

Pentecost Sunday: Tongues of fire

All the content below is for you to make your own, please do read through it, pick what would work best for your children and would best engage them.

Rest assured of my prayers for your family and you this coming week!

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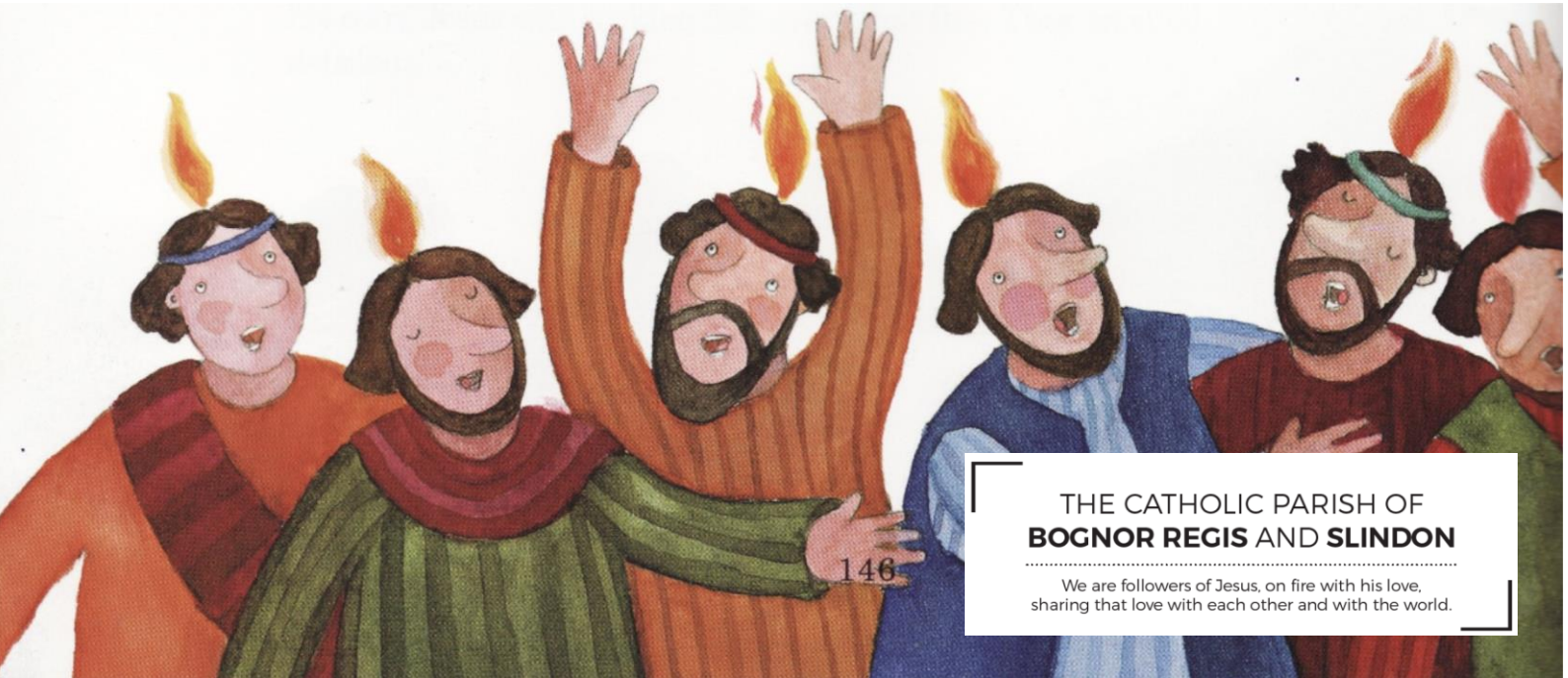
The season of Easter ends with Pentecost; this is when we remember when Jesus' disciples were given gifts from the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost they were given the ability to speak many languages, which was very helpful as Jesus had given them a mission to share the good news of God's love to all people across the planet! Pentecost is often thought to be the beginning of the Church, so its our birthday. Happy 2020th Birthday.

