew
Traditional: 'We Are One In The Spirit' by Peter Scholte
Contemporary: '[Great Are You Lord](#)' by All Sons and Daughters
Contemporary: '[Before The Throne of God Above](#)' by Kristyn Getty



You can now access the Ten:Ten Parent Portal at home with the details below.

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Resources

Username: st-michaels-tw15

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Parent Portal:

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal



YouCat is a guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for children. It is an easy read and a user friendly guide for parents and carers to support their children.

You can find out more about YouCat at www.youcat.org

Catholic Social Teaching:

Which principle do you think the gospel teaching best relate to this week?

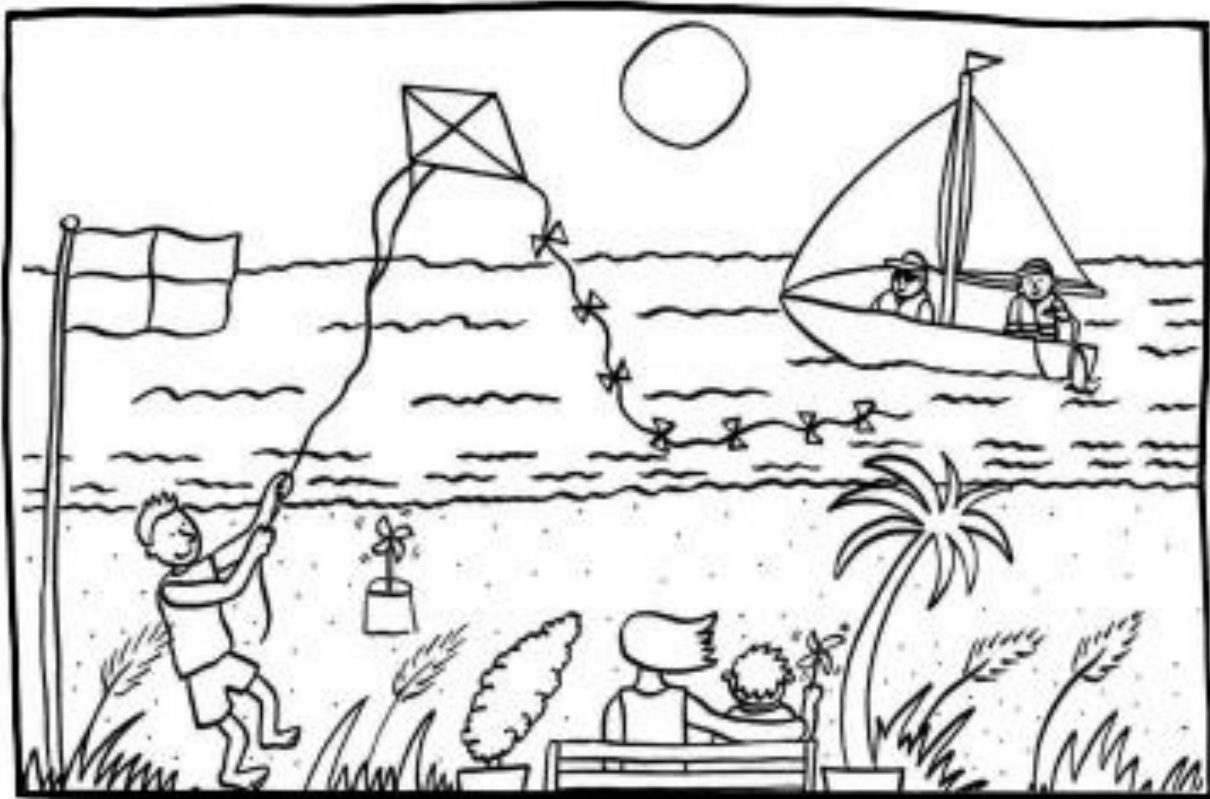


This week's Gospel activity sheet from CAFOD:

Pentecost Sunday

John 20:19-23

"Receive the Holy Spirit"



Count how many different ways you can see the effects of the wind in the picture. You may also like to colour it in. Then, in the box, write or draw how you will show the effects of the Holy Spirit in your lives in the next week.

Breaking down barriers:

The Holy Spirit helped people from different places who spoke different languages to understand each other. Can you draw lines to match the words with the languages they are written in? Are there any more words for hello you or your group can add?

Привіт (Pryvit)

Hello

Jambo

Bonjour

Heið

Hola

English

Swahili

Spanish

Welsh

Ukrainian

French

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Liturgical Year	Sundays in May
- St Damien de Veuster (10th May) - Our Lady of Fatima (13th May) - St Matthias (14th May) - St Bede (25th May) - St Augustine (27th May) - Visitation (31st May) Ascension Thursday The date of Easter changes every year and the Ascension is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday. Mary, Mother of the Church Monday after Pentecost	- 4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday - Pentecost - Pentecost is 10 days after the Ascension (50 days after Easter Sunday)

National and International Days	Other Religions
- International Day of Families (15th May) - International Day of Living Together in Peace (16th May) - World Bee Day (20th May) - World day for Cultural Diversity (21st May) - Laudato Si Week (24th May) - International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29th May)	- Shavuot (Jewish Pentecost - June)