

Year 2

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PENTECOST/SERVING - SPREAD THE WORD

Come and See for yourself

EXPLORE

Each of us, by the way we live our lives, the way we treat others, and by our words and actions, show if we have an attitude of service.

Often, we are especially influenced by those whose actions speak powerfully of a life of service.

- Q Think of someone who impresses you deeply because of the way she/he lives.
- Q What is it that impresses you?
- Q What do you think inspires them?

REVEAL

Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and, in a special way, in the community of believers, which is the Church. It is the work of the Spirit to enable people to hear God's message and to live Jesus' way of service.

Word of God

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Luke 4: 18-19

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“Those, who with God’s help, have welcomed Christ’s call and freely responded to it, are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ’s faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, by living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer.”

(CCC Prologue 3)

Q How is this lived out in your life today?

RESPOND

Q In what ways is serving emphasised in the classroom and throughout the school?

Q How can you help children to appreciate their energy and use it for the good of others?

Q In what ways may a school community draw on the power of the Holy Spirit?

Prayer and Reflection

*Father, pour out your Spirit
upon your people,
and grant us
a new vision of your glory,
a new faithfulness to your Word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
and your kingdom come:
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

(Prayer of preparation for Vatican II)

EXPLORE

Passing on messages

STANDARD INDICATOR

Some children will be able to **talk** about their own experience and feelings of both passing and receiving messages.

Some children will be able to **say** what they wonder about the importance and responsibility of passing on messages in daily life.

Some children will be able to **ask and respond** to questions about their own and others experiences and feelings of both passing and receiving messages.

Some children will be able to **ask questions** about what they and others wonder about the importance and responsibility of passing on messages in daily life.

KEY WORDS

Message

LEARNING INTENTION: Passing on messages.



Talk your child about messages and their experience of passing on messages. Consider some different messages and what might be the best way to pass each on, for example: a school football match has been cancelled, a birthday invitation, the birth of a baby.

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- Q What is easy about passing messages?
- Q What is difficult?
- Q What responsibilities are involved?
- Q How do some messages make us feel?
- Q Does it make a difference how messages are passed on?

Read this story.

'Snowy, Snowy!' called Lucy. "Mummy, I can't find Snowy anywhere. She's been out all night." When Lucy came home from school, she asked, "Has Snowy come back?" "No, she hasn't," said Mum. "I'm beginning to get worried about her, cats often go off, but not for so long. What do you think we should do?" "Can we put a notice in the corner shop and tell the police?" suggested Lucy. "Good idea," said Mummy. "Ask Daddy to help you write out the notice and to phone the police." Lucy and Daddy phoned the police and wrote out a description of Snowy for the shop notice board. Next day, Lucy asked the other children at school if they had seen Snowy.

The children took the message home and asked their parents about Snowy. Two days later, Lucy was having her breakfast and feeling sad because she missed Snowy so much, when she heard the hinge of the cat flap creak. She ran to the back door and there was a bedraggled Snowy, she didn't look much like snow, she was so muddy. She made her way to her food bowl. 'Where have you been, Snowy?' asked Lucy as she cuddled her. Snowy replied with a weak meow. "How lovely to have Snowy back!" said Mummy, "We'd better send a message to everyone to tell them to stop looking because Snowy has come home."

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- Q How did Lucy's family pass on the message that Snowy was missing?
- Q Who did they tell?
- Q What else could they have done?
- Q Why was it important to pass on the message that Snowy had returned?

Play a game where you pass on messages to people in your family. Maybe leave them a note, use Morse Code or send it via a paper aeroplane.

REVEAL

Pentecost, spreading the Gospel message through the gift of the Holy Spirit

CONTENT: – scripture – tradition – prayers

STANDARD INDICATOR

Some children will be able to **recognise** the stories of Jesus' Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as religious stories.

Some children will be able to **recognise** how the disciples changed through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Some children will be able to **recognise** how the Holy Spirit helps Christians in their lives.

Some children will be able to say about what they **wonder** about Jesus' new life and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Some children will be able to **retell** the story of the Resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Some children will be able to **describe** ways in which Christians spread the word of the Good News of Jesus in their lives.

