



St Peter's Messy Church

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Theme: Happy Birthday – God's Church!



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We hope you enjoyed last month's rainbow Messy Church at Home. This month we are celebrating Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church.

Pentecost was the day when God gave a wonderful birthday present – the present of his Spirit. This is described in the Bible in Acts chapter 2 verses 1-13, with images of wind, fire and people speaking in many different languages!

We have included a variety of activities for you to choose from, depending on the age of your children and the resources you have at home. We hope you all find things to share and enjoy.

There is a wonderful celebration video to watch when you have completed the activities and we suggest you finish with a birthday tea!

We hope you and your family have fun sharing God's word together. Why not let us know how you get on by dropping an email to the church office (stpeterspedmore@hotmail.com). We would welcome your feedback!

From the Messy Church Team

Activities:

1. Individual Birthday Cakes

You will need: Ready-made fairy cakes (or make your own!), butter icing (add icing sugar to softened butter or margarine until you have a dropping consistency), cake decorations e.g. sprinkles, birthday candles and holders

Decorate the plain fairy cakes. Add a birthday candle and holder to each.

Talk about: Pentecost being the day the Church celebrates its birthday because that's when Jesus' Holy Spirit came to the first disciples. They saw something like flames above each other's heads- a sign that Jesus' Spirit was with them.

2. Windmills

You will need: squares of paper measuring 15cmx15cm, a pin with a bead head, a small round bead, a thin wooden stick

There are various ways to make your windmill to be found on the internet.

Talk about: the noise the first disciples heard when Jesus' Spirit came – like a roaring wind!

3. Windsocks

You will need: sheets of cellophane or tissue paper, glue, pipe cleaners, strips of tissue paper (to make streamers), string

Make a windsock by forming the tissue paper or cellophane into a cone shape. Stick a pipe cleaner circle at both ends (one circle made from a whole pipe cleaner, the other from a half one). Glue streamers onto the narrow end and attach 3 pieces of string to the wide end to tie to a tree or post.

Talk about: the way you can't see wind, but you know it's there by looking at the trees, grass, hats blowing away &.....windsocks!

4. Blow painting

You will need: Drinking straws, paper, poster paint

Use straws to blow poster paint across paper in dribbly patterns.

Talk about: the way your breath is like wind, and how God's Holy Spirit is like his breath.

5. Kites

You will need: lightweight card, art materials, string, strips of tissue paper

Cut out Kite shapes from card, draw the crossbars, decorate with smiley faces or patterns and have real string tails on which to tie bows of tissue paper, or attach ribbons of tissue paper

Talk about: the excitement of a windy day and the fun of flying kites.

6. Decorated languages

You will need: sheets of A4 paper, writing and colouring materials, coloured stickers, lining paper, glue

Write 'Praise the Lord' and research how to write this in hollow chunky lettering on sheets of paper. When you have a variety, colour the letters in or decorate with stickers.

Talk about: how people of different countries can praise God in different ways and how God will hear and understand them all.

7. Paper aeroplanes

You will need: sheets of A4 paper

Fold the paper in half lengthways. Open out the paper again and fold the top 2 corners on the short end so they meet in the centre fold. Now fold the triangle at the top of the paper down along its base, so that the point lies along the centre fold. Take the top 2 corners and fold them to meet at the middle fold, halfway between the top edge and the tip of the point. Fold up the point so that it covers the corners where they meet at the centre fold. Now fold the model in half with the locking triangle on the outside of the fold. Finally, with the fold at the bottom of the model, fold the 'wings' down so that their edges lie along the bottom of the plane.

Alternatively, use your own design!

Write a prayer on the plane to send flying through the air.

Talk about: how in Jesus' time there were no aeroplanes and not much paper either!

8. Pentecost picture and jigsaw

On the next page there is a Pentecost jigsaw to print off, stick on card and colour. You can then cut it up using the guidelines to make a jigsaw.

Talk about: the words and symbols on the picture



Instructions

Mount the page on to thick card. Colour the picture.

Cut out the jig-saw around the outer circle and down the lines to the inner circle.

Be careful to shape the tabs.

Celebration – Tony

Before starting the Celebration, you might like to blow up some balloons if you have some to help create a party atmosphere.

WARNING: Please do not try to make a cake like Tony's at home!

The Zoom Song

I'm gonna zoom, zoom, zoom around the room, room, room

I'm gonna zoom around the room and praise the Lord,

Because of what he's done

I'm gonna make Him number one

I'm gonna zoom around the room and praise the Lord.

I'm gonna sing, sing, sing, I'm gonna shout, shout, shout,

I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout and praise the Lord,

Because of what He's done

I'm gonna make Him number one,

I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout and praise the Lord.

Whether You're One

Whether you're one or whether you're two, or three, or four, or five
six or seven or eight or nine, it's good to be alive!

It really doesn't matter how old you are,

Jesus loves you whoever you are.

La la la, la la la la la, Jesus loves us all.

Scoobie do be do,

La la la, la la la la la, Jesus loves us all.

Whether you're big or whether you're small or somewhere in between.
First in the class, or second, or last, it's all the same to Him.
It really doesn't matter how clever you are,
Jesus Loves you whoever you are.

La la la, la la la la la, Jesus loves us all.
Scoobie do be do,
La la la, la la la la la, Jesus loves us all.

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FOOD for lunch or tea: Party Food!

Messy Grace

Three, two, one

One, two, three

Thank you God

For our tea!

Aaaaamen!