

Year Three Key Question: Who should we follow?

Christianity Jesus Key Question: What do Christians mean by the 'Holy Spirit'?

Spring 2 Year 3

What happened at the first Pentecost?

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.

The first Pentecost

The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit. People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit.



During Pentecost, **red** is used in the church and often, the ministers will wear red. The symbol of the flames that appeared above the disciples' heads will also be seen.

Key Vocabulary

Pentecost	The day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, causing them to speak in tongues
Spirit	A part of God
Ascension	When Jesus went up to heaven
Disciples	The original followers of Jesus Christ
Jerusalem	An ancient city that is associated with Jesus
Resurrect	Come back to life from the dead
Holly	Connected to God
Tongues	Languages
Descended	Came down from above

What are the fruits of the spirit?

Saint Paul believed that by following in Jesus' footsteps and living as Jesus asked us to, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and this helps us to make positive choices.

A Fruitful Life

The Gospel of Luke teaches Christians that, 'Each tree is recognised by its own fruit.' (Luke 6:44). For a Christian who follows God's way, the 'fruits' of the Holy Spirit will grow in their lives, just like fruit on a tree that is properly cared for.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

"But the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)



Who is the Holy Spirit?

Christians believe that the Holy Spirit teaches them and helps them to do the right thing. Christians believe in the Trinity; God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three in one.

This does not mean that Christians believe in three gods; they do not. Christians believe in one God that has three parts. Christians believe God took human form as Jesus Christ and that God is present today through the work of the Holy Spirit.



Sometimes the symbol of the dove is used to represent the Holy Spirit. This is because earlier in Jesus' life, when He was baptised, a dove brought the Holy Spirit to Jesus.