KEY WORDS

Resurrection, risen, Holy Spirit, Ascension, witnesses, blessing, Pentecost, promise, Good News

LEARNING FOCUS 1: Jesus is risen.

I can **recognise** the stories of Jesus' Resurrection.

I can **retell** the story of the Resurrection.

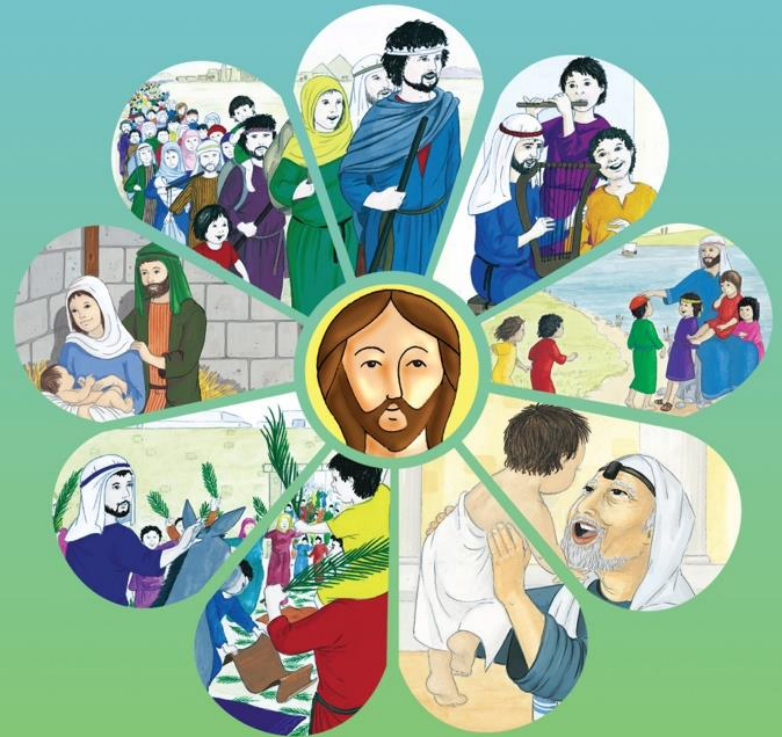
Display a cross with a crown of flowers to show 'Jesus is risen and brings us new life.' Drape a white cloth over the cross. Discuss and begin to give reasons for these symbols.



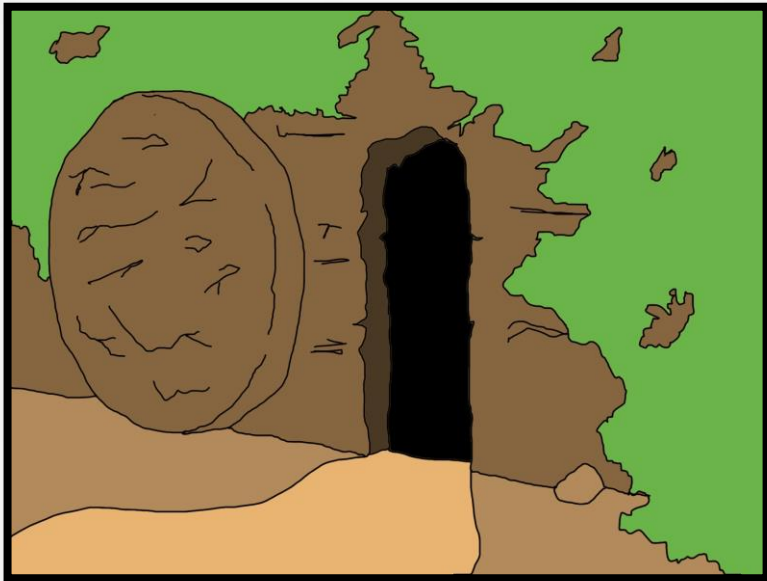
Let's hear about the women who were told to pass on the message.

