

PENTECOST SUNDAY YOUTH AND CHILDREN RESOURCE PAGE

Five Ways to bring children, youth, and the whole family together to celebrate Pentecost

- 1) Let's Party!!! Everybody's Invited to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Here is a list of fun activities that could make your celebration engaging and fun for all ages (you don't have to do all of them!)
 - a. Baking Fun, invite families to come together to decorate cupcakes. What is more fun than making/eating cupcakes together?
 - i. All you need is paper liners, batter (cupcake) and then icing/toppings – as you prepare the cupcakes remind your families that all three elements work together to make a sweet treat, just like the Trinity!
 - ii. Have extra cupcakes? Why not give them away to people in the church on Sunday morning who weren't able to make it to the party?
 - b. Ice cream Sundae bar
 - i. Cone (the Father), Ice cream (the Son) and toppings (the Holy Spirit)
 - ii. You could provide all the toppings or ask families to bring their favourite topping to share with the community.
 - iii. A Sunday Sundae Bar could be a fun element in your worship service as well, it's messy, but fun and engaging for the whole family.
 - c. Board Game extravaganza
 - i. Invite your people to come to the party with their favourite board game and encourage them to play with someone they don't know well.
 - d. Video Game competition is the sanctuary or other fun space!
 - i. Choose a console and game, if you don't have one ask a young family in your church to borrow one and set it up to the large screen in your sanctuary or ministry space. Great family games could be Mario Kart / EA sports games like baseball/hockey/basketball/football. But any family friendly game could work.
 - e. Devotional thought:
 - i. You may want to share a devotional thought around the importance of coming together as the body of Christ, how everyone has an important role to play!
 - ii. Scripture to help: Acts 2:1-13 and 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
- 2) Plan a Messy Church event for the whole church family. [Click here for free resources](#)
- 3) Invite the Church together for a community prayer walk. Encourage your people to walk the neighborhood in groups and pray for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in your Church and Community.
- 4) Celebrate the diversity in your church and community and invite your church together for a family friendly potluck (ensure you are following local health recommendations). Ask your church to bring food to share that they love and celebrates their culture and/or traditions.
 - a. You could invite them into the church for this or maybe plan a picnic in the park?
- 5) A Youth focused service
 - a. Invite your children and youth to not only participate in your Pentecost Sunday service but ask them to be involved in planning the Sunday.