Theme: Pentecost (Serving)
Year Two

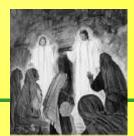
**Topic: Spread the Word** 

The women are told to pass on the message Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb where Jesus had been laid. They found the stone covering the tomb had been rolled away, so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord IJesus. They stood there puzzled about this, when Isuddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them.

Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them,

'The Lord Jesus is not here; he has been raised from the dead he is alive. Remember what he said to you while he was in Galilee: that he would be crucified, and three days later rise to life.'

Then the women remembered his words and returned from the tomb, and gave the message to the eleven disciples and all the rest. (Luke 24 1-9)



### Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit



Jesus' friends were happy that Jesus was alive again, but they did not understand about his new life. They felt sad and lonely because they could not see him and wondered how they would get on without him. Then they began to remember what Jesus had told them. "I am going back to my Father who sent me."

Another friend remembered that he had said he would send someone else to help them.

"The Holy Spirit will lead you and guide you. He will help you to remember and understand all the things I have done and said to you. He will teach you everything and help you to know how to live good lives"

They wondered who this Holy Spirit was and when he would come.

(Based on John 13)

## The promise of the Spirit.



I will not leave you alone'
'My Father will give you
another friend'
'The Holy Spirit will help
you and guide you'
'The Holy Spirit will show
you how to live'



(Based on John 14: 18-19)

### The Ascension



The disciples went with Jesus to Bethany, just outside Jerusalem.

He told them they had to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came.

As Jesus was blessing his disciples, he left them and returned to his Father in Heaven.

His disciples praised Jesus and went back to Jerusalem filled with great joy and spent their time praying as they waited for the Holy Spirit.

(Based on Luke 24: 48-52)

### Pentecost Day



After Jesus had gone back to his Father, his friends stayed together with Mary, Jesus' Mother. Peter was there and James and John and all the others. They missed Jesus very much. They felt weary and lost. They couldn't get up and get on with their lives. They didn't know what to do. They talked about their time with Jesus, and wondered about his promise, 1 will not leave you alone'. Then on Pentecost day everything changed. It was as if they had been made new, re-created. They were different people. They were filled with life, joy, peace and happiness. They knew that Jesus had kept his promise to send the Holy Spirit, who would be with them always. They wanted to share this happiness and they got up straight away to go out to tell everyone.

(based on Acts 2:1-4)

## 'The Holy Spirit Helps Us



'The Spirit helps us when we find things difficult, sometimes it is not easy to pray but the Holy Spirit will be in your heart and God sees into our hearts and the Holy Spirit will speak for us. We know that all things work out for good for those who love God.'

(based on Romans 8: 22-28)



## Telling the Good News



We believe that Jesus died and is risen to live a new life, for ever. Jesus has promised that when we die we shall live again, a new life, like he does. So don't be sad about people who die... they will all live again with God. Tell other people about this... help them to hear this Good News.

(based on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18)

## Let us pray....

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Come Holy Spirit

Fill us with your joy

Fill us with your love

Fill us with your peace

Help us to spread

the Good News

of God's love to everyone.

Amen.

# Summer Term Theme: Pentecost (Serving) Year One

**Topic: Holidays and Holydays** 

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

"I shall be with you only a little longer.

Don't worry. I will not leave you alone.

I will ask my Father and my Father will give you another friend to be with you forever.

This friend, the Helper, will help you to remember all the things I have done and everything I have told you."

"I am going back to my Father who sent me.

It is better for you if I go away.

If I go away I will be able to send someone else to help you-the Holy Spirit of truth.

The Holy Spírít will guide you and lead you.

The Holy Spirit will help you to understand all the things I have done and everything that I have said to you.

The Holy Spírít will teach you everything that I have learned from my Father.

The Holy Spirit will help you to know how you are to live, now and in the future.

(Based on John 13)



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Theme: Pentecost (Serving)

Reception Year Topic: Good News

#### Luke's story of Pentecost based on Acts 2: 1-4.

After Jesus had gone back to his Father in heaven, his friends were sad. They missed him. They felt lonely and afraid without him. On Pentecost day, they were all together in the house. Crowds of people came to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. The friends of Jesus did not go out to join them. They stayed all together in the house. They talked about Jesus and remembered what he had told them. They began to feel different. Joy and happiness filled their hearts. It was wonderful. They knew that Jesus had kept his promise to send a new friend, the Holy Spirit. "Let's go out and join the crowds." Peter said. "Let's tell them the Good News that Jesus is alive."

Theme: Reconciliation Year Two Topic: Rules

## God's people

You are created by God, to be like God. You are God's people, his saints. God loves you. You should be kind and gentle, and patient and forgiving, and loving like God. You are all different. You come from different places, speak in different ways, have different customs. But the important thing is that you are God's children. So love one another, help one another, be at peace with one another, and let the love of Jesus fill your hearts and minds.

(based on Colossians 3:10-17)

## About forgiving



Peter came to Jesus and asked, "If my friend keeps hurting me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?"
"No, not seven times," answered Jesus, "but seventy times seven."

(based on Matthew 18:21-22)

## A Sorry Prayer



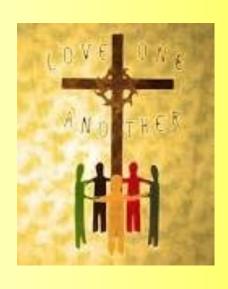
God, Our Father, thank you for loving me.

I am sorry for the times I have not shown love to others. Help me always to live like Jesus. Amen

# Jesus said

'My commandment is this; love one another, just as I love you.'