Good News

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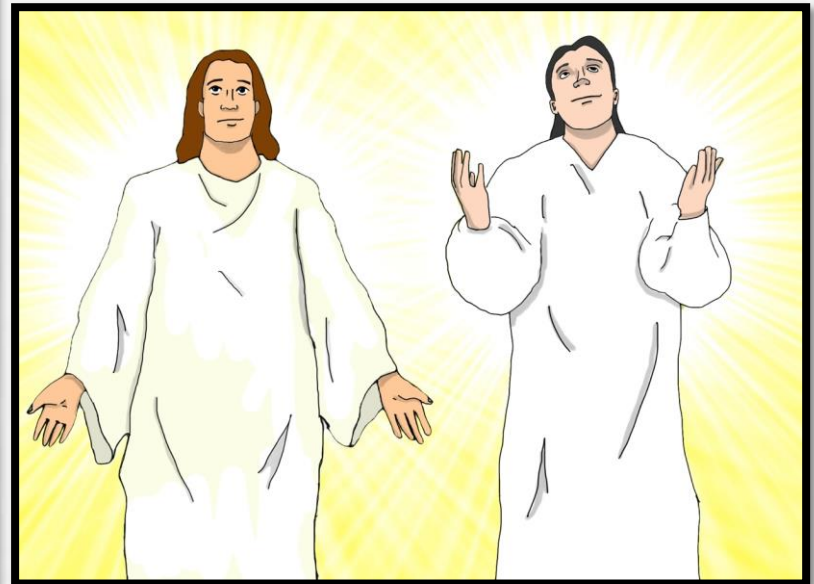


Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb where Jesus had been laid.



They found the stone covering the tomb had been rolled away, so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them. Full of fear, the women bowed down to the ground, as the men said to them,



*'The Lord Jesus is not here;
he has been raised from
the dead he is alive.
Remember what he said to
you while he was in Galilee:
that he would be crucified,
and three days later rise to
life.'*

Then the women
remembered his words and
returned from the tomb,
and gave the message to
the eleven disciples and all
the rest.



Luke 24: 1-9
(Come and See)

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- Q How do you think the women felt?
- Q What was the message the men gave to the women?
- Q What had Jesus told them to remember?
- Q How do you think the eleven disciples felt when they heard the news from the women?



Show your learning...

- Think about the special news the women told the disciples. What words do you think they used and how do you think they felt? Record this as a diary entry which begins with: *You will never believe what happened today...*

OR

- Act out the story using some of your toys as props.

