

PENTECOST

CHEEKY PANDAS

The Power Cut

Key Learning: God gives us his Holy Spirit-his power, which helps us to do things, and lets us know how much he loves us and that he is always with us.

‘When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.’

Acts 2:1-4

Session Outline

1. Informal welcome as families arrive

2. Official welcome

Introduce the title, theme, and all members of your team to all present, including the person to contact if they have technical issues, questions or concerns.

Outline what will happen during this session, how long it will take, and the key learning for today’s session.

Ensure they have any resources needed for the activity in the video.

3. Opening prayer

Come Holy Spirit,

Fill us afresh with God’s love so that we can see his power working in our lives.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Saint of the Day

The Blessed Virgin Mary

helps us to welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives by her example. When greeted by the angel Gabriel and presented with God’s will for her to become the mother of Jesus, she said yes and welcomed the Holy Spirit into her life. She invites us to do the same.

You will need...

- Video
- Paper and colouring in pencils or pens
- Presentation for Prayer



4. Warm up-activity

When the Holy Spirit came on the apostles there was a wind, so we are going to try to imagine what it would be like to experience this breeze using a fan. Ask the children to hold up their fan or piece of card, then if there is a parent/carer on the call with them, ask them to give it to their parent/carer and close their eyes. Then ask the parent/carer to fan the child/children. If there are some who are unaccompanied ask them to close their eyes and fan themselves. You may want to take a screenshot to show them what they look like when being fanned, if so, please be sure to delete it afterwards.

5. Saint of the day

Jesus’ mother, Our Blessed Virgin Mary was there at Pentecost and was often a quiet presence among his disciples. She was the first to accept the Holy Spirit, when the angel Gabriel came to tell her that she would be the mother of Jesus. Thanks to her receiving the Holy Spirit, Jesus was born. She is an example of how God can work the impossible if we say yes to receiving his Holy Spirit. At the wedding feast of Cana, when they ran out of wine, she told the servants to listen to Jesus and:

‘do whatever he tells you.’

6. Watch Video

It’s our last visit to the Pandas and they are preparing themselves for something big. Let’s see what happens.

7. Group discussion

After the video, help the children explore the theme through using the following questions:

- What happened when the power was cut?
- What difference does the Holy Spirit make to us?
- How have you seen the Holy Spirit at work?

If you have enough facilitators this can be done in smaller groups, using multiple rooms. However, if this is not possible, you can also ask people to respond via the chat and then ask them to tell you a little more.

8. Family challenge

Encourage the families present to talk about today’s session using the following questions:

- What did you learn from today?
- What questions do you have?
- What do you think of when the Holy Spirit is mentioned?

Take a moment to share any spiritual experiences you have had with one another.

If you will send the questions via email, mention it here so people can subscribe to your email list.

9. Parish announcements

We would love to see you at the following events/services:

Sunday Mass at _____ am/pm or online via: _____

This is the last session. We have really enjoyed spending time exploring our faith with you and would love to hear what you think of these sessions.



10. Closing prayer

Begin with the Sign of the Cross

Prayer Intention: We pray that everyone present will experience the power of God through the Holy Spirit in a new way.

Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory be

Leader: Blessed Virgin Mary,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, help of Christians,

All: Pray for us.

Finish with the Sign of the Cross