



Diocese of Athabasca

Sunday School Lesson Plan – Sunday, May 24, 2026

Here's a **Sunday School Lesson Plan** for young children (ages 4–8) and some activities for older children using the **Revised Common Lectionary readings** for **May 24, 2026 – Pentecost (Year A)**. Bible Verses: Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30; Psalm 104:25-34, 37; 1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 7:37-39; Preface of Pentecost

✨ Sunday School Lesson Plan

Pentecost – May 24

Lesson Title

“God’s Spirit Is With Us!”

Theme

The Holy Spirit comes to be with us and help us.

Big Idea

God sends the Holy Spirit to fill us with love, courage, and joy.

Lesson Focus for Kids

Children will learn:

- The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost
 - The Holy Spirit is like God’s presence with us
 - God helps us share His love with others
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Scripture Readings (Kid-Friendly Language)

Acts 2:1–21 (Main Story)

Jesus' friends were together when suddenly a strong wind came. Flames like fire appeared above their heads, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began speaking in different languages so everyone could hear about God's love.

Psalm 104:25–34, 37 (Simplified)

God made everything and gives life. We praise God with joy!

1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 (Simplified)

The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to each person, but we all belong to one family.

John 20:19–23 (Simplified)

Jesus came to His friends and said, "Peace be with you," and breathed on them, giving them the Holy Spirit.

Welcome & Opening Prayer (Circle Time)

Welcome Prompt:

"Have you ever felt a strong wind? Today we will hear about a special wind that showed God's power!"

Opening Prayer:

"Dear God,
Thank you for your love.
Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit.
Fill our hearts with joy and help us share your love.
Amen."

Memory Verse

Acts 2:4 (Simplified)

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

Actions:

- "filled" → stretch arms wide
 - "Holy Spirit" → hands over heart
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Bible Story Time

Storytelling Version:

Jesus' friends were all together in one place.

Suddenly—WHOOSH!

A loud wind filled the room!

Then something amazing appeared—little flames like fire above their heads.

But it didn't hurt them!

This was the Holy Spirit coming to be with them.

They began speaking in different languages so people from many places could understand.

Everyone was amazed!

From that day on, Jesus' friends were brave and shared God's love everywhere.

Interactive Questions

- What did the disciples hear?
 - What did they see?
 - Who came to be with them?
 - How can we share God's love?
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Craft / Activity

“Pentecost Flames Headband”

Supplies:

- Red, orange, yellow paper
- Scissors
- Glue/tape
- Headband strip

Instructions:

1. Cut out flame shapes
2. Decorate with bright colors
3. Attach flames to headband
4. Wear as a reminder of the Holy Spirit

Message: The Holy Spirit fills us!

Game

“Wind & Fire Freeze Game”

- When leader says “WIND” → kids run or wave scarves
- When leader says “FIRE” → freeze and raise hands like flames

Lesson Tie-In: The Holy Spirit came like wind and fire!

Song Suggestions

- “This Little Light of Mine”
 - “Spirit of the Living God”
 - “He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”
 - “I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”
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Snack Suggestions

“Fire & Wind Snack”

- Red/orange fruit (strawberries, oranges)
- Pretzels (like wind twists)
- Juice

Tie-In: “These remind us of fire and wind from the story!”

Wrap-Up & Reflection

Ask:

- Who came at Pentecost?
- What did the Holy Spirit help the disciples do?
- How can we share God’s love this week?

Key Message:

“The Holy Spirit helps us be brave and loving!”

Closing Prayer

“Dear God,
Thank you for the Holy Spirit.
Help us be kind, brave, and full of love.
Be with us every day.
Amen.”

Take-Home Idea

Send home:

- Flame headband
- Memory verse card

Family Idea:

Ask children to share one way they showed God’s love during the week.