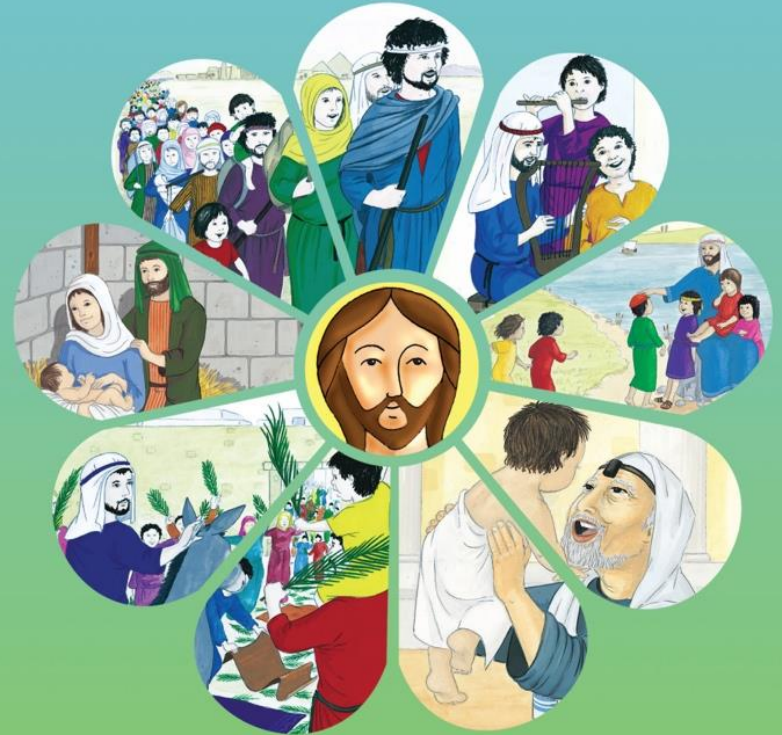
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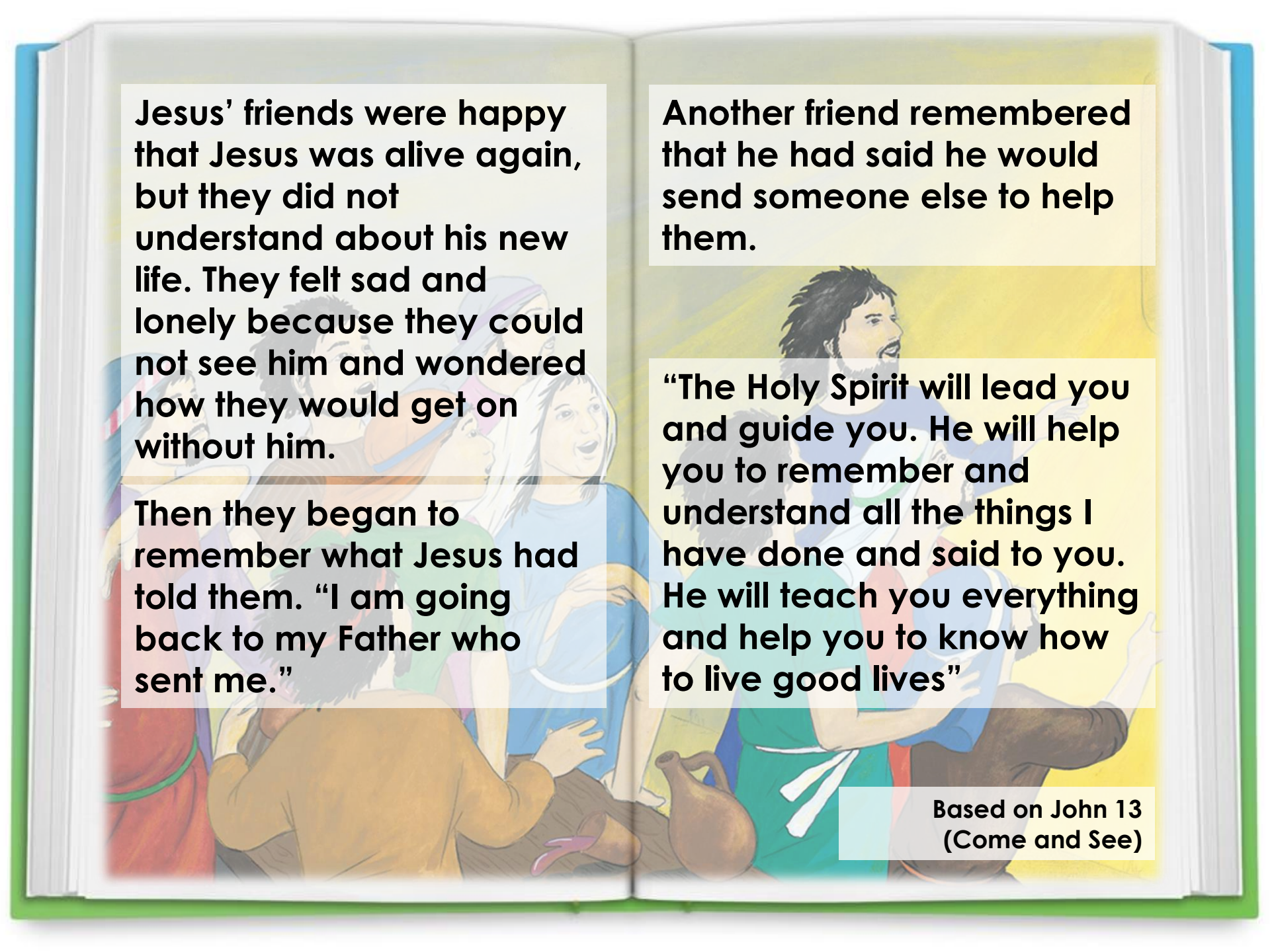
Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Can you remember the special news that the women gave to the disciples?

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An illustration of Jesus with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a blue robe, standing and talking to a group of people. The people are shown from the chest up, some looking at Jesus with expressions of surprise or concern. The background is a simple yellow and green gradient.

