



Pentecost!



Pentecost is a Christian festival originating in the Old Testament 'Feast of Weeks' which celebrated the wheat harvest. Today Christians remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples after he had gone back to heaven.

It is often referred to as the 'Birthday of the Church'.



Jesus' friends were all together in a house in Jerusalem when they heard a sound like a strong wind blowing. Then they saw what looked like flames of fire which rested on people's heads but didn't burn them. It was God's Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised before he went back to heaven.



Suddenly the Disciples could speak in lots of different languages which was great because there were people from all over the world in Jerusalem for the Feast. They were also able to do other amazing things like healing people from illnesses.

The Disciples went out of the house and started speaking to the people, telling them all about Jesus and how amazing he is. They told people about how much God loves them and wants to be their friend.

The people listened and decided they wanted to be God's friends. This is how the early Christian Church began and grew as people told others about God's love.



Christians today believe that the Holy Spirit still shows us God's ways and enables us to do things we never imagined we could. We continue to tell about God and how much he loves and cares about us so that others might discover this for themselves.



You can read about this in the New Testament part of the Bible in the book of Acts.

Activities -

Make a WINDMILL



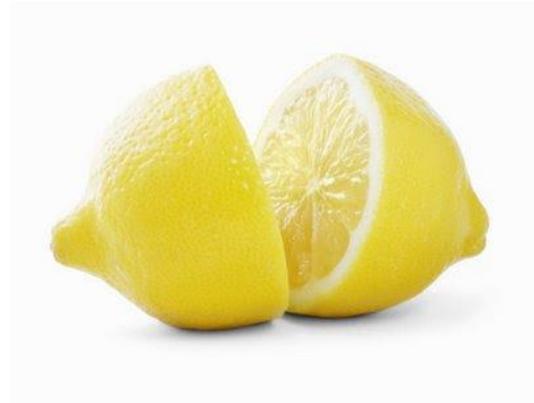
You will need:
Squares of paper 6"
Straw
Split pins
Scissors
Felt Pens

Draw diagonal lines from corner to corner.
Cut from each corner to within 2.5cm of the centre.
Bring the corners to the middle.
Fix a split pin through all layers and through the straw.
Adjust to make your windmill spin when it is blown.

Invisible writing.

You will need:

Lemon juice and water,
salt,
paper,
Cotton buds,
wax crayons,
hairdryer.



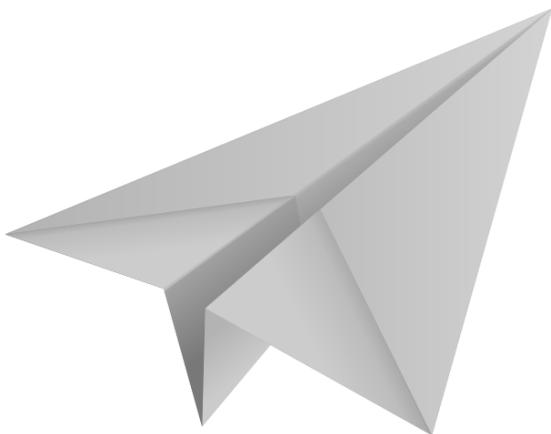
Add a few drops of water to a small cup of lemon juice. Dip the cotton bud in the mixture and write or draw a message.

Sprinkle with salt.

Let the paper dry - use a hairdryer if necessary.

Rub over with wax crayons to reveal the message.

Paper Aeroplane Prayers.



Write prayers on A4 sheets of paper and fold into aeroplanes. How far can you throw it?

Kites.