Teacher Notes

- Emphasize excitement and celebration
- Avoid fear around “fire”—explain it is a symbol
- Use movement and sound effects (wind!)
- Reinforce inclusion—many languages, one family
- Keep language simple: “God’s Spirit helps us”

Other Idea Links

In searching for ideas for the lessons I sometimes come up with things that I choose not to add at this time but maybe you will find them helpful if the previous information is not what you are looking for. You can click on the links below to see more ideas.

<https://www.theletteringtree.com/blogs/news/free-printable-holy-spirit-craft-for-pentecost>

<https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2021/05/paper-pentecost-candle-celebrating-with.html>

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/browse/free?search=pentecost%20craft>

<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/category/bible-crafts/nt-crafts/holy-spirit/>

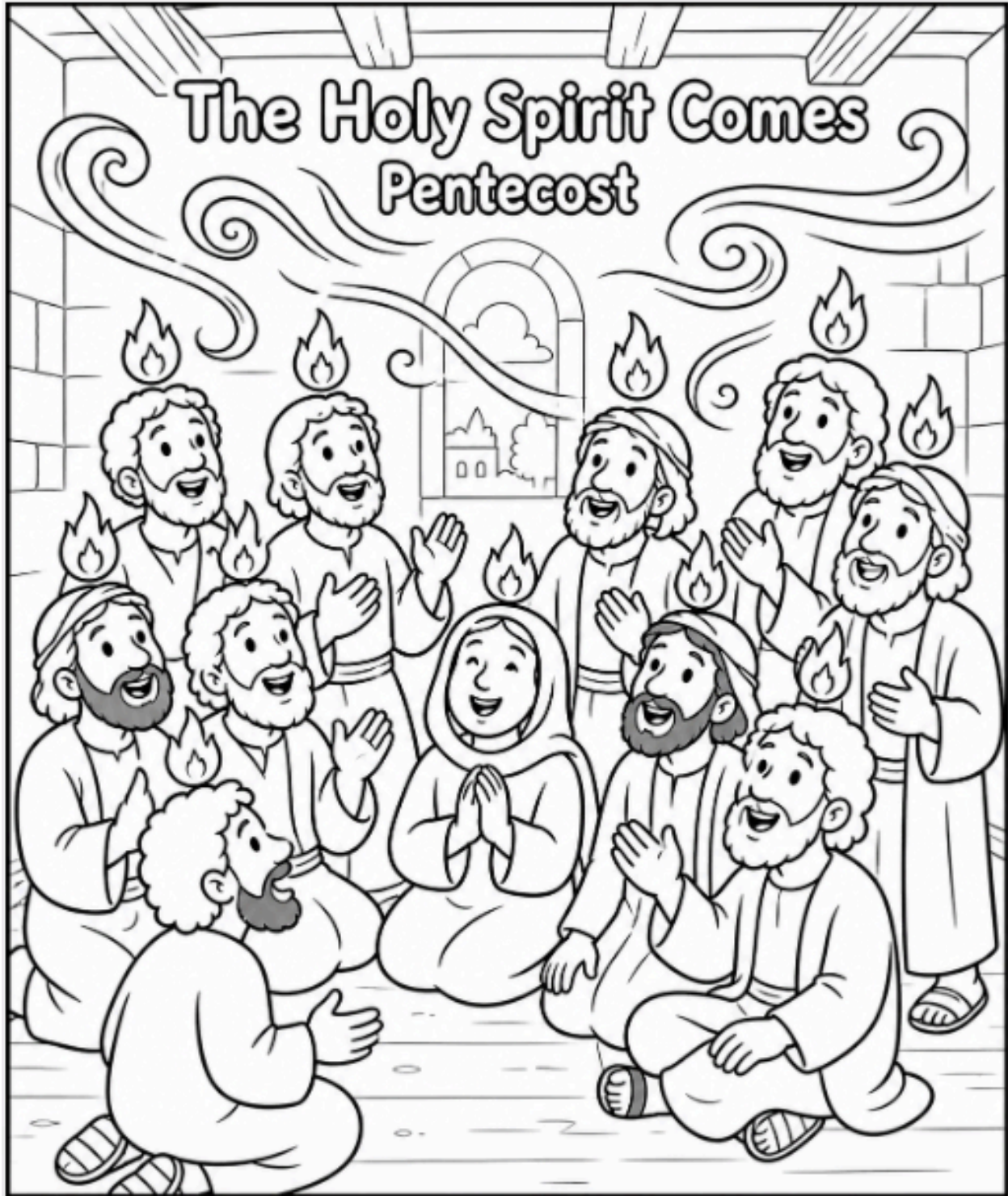
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-a-398-pentecost-story-colouring-pages>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M&t=7s>

