Pentecost Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The church is born at Pentecost. The promised Advocate comes and those who cowered in fear now burst forth from their prisons with a message that can be understood in any language. The message: God is for everyone and anyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. We are still unpacking this message today as we peek out from the prisons we find ourselves hiding within.

COME HOLY SPIRIT

The Story

Jesus' friends are huddled in the room where they had supper with
Jesus. He had told them to go wait there until the Holy Spirit came and
gave them the power they needed. They had no idea
what to expect. It probably never occurred to them that the Holy Spirit
would literally BLOW IN! A wind filled the room. And the wind filled them
with excitement. They looked around at each other – so very excited that
they were just sure they saw tongues of flame over each other's heads.
Then, they went racing outside to tell everyone what had happened. At
first the people outside
thought they were crazy – or even drunk! But then the people outside
realized that they could
understand these friends of Jesus – even though they did not speak their
language.

Reflection Questions:

What did the disciples see when the wind came rushing in? ('Acts 2, verse'3)

- What did Peter say to the crowd? (Verse 21)
- I wonder what you would say or do if you were present?

*When do we believe we receive access to the Holy Spirit?

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Use sidewalk chalk to write verse or prayer on your sidewalk.
- 2. Attach a variety of colored ribbon streamers to a ring.
- 3. Blow up a bunch of red balloons and send them off into the air.
- 4. Compose a prayer about asking for God and Christ's protection.
- 5. Learn to say "I love you" in 100 different languages at https://tinyurl.com/yg5aeywu