In the Christian tradition, God shows himself in three ways (The Father, that what created all of creation. The Son, that's Jesus. God taking the form of a human being like you and me. And finally, the Spirit. The Spirit is sometimes thought of as the love between the Father and Son. Sometimes the Spirit is described as the form of God who is with is now. Images of doves, fire, and wind often represent the Spirit. God is all three persons, but remains one, there's not three Gods. A bit of a conundrum hey!

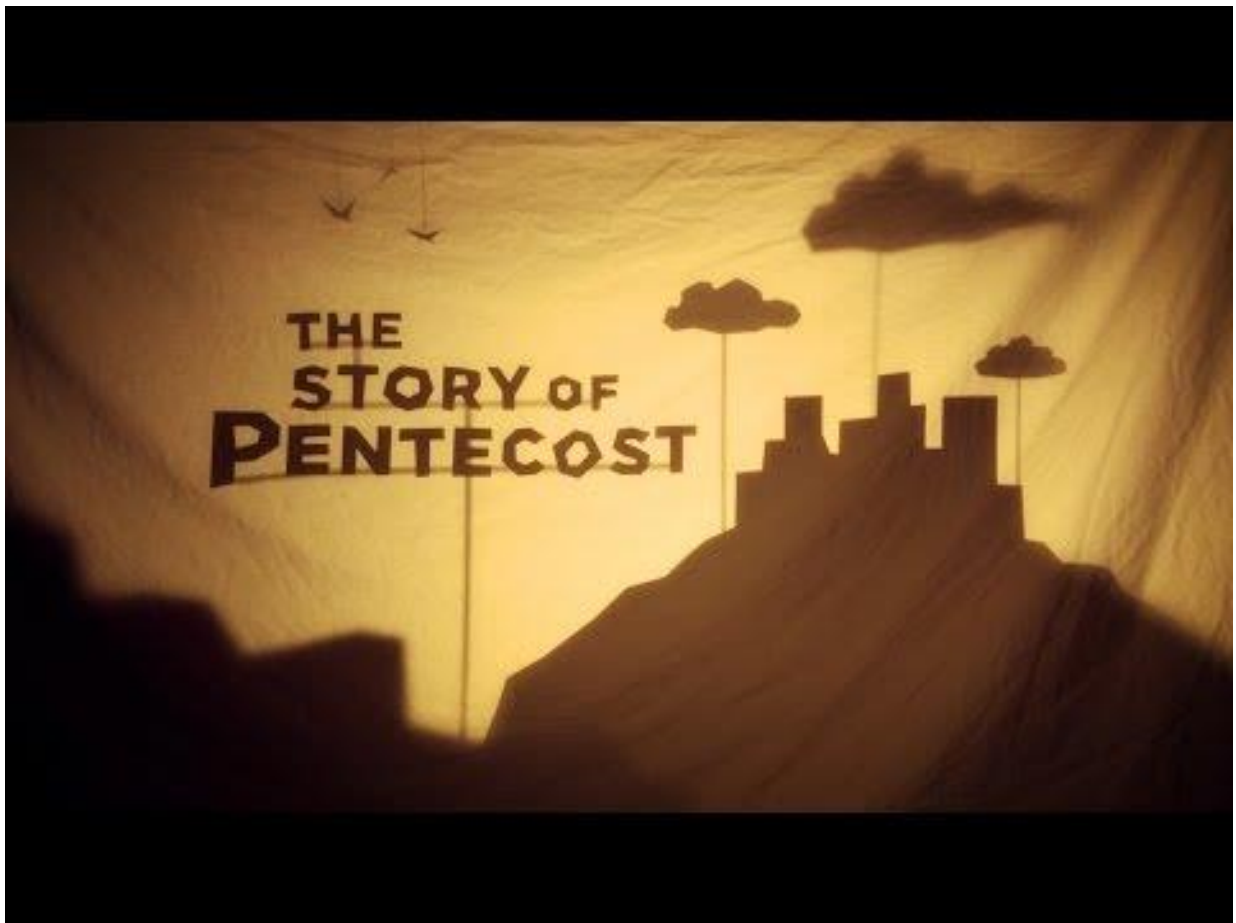
Read todays scriptures with your young people, perhaps you could all act it out, or use toys or puppets?