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God's Spirit is With Us

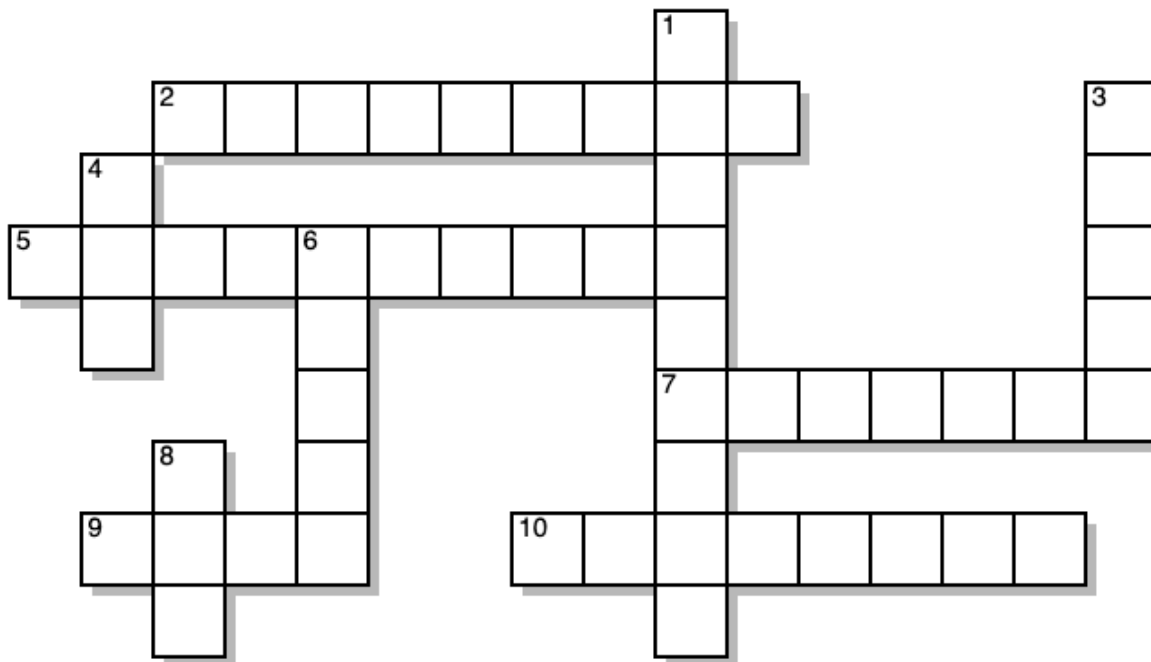
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God's Spirit is With Us

Pentecost



ACROSS

- 2 Dialects
- 5 Holy Ghost
- 7 Bravery
- 9 Adoration
- 10 Follower of Jesus

DOWN

- 1 Day Holy Spirit came
- 3 Tongue of Fire
- 4 Our Father
- 6 Give to others
- 8 Happiness

