

## Creative Ideas and Suggestions

*Choose from the activities below and do any or all of them in any order you wish. Some are designed for younger children and some for young people. However we hope using a mix will work for any ages in your household.*

### **Play:** Pentecost story basket



Create a Pentecost story basket for the children to play with. Include play people, battery-operated tealights, red, yellow and orange ribbons or streamers, play windmills and bubbles.

### **Create:** Holy Spirit headbands

Create a story reminder

**You will need:** strips of card, stapler, red, yellow and orange tissue paper, scissors, glue.

- The Holy Spirit appeared as flames on the believers' heads.
- Join strips of card together to make a band to fit around each child's head and help them staple it together.
- Ask the children to cut flame shapes out of the coloured tissue paper and glue them to the headband

### **Think/reflect**

*Spend some quiet time reflecting on the passage, as well as what you have been doing in the activities you chose.*

### **Language challenge**

Challenge everyone to discover how many different languages they can say 'hello' or 'welcome' in. Teach one another some of the different phrases. You can use the internet, dictionaries or just the knowledge in the group.

### **In common**

Consider how we have much more in common than we think

**You will need:** paper and pens.

- Talk about the fact that we are all different. Discuss what kind of things make us different – physical characteristics, ideologies, talents, personalities.
- Ask the group to each think of someone who is very different from them – maybe a famous person. Now ask them to think of things that they have in common with that person and make a list.
- Invite people to find a partner, and encourage the pairs to work together to make a list of the differences and similarities between them.

## **Pray**

*Finish your time of worship by praying together in any way you choose.*

### **In every language**

Invite everyone to stand together. Explain that you will pray the Lord's Prayer together, uniting with others in many languages. Invite everyone to pray aloud, reciting the prayer in their own preferred first language. Remind the group that this prayer is for all people drawn together in unity, despite our differences.

### **Pentecost symbol prayer**

Encourage everyone to choose a percussion instrument and rest their instrument on their knees. Invite each child in turn to play their instrument. Then all join together, as you play your instruments to praise God.