

### The Pentecost Assignment

Your task is to rewrite the Pentecost story in comic form, song lyrics, narrative, children's story, etc. If you have any other ideas, please just ask and we can work on a presentation form idea together. You can do this with tech...if we have it or on paper (it needs to be colored).

Attached are the information you need; the story of Pentecost as well as some history on it. You must have **at least six parts** to your comic should you choose this option. Consider making a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of your work before your "good copy". REMEMBER – only quality work will be accepted! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

As you prepare to retell the Pentecost story, consider the following questions:

- Why were so many people in Jerusalem? Why were you there?
- How did you feel about Jesus before Pentecost? What had you heard?
- What time of day is it? What are you doing before you hear the great noise and join the crowds outside where the disciples are staying?
- How did the events of the Pentecost unfold from your perspective? How did they affect you?
- Are you moved by what Peter says or do you think he is crazy?

Your story will start with setting the scene of being in Jerusalem and end with your character making a decision of whether or not to be baptized by Peter.

You may re-tell the story from any perspective/ point of view: examples: one of the apostles waiting to receive the Holy Spirit, one of the towns people that are present during Pentecost, an 'out of townner' that brought their harvest in for Pentecost, etc.

Your assignment due date is \_\_\_\_\_. You will be marked using the following rubric.

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The student has done an excellent job of retelling the Pentecost story. All important elements are present.	The student has done a good job of retelling the Pentecost story. Most important elements are present.	The student did a fair job of retelling the Pentecost story, however some elements are missing.	The student did a poor job of retelling the Pentecost story, many elements are missing.
The student's work is extremely neat and well thought out. Pride in work is very evident.	The student's work is neat and well done, effort is evident.	The student's work is somewhat messy, increased effort would improve finished product.	The student's work is very messy and this makes it difficult to understand. Increased effort is a must.
All graphics pertain to the topic	Most graphics pertain to the topic	Some graphics are off topic	Most graphics are off topic

**History:**

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost as well (Acts 2). Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. [Acts 2:2-4]*

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that St. Peter, the first pope, was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2:14ff).

In years past, Pentecost was celebrated with greater solemnity than it is today. In fact, the entire period between Easter and Pentecost Sunday was known as Pentecost (and it still is called Pentecost in the Eastern churches, both Catholic and Orthodox). During those 50 days, both fasting and kneeling were strictly forbidden, because this period was supposed to give us a foretaste of the life of Heaven. In more recent times, parishes celebrated the approach of Pentecost with the public recitation of the Novena to the Holy Ghost.

On the next page you will find 6 empty story boards – you MUST plan a rough draft of your comic on these BEFORE you do your FINAL copy.

*If you need more story boards just ask ☺*