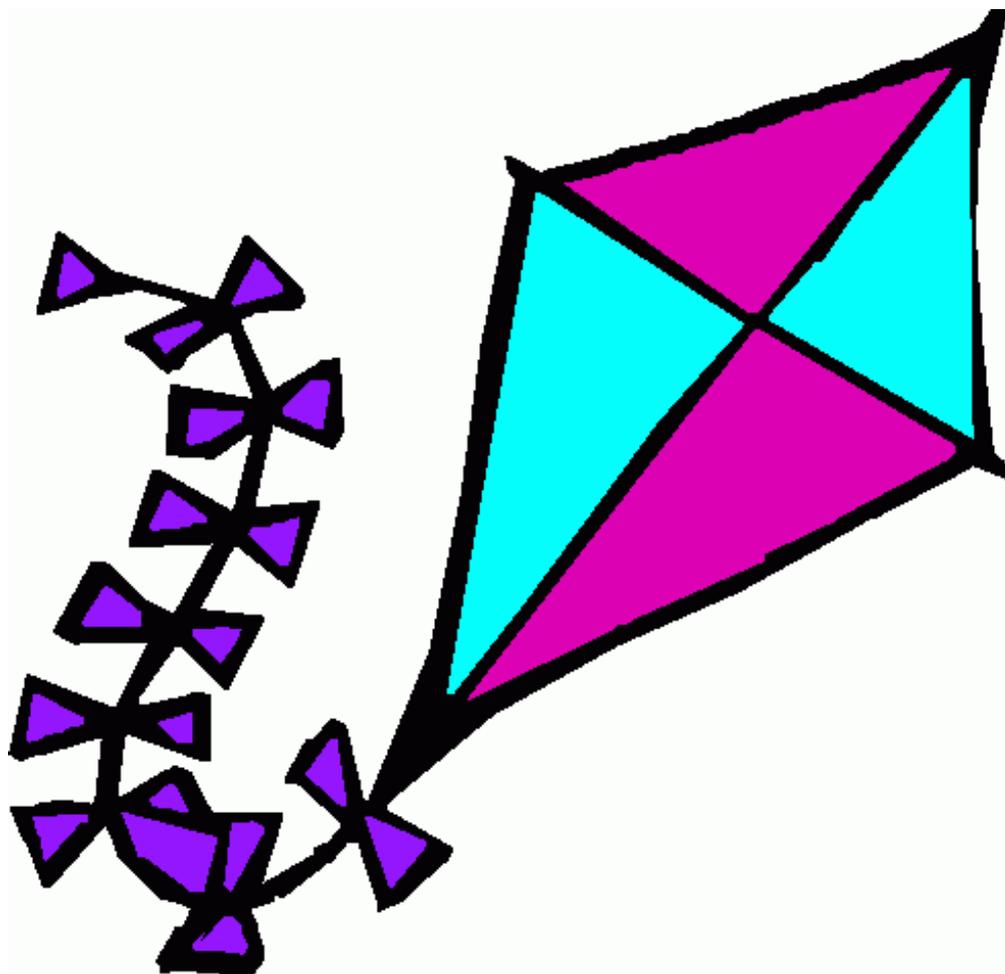
You will need: 12 x 12 paper.

Tape.

String.

Spare paper for bows.

Garden sticks.



Fold paper into kite shape.

Attach sticks

Add tail.

Flame cakes.



You will need:

Cakes.

Butter Icing - Orange, Red, Yellow.

Sprinkle on decorations.

Decorate cakes with icing and decorations making it stand in peaks like flames.

Watch: What happened at the first Pentecost.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNiApXVR9go>

Make: A Birthday Card.

Write: Find out how to say, "Thank you", or, "Hello", in different languages. Write them on a sheet and decorate it.

Read: The account of those first Pentecost events in the New Testament part of the Bible in the book of Acts chapter 2.

App: Read and do the activities in "God's Wonderful Gift" on the Bible App for Kids (App Store, Google Play and Amazon).

Pray: Dear God,
Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to be with us.

Thank you for the good news that has gone throughout the whole world for so many hundreds and thousands of years.

We have heard it, and believe it.

Help us now to tell others.

We ask these things in Jesus' name.

Amen.