# "Pentecost Devotion"

#### **A Family Faith Moment**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

Read together this passage from Acts or watch this video from the <u>Jesus Storybook Bible</u>

<u>Reflective Song</u>: 'Spirit of the Living God' by Daniel Iverson

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=JYfzcYohWZg&feature=youtu.be

Action Song: 'Holy Spirit Fills Me Up'

by Brendon & Cathie Clancy

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7GDwNd6uTU}$ 



### Practice - "Flickering Flames" Lantern

As a reminder to the world that the "flickering flames" of the Holy Spirit bring comfort in the dark and difficult times, make a lantern as a family. You will need: a copy of our 'Flickering flames" colouring page, markers, a glass jar or clear plastic cup, a battery tealight, scissors, and cello tape. Take time to colour your "flickering flame", cut it out and use a bit of cello tape to attach it to your jar/cup. Turn on your tealight and place it inside your jar/cup. Find a place to let your "flickering flames" lantern to shine bright in the dark — bringing comfort to those who might walk by on these chilly autumn nights!

#### **Reflection Questions**

On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit visited the disciples in a surprising way! Strong wind and flickering flames... power from on high! We've all been living through some very unique times. How has God shown up in surprising ways in your life, in your family, in your home? Share together and give thanks for the Spirit's work in your lives!

As the Jesus Storybook Bible version of this story puts it, "And there – on everyone's heads, shining in the gloom – were flickering flames...And something more: inside, in their hearts, they felt a strange heat, almost as if all the coldness and hardness were melting away. As if their broken hearts were mending. And God was giving them brand new hearts – hearts that could work properly (JSB, p.329)." The flame wasn't only on their heads, it was in their hearts. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and being made new from within. It gave them freedom, when before they had only known fear. In what ways does God's Spirit bring freedom and move us away from fear? Pray for God's Spirit to be with you and your family everywhere you go.

## "Blessing"

Come, Holy Spirit, with your surprising fire Come, Holy Spirit, with your warm flame Come, Holy Spirit, with your call to be remade for You

Send us, Holy Spirit, bless us as we go out, Send us, Holy Spirit, bless us as we meet again,

Send us, Holy Spirit, bless us as we meet You in each place ahead AMEN.