A reading for the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)

"When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech".

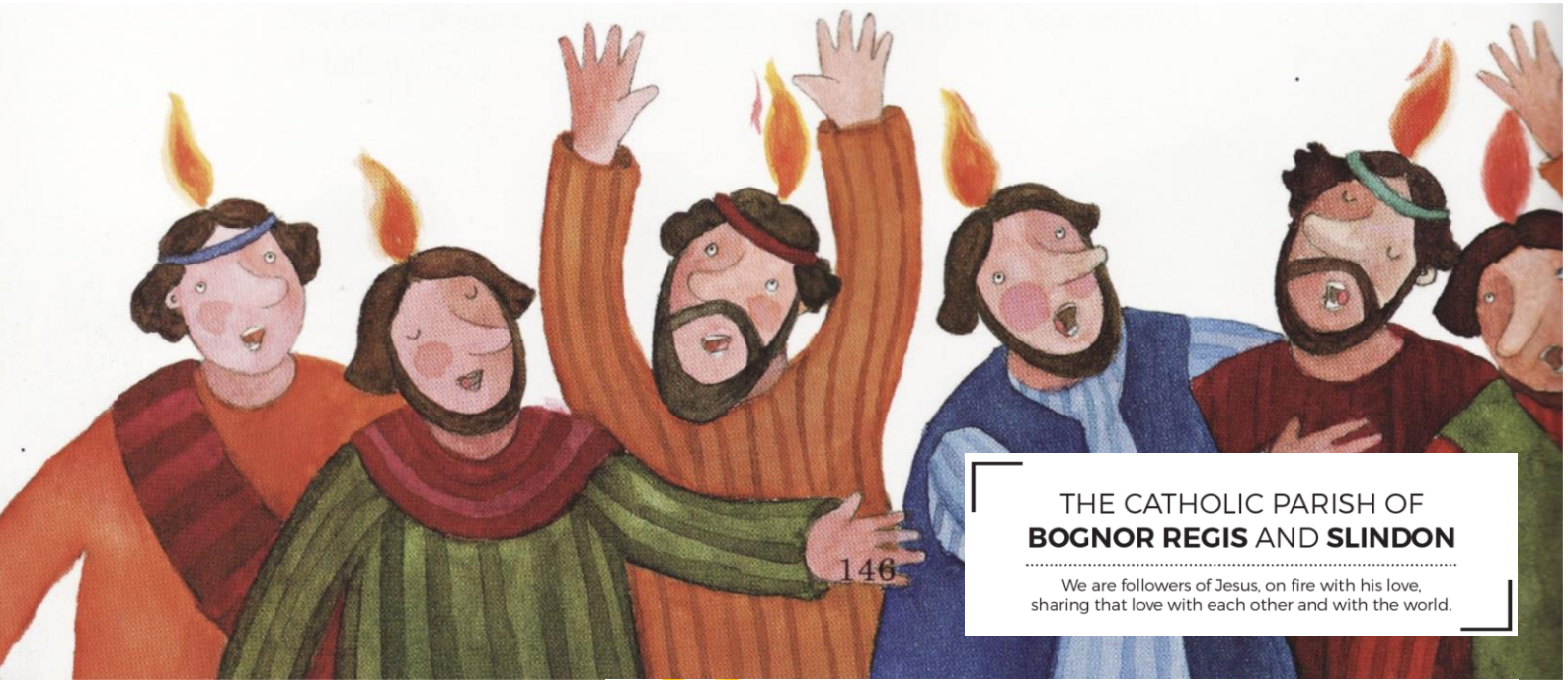


Or you could watch this 2 ½ min video that unpacks this narrative



Discuss what you have read or watched.