Jesus' friends were happy that Jesus was alive again, but they did not understand about his new life. They felt sad and lonely because they could not see him and wondered how they would get on without him.

Then they began to remember what Jesus had told them. "I am going back to my Father who sent me."

Another friend remembered that he had said he would send someone else to help them.

"The Holy Spirit will lead you and guide you. He will help you to remember and understand all the things I have done and said to you. He will teach you everything and help you to know how to live good lives"

**Based on John 13
(Come and See)**

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- Q Who did Jesus return to?
- Q What did He promise to do for his friends?
- Q What was the new friend called?
- Q Can you name some of the ways the Holy Spirit helped the friends of Jesus?
- Q How do you think Jesus' friends felt when he gave them the news of the Holy Spirit?
- Q How do you think the Holy Spirit helps today?



Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit.

'I will not leave you alone'

'My Father will give you another friend'

'The Holy Spirit will help you and guide you'

'The Holy Spirit will show you how to live'



The Good News is that Jesus is promising to send the Holy Spirit to his friends and to us.

**Based on John 14
(Come and See)**

Show your learning...

Write and draw a list of 4 things that Jesus promised would happen.

OR

Write a letter from Jesus to his disciples explaining his promise to them.

Challenge:

Talk about how the Holy Spirit is helping them all the time in their everyday lives. Take photographs of children doing special jobs around the home, such as helping at make lunch, playing with siblings, working hard on home learning. Make a display on paper using the photos and their written/scribed responses using the title: *The Holy Spirit is always with us as Jesus promised.*

Jesus' Promise

Model of the letter.

Dear Friends,

Please do not worry about me. I am going back to my Father who sent me to Earth to teach people how to live a good life. I will watch over and look after you from my place with my Father. I will also send the Holy Spirit to lead and to guide you. He will help you to remember and understand all the things I have done and said to you. He will continue to teach you everything and help you to know how to live good lives. You all must then continue to use this to preach the good news to others. Keep safe by trusting and believing in me. The Holy Spirit will come.

With my love and blessings Jesus

LEARNING FOCUS 3: The Ascension.

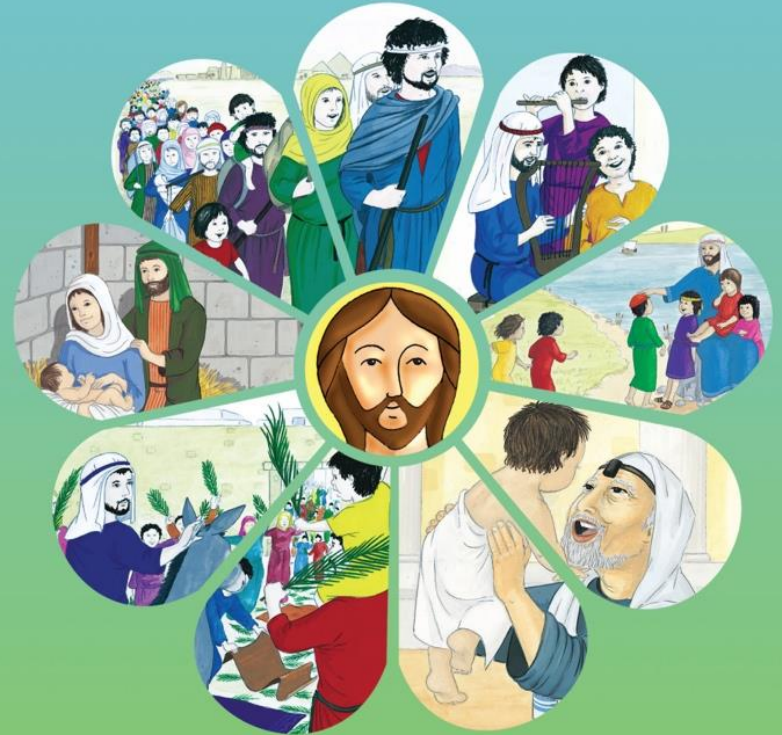
I can **recognise** the story of Ascension.