God's Spirit is With Us

Pentecost

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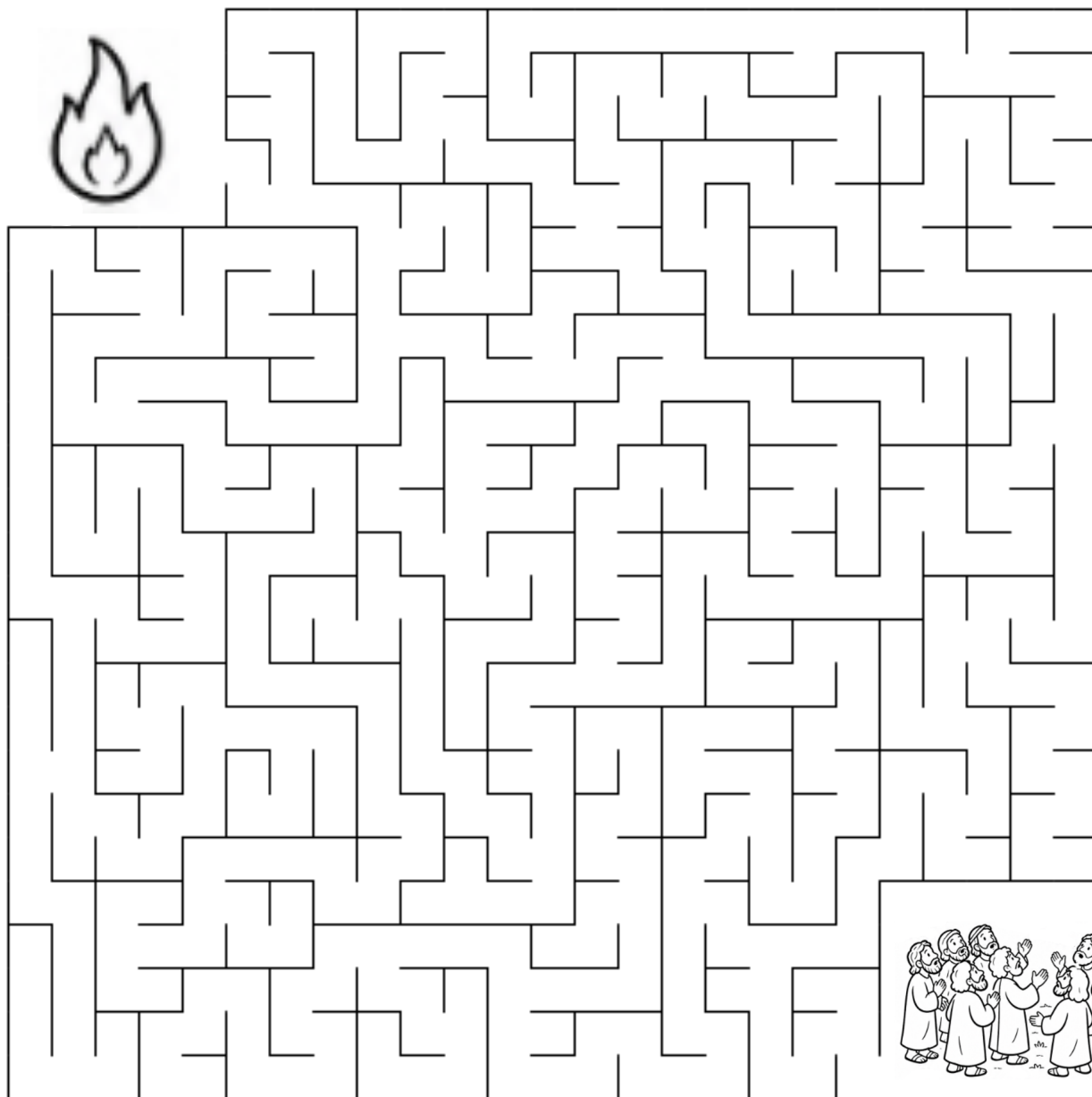
God
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Languages
Share
Disciple



God's Spirit is With Us

Pentecost

Help the Holy Spirit reach the disciples.





God's Spirit is With Us



Pentecost

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Crossword – Key:

Across

- 2. Languages
- 5. Holy Spirit
- 7. Courage
- 9. Love
- 10. Disciple

Down

- 1. Pentecost
- 3. Flame
- 4. God
- 6. Share
- 8. Joy

Cryptogram – Key:

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.