- How do you think the apostles would have felt?
- God gives us gifts and talents, what gifts does God give you? What talents?
- God gave the ability to speak many languages to the apostles for a reason, what task(s) do you feel God has in store for you?



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Activities for this week

Draw 3 of your talents, and how you're going to use them.

Display these on your fridge, and every time you look at these pictures remember God has given you these gifts/talents for a reason.

Here's an example:

I like science



When I grow up I'll research to make medicines.

I like gardening

I'll care for God's creation

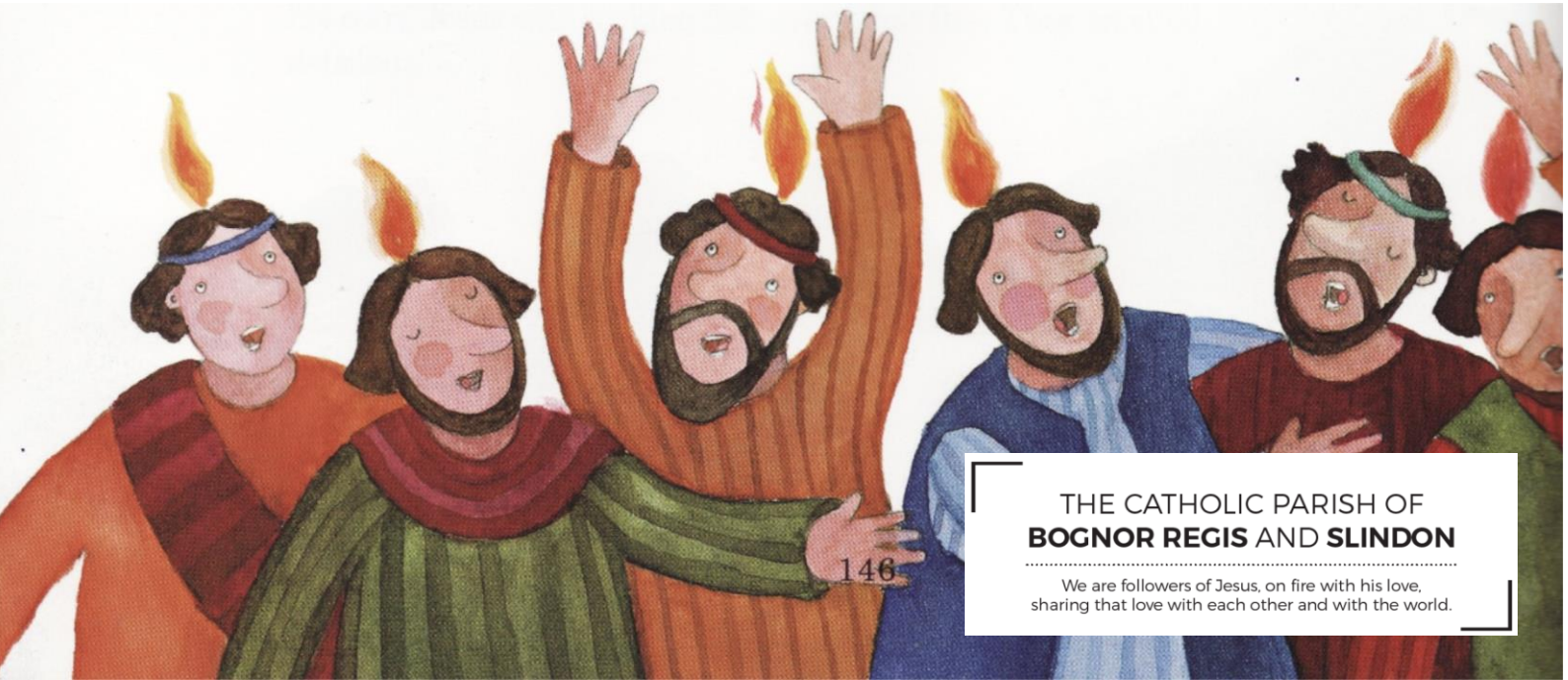


I like rugby



I'll keep myself healthy.