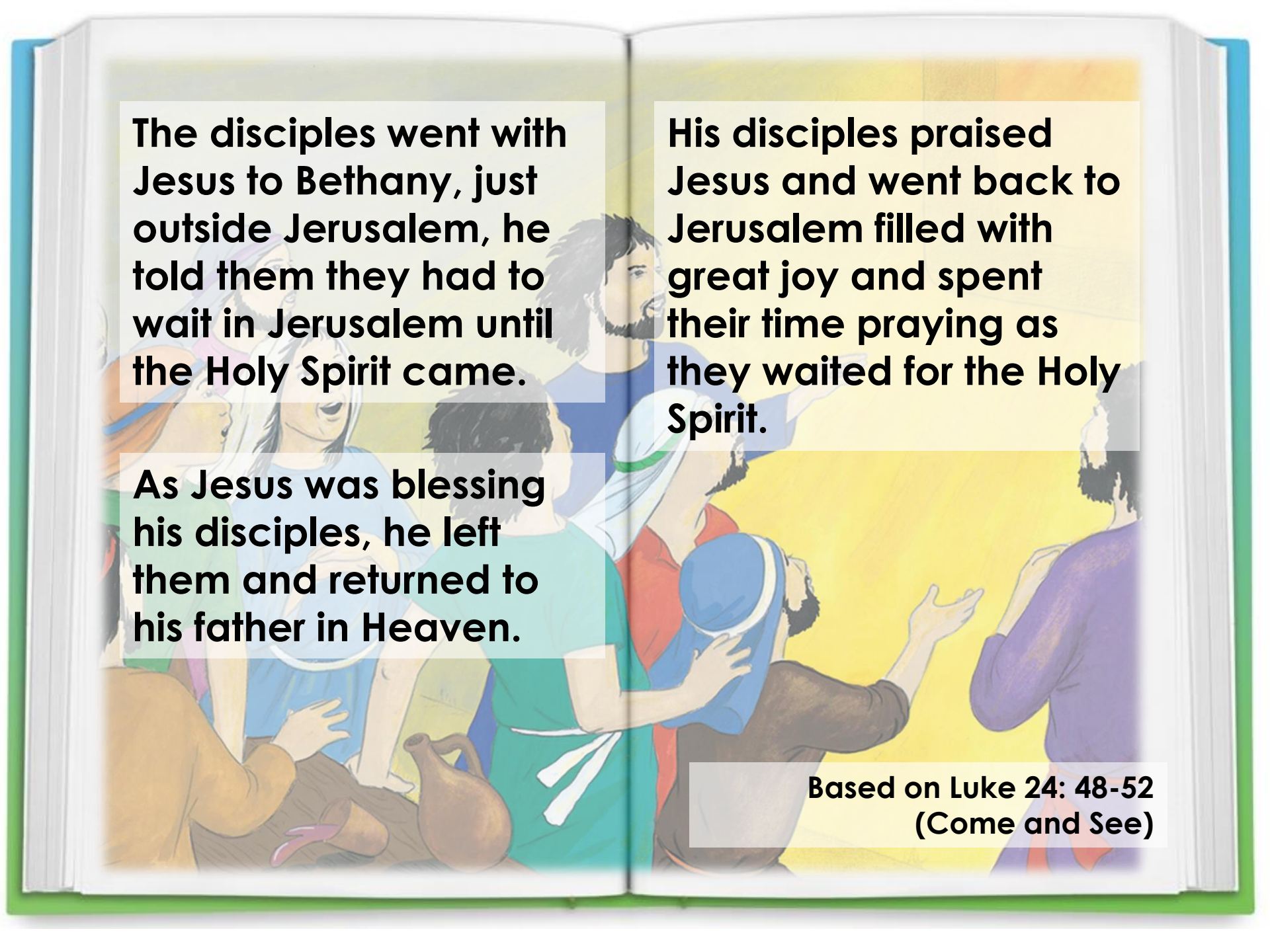
Can you remember Jesus' promise to his disciples?

Jesus had to return to his Father in heaven. The disciples were looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit would help them to spread the Good News and serve others.

Good News

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The disciples went with Jesus to Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, he told them they had to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came.

As Jesus was blessing his disciples, he left them and returned to his father in Heaven.