(John 15: 12)



Theme: Reconcilation
Year One
Topic: Being Sorry

## Good News for Levi

One day Jesus saw Levi the tax collector sitting at his table collecting the people's taxes. Jesus knew that Levi had not always been honest but still asked him to follow his way.

Levi was really pleased at Jesus' invitation and he got up and said,

"Come to my house. I am going to have a big party to celebrate."

Levi changed his ways and became a friend of Jesus.

(based on Luke 5:27-31)

#### Good News for Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus was lonely, but then he never expected to be anything else. After all, he was a chief tax collector and nobody liked tax collectors. His job was to collect the people's money for the Romans.

Everyone hated him for it, and he paid them back whenever he could by taking too much money and then keeping it for himself. No wonder he was rich! But then that didn't make him feel any less lonely.

One day there was a crowd gathered in the streets of Jericho because Jesus was passing through. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he couldn't because he was a small man. He ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up a sycamore tree. He could see Jesus quite clearly now. Jesus came near the tree, looked up at Zacchaeus and said, "Hurry down Zacchaeus. I want to stay at your house today."

Zacchaeus couldn't get down fast enough! His heart was beating fast, he was so full of joy. He could hear some of them muttering and complaining. "He has gone to stay at a sinner's house," they said.

Zacchaeus looked at Jesus. "Look, sir," he said, "I'm going to give half of my belongings to the poor and if I cheated anybody, I will pay him back four times the amount." Jesus smiled at him and said, "I am glad, Zacchaeus. This is indeed a happy day for you because I have come to your house today specially to help you to change, so that you will please my Father."

(based on Luke 19:1-10)

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Theme: Reconciliation
Reception Year
Topic: Friends

#### Jesus and his Friends

Jesus and his friends Jesus and his friends worked very hard. They travelled on rough, dusty roads to towns and villages all over the country. Sometimes they had to walk a very long way to get from one village to another. All day long they told the people in the villages and the towns the Good News of God's love for everyone. They answered lots of questions that people asked them about God, sometimes very hard ones. In the evening, they felt very tired. Sometimes they all went to a quiet, lonely place to eat, to share with each other what had happened during the day, to rest, to be quiet and still.

(based on Mark 6:7, 30-32)

"Turn to me for I am kind and understanding, loving and gentle. I am always ready to forgive you."

(based on Joel 2:13)



## A New Rule



Jesus said, "I'm going to give you a new rule.

It's this: Love one another. I love each one of you, and I want you to love each other.

When you're all happy together, everyone will know that you love one another, and that you are my friends."

(based on John 13:34-35)

Theme: Universal Church - World Year Two Topic: Treasures

### The world is a treasure



God said, "Let there be light," and there was the sun. God said, "Let there be water," and there were the seas. God said, "Let the seas be filled with living creatures and the skies be filled with flying creatures." And they were. God said, "Let the earth be filled with animals," and so it was. God saw that it was good. So then God created men and women who would love and care for the world. God looked at all creation and it was very good.

(based on Genesis 1:3,9,20,24-26)

Theme: Universal Church - World Year Two Topic: Treasures

### Look at God's world



We praise you God.

Each day the sun
rises high in the sky
to give us light and warmth.

Words are not needed
to tell us how wonderful you are;
the silent message
reaches everyone, everywhere.

We are full of joy
as each new day begins.

(based on Psalm 19:1-5)

Theme: Universal Church - World Year Two Topic: Treasures

### Good News about God

Jesus said, "Just think about the wild flowers. Not even Solomon, the greatest king our people ever had, was dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes these wild flowers so beautifully, flowers which are here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in the heat of the sun. You can be sure that God will take even greater care of you. Never be upset or worried. God your Father knows all your needs and will take care of you."

(based on Luke 12:27-28, 29-30)



#### Sing a psalm to God

Let's sing a psalm to our God.
It is good to give joyful praise.
Do you know how many stars are in the sky?
God does.
God made them all and gave each one a name.

R. How loving, how powerful, how wise God is! Let's sing praise, sing praise!

God hides the bright blue sky behind the clouds, lets the rain fall upon the earth.

God makes the grass grow on the hills and in the fields, gives plants for us to eat.

God feeds the animals and the birds too, when they are hungry.

God cares for and looks after all that lives.

R. How loving, how powerful, how wise God is! Let's sing praise, sing praise!

God sends snow soft as wool,
Sprinkles frost white like powder.
God spreads the ice on the water,
Makes the world so beautiful, so cold.
Then God sends warm air and the wind begins to blow.
The snow, frost and ice melt, the streams and rivers flow.

R. How loving, how powerful, how wise God is! Let's sing praise, sing praise!

(based on Psalm 147:4-5,8-9,15-18)

## Let us pray.....



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, We bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory.

Theme: Universal Church - World Year One Topic: Neighbours

The sky above tells how wonderful God is. Every day it is there for us to see.



Every morning the golden sun appears in the sky, shining on everyone, bringing light and warmth to all,

Spreading the message of God's love to neighbours here, neighbours there, neighbours everywhere.

(based on Psalm 18)

## Let us pray.....



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**Theme: Universal Church - World** 

Reception Year Topic: Our World

God created the world.

And God said,

"Indeed it is very good!"

(based on Genesis 1:1-31)



God said,
"Take care of my world!"

(based on Genesis 1:29-30)

### Praise God



Let's praise God together!

Praise God in doors and out of doors as well!

Praise God whose marvellous deeds we tell!

Praise God with sounds of trumpets!

Praise God with guitar and harp!

Praise God with tambourines and with

dancing!

Praise God with stringed instruments!

Praise God with wood-wind instruments!

Praise God with brass instruments!

Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let's use our breath and voices to sing God's praise.

Let everything that breathes all over the world sing the praise of our great and loving God!

(Based on the Psalms)