Holy Spirit,
 Help me use your gifts for
 your glory! Amen.



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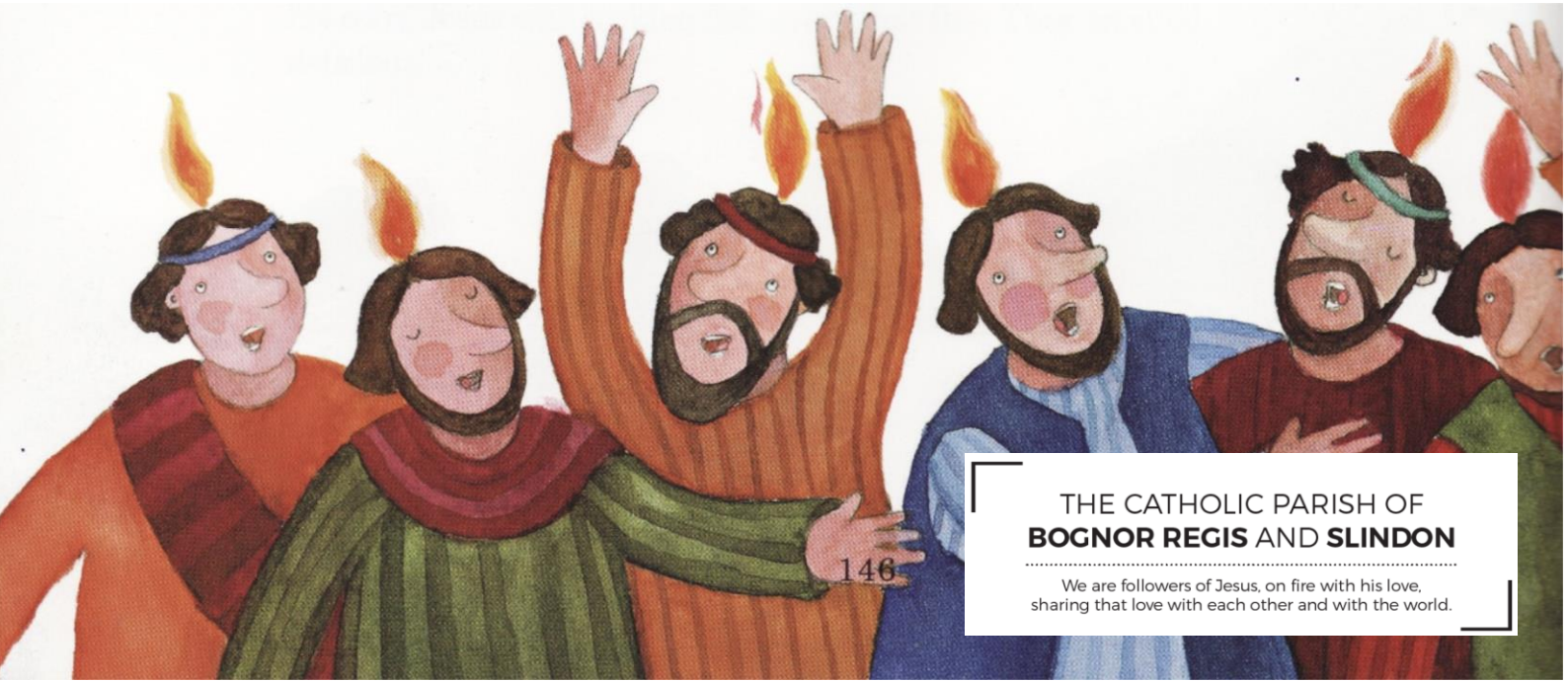
You could also colour in the next page or

Make some fire biscuits



Here's the recipe

<https://sallysbakingaddiction.com/red-velvet-chocolate-chip-cookies/>



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