

PENTECOST PIZZA LESSON

THE STORY

Materials needed –

- Red, yellow and orange streamers (or a tea towel, T-Shirt, whatever!): practice waving them about and calling out 'Come Holy Spirit come' when prompted during the story.
- Two pie plates or anything else noisy to rattle when prompted during the story.

Jesus' friends were all gathered together. They were remembering what Jesus had told them before he went to be with God in heaven. Jesus had said, "Go to Jerusalem. Go and wait. Soon the Holy Spirit will come and give you all great power. You have an important job to do for God. Go and wait."

Come Holy Spirit come! WAVE

Jesus' friends were praying together. Jesus' friends were singing praises to God together. Jesus' friends were waiting together.

Come Holy Spirit come! WAVE

Suddenly a great noise started outside of the room and became louder and louder. It sounded like the rushing of the wind.

RATTLE

Everyone was looking so surprised. They stood up and kept looking around as the noise got louder and louder.

RATTLE

Come Holy Spirit come! WAVE

The friends of Jesus were looking all around at each other. They thought they knew what the noise was but they were not quite sure. All at once something even more surprising happened. What looked like tongues of fire began to appear on their heads.

Come Holy Spirit come! WAVE

Everyone in the room became filled with the Holy Spirit. They could not stay in the room any longer. They rushed out into the streets of Jerusalem. They just had to tell everyone what had just happened to them.

Come Holy Spirit come! WAVE

They went out into the streets. Now in the city there were people from all over the world. They spoke many different languages. Imagine their surprise. For all of sudden they could hear

Jesus' friends speaking to them about the mighty acts of God through Jesus in their own language.

Come Holy Spirit come! WAVE

Peter stood up where everyone could see him. He shouted above all the noise that the people were making. He said, "People of Jerusalem. Do not be surprised that you can understand us. God has sent the Holy Spirit on all of us. We are the followers of Jesus. Jesus who is the Son of God. You will remember that the leaders of this city put Jesus to death. Well, I have news for you. On the third day after he was killed God raised him back to life. We are witnesses to these marvellous acts of God. We saw Jesus die. We saw Jesus after he was raised from the dead. Jesus is alive. Jesus has gone back to live with God. Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to us so that we can share this Good News with you."

Come Holy Spirit come! WAVE

THE PIZZA

Materials Needed:

Pizza crust (store bought is fine) - JERUSALEM

Tomato/pizza sauce (I use Kraft pizza sauce from squeeze jar) – THE PEOPLE GATHERED IN JERUSALEM

12 Pepperoni slices (or slices of whatever you like) – THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS

Slices of orange, red, and/or yellow peppers – THE "FLAMES" OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Grated cheese – THE COMMON LANGUAGE OF THE PEOPLE BROUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Assemble your pizza remembering who or what in the story the ingredients represent. Cook according to instructions and then enjoy the coming of the Holy Spirit as you eat it up after saying the Grace below!

May all be fed.

May all be healed.

May all be loved.

May all be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Bessings and Peace