

**Year 4 Religious Education HT5 – Kingdom of God**  
**KEY QUESTION: When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?**  
 School Value - Curiosity

**In this unit, you should:**

- Know Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus' invisible Kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God the beginning of the Church.
- Make clear links between the story of the Day of Pentecost and Christian belief about the Kingdom of God on Earth.
- Offer suggestions about what the description of Pentecost in Acts 2 might mean.
- Give examples of what Pentecost means to some Christians now.
- Make links between ideas about the Kingdom of God explored in the Bible and what people believe about following God in the world today, expressing their own ideas.

**Links:**

**Yr 2:** Christian festivals of Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost: Why do they matter?

**Yr 6 - UKS2 CORE LEARNING:** What kind of King is Jesus?

**Bible Links:**

Acts 2: 1–15, 22 and 37–41

**Key content:**

- Christians believe that Jesus' whole life was a demonstration of his belief that God is King, not just in heaven but here and now ('Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven').
- Christians believe Jesus is still alive, and rules in their hearts and lives by the Holy Spirit, if they let him.
- Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus' invisible Kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God.
- Christians celebrate Pentecost as the beginning of the Church.

**Key Questions:**

Why should Christians act as a body?  
 How does the church help people?

What motivates people to serve others, and not just put themselves first?

Are there some parts of the 'body' of your school that are stronger or weaker, energetic or struggling?

What can the class do to help?



**Key vocabulary:**

**Pentecost:** the Christian festival celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his *Ascension*, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

**Impact:** a marked effect or influence.

**Kingdom:** a country, state, or territory ruled by a king or queen. A land that is under the control of a particular person or thing.

**Holy Spirit:** (in Christianity) the third person of the Trinity; God's spirit active in the world.

**Disciples:** a personal follower of Christ during his life, especially one of the twelve Apostles. (believers, 'champions' or advocates)

**Symbols:** a thing that represents or stands for something else, especially a material object representing something abstract, that you can't see/touch.

**Crucifixion:** an ancient form of execution in which a person was nailed or bound to a cross. The killing of Jesus Christ.

**Resurrection:** (in Christian belief) the rising of Christ from the dead.

**Ascension:** the action of rising to an important position or a higher level. Christ went up to heaven on the fortieth day after the Resurrection.

**Emotion:** a strong feeling that comes from your situation, mood, or relationships with others