

# Lesson 20 – The Church in the World

Grade 4 - Chapter 20

## KEY CONCEPT

*The mission of the People of God is to proclaim the Gospel and to work for the good of all people. The Church is made up of people of many cultures, but all are united by their belief in Christ.*

## QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

*STEP 1 - WELCOME*

*STEP 2 - INVITE*

*STEP 3 - DISCOVER*

*STEP 4 - LIVE*

*STEP 5 - CLOSING*

## Thank You for a Great Year!

- Without your help, this program wouldn't be what it is. I know that each class might not have been the easiest for you, but these kids needed the example that you have set for them. They need to hear the good news of the Gospel and experience the Faith in the profound way.
- Thank you for all that you have done for the parish and for all that you will continue to do. We are blessed to have you as a part of this community!
- Please remember to fill out the Catechist Feedback Form!

## **STEP 1 - WELCOME**

### **TIP**

#### **Community Activity**

## **STEP 2 - INVITE**

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#### **Let us Pray (pg. 267)**

#### **Say the Our Father together**

**Explain that Jesus gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to continue his mission. Jesus does not leave us alone to continue his mission. He promises to be with us always and gives us the powerful gift that is the Holy Spirit.**

Chapter Story: Different, Yet the Same

- Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that Jesus gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Read aloud the story as the children follow along.
- Say: Look at the person next to you. What things about the two of you are alike and what things are different?
- Ask: Which are more important: things that are the same or things that are different?

#### **Different, Yet the Same**

Look around you. You are surrounded by differences. The people sitting in the room with you have different hairstyles, different eye colors, and different skin tones. They have different last names and may have different cultural backgrounds. And yet, with all of the differences, you all belong to the same human family.

#### **Read scripture passage**

**Ask the What do You Wonder questions.**

## **STEP 3 – DISCOVER**

### **TIP**

#### **Make Disciples of all Nations (pg. 268)**

- **Ask: How does the Church reach out to the world?**
- **Read paragraph**

#### **Read Scripture passage**

- **Ask: What do Catholics and other Christians in communities around the world have in common? (They are followers of Jesus)**
- **Discuss the question at the bottom of the page.**

#### **Jesus' Universal Mission (pg. 269)**

- **Read paragraph**
- **Ask the children to tell you what Jesus' mission was.**

#### **Unity in the Church**

- **Read paragraph**
- **Ask: In what ways is the Catholic Church diverse worldwide? (Possible responses – countries, languages, cultures)**
- **Point out that amidst the diversity, Catholics are united through the same faith.**
- **Discuss what unites the Church**
- **Ask: What cultural practices does your parish or family have?**

#### **The Church in Bolivia (pg. 270)**

- **Ask: How does the Church include different cultures?**
- **Read paragraphs**

#### **A Floating church**

- **Read paragraph. Have the children tell how the priest in Bolivia is like St. Paul (The priest travels to spread the Word of God)**
- **Talk about how Catholic missionaries do many types of work. They help people get food, shelter, medical care. How can we help the missionaries?**

#### **The People and the Mission (pg. 271)**

- **Read the paragraphs**
- **Ask the questions at the bottom.**
- **Can have the children look up Bolivia at home and see more about their culture.**

## ***STEP 4 – LIVE***

### **TIP**

#### **Our Catholic Life**

- **Ask: How can you help missionaries spread God's word?**
- **Read paragraphs**
- **Review the Ways to help section and talk about things the children could do this week to support the missions.**

**Pentecost (This is celebrated on May 23rd this year)**

**Talk about Pentecost from the attached sheet**

#### **People of Faith**

- **Discuss about Blessed Junipero Serra**

## ***STEP 5 – CLOSING***

### **TIP**

#### **Pray:**

- **Our Father**
- **Memorare**

#### **Take Homes:**

- **Family and Faith**
- **Chapter Review**

## **Pentecost**

Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. According to church tradition, Pentecost is always about seven weeks after Easter Sunday, or **50 days** after Easter, including Easter Day.

A “strong, driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and that the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also tells the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which “cuts them to the heart.” When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorts them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter’s sermon.

For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

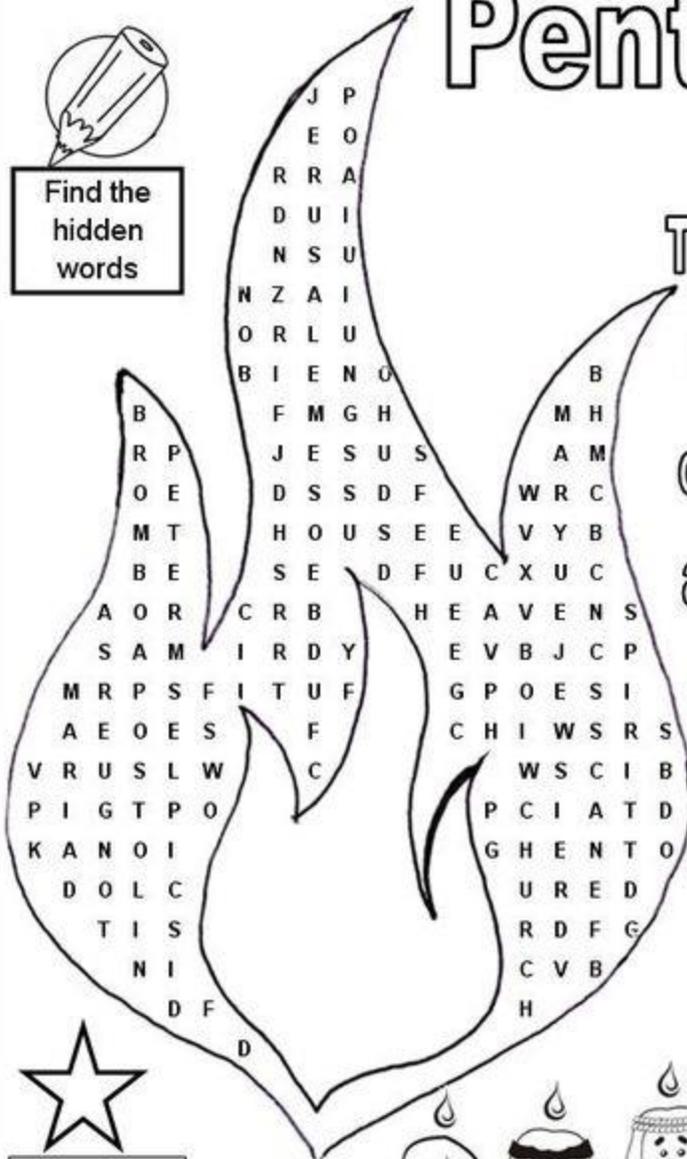


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# Pentecost



Find the hidden words



Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

Acts 2:3



- Wind
- Heaven
- House
- Tongues
- Fire
- Spirit
- Jews
- Jerusalem
- Peter
- Jesus
- Wine
- Disciples
- Mary
- Church



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