His disciples praised Jesus and went back to Jerusalem filled with great joy and spent their time praying as they waited for the Holy Spirit.

**Based on Luke 24: 48-52
(Come and See)**

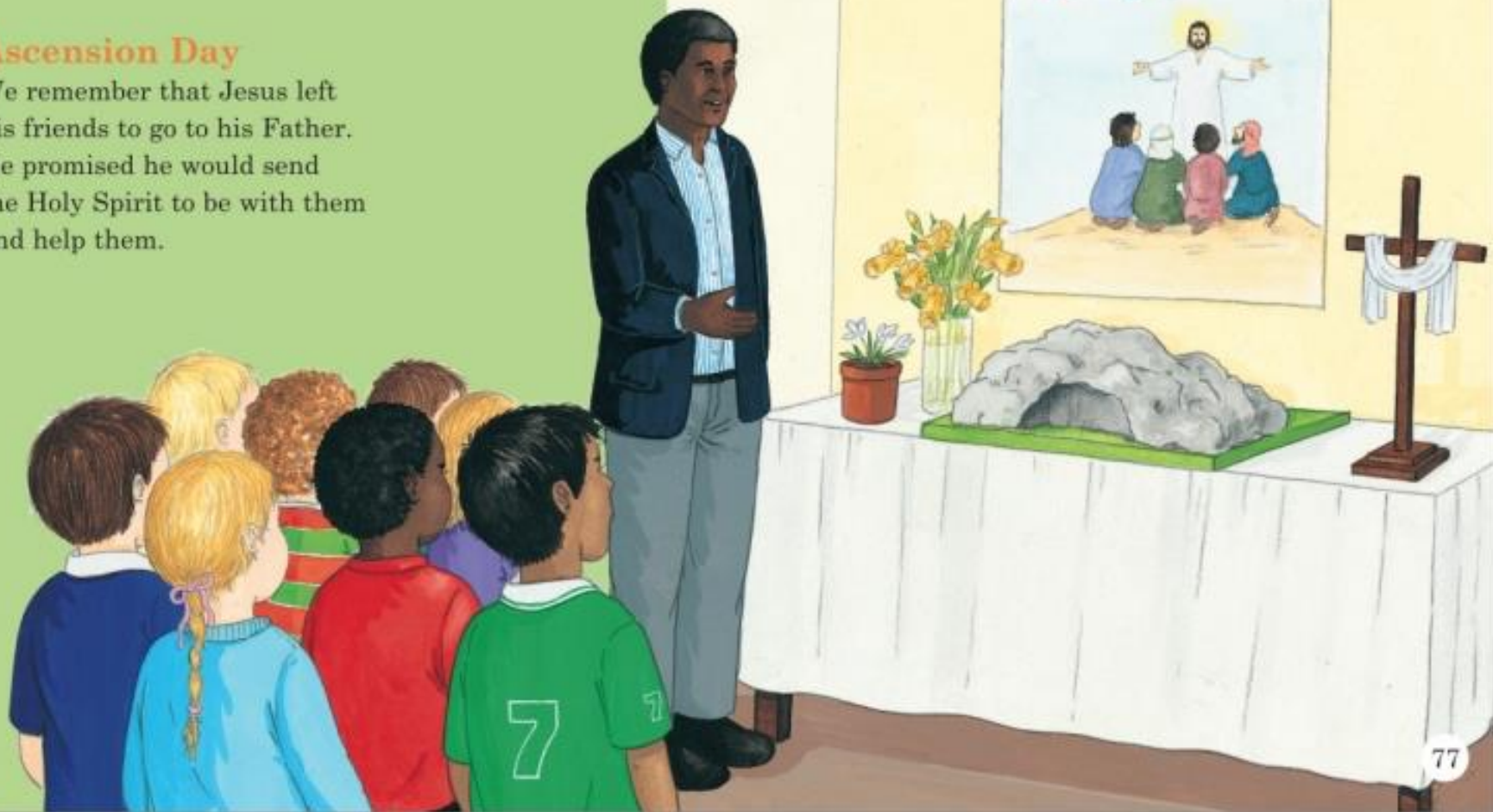
SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- Q What was promised to the disciples?
- Q How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus blessed them?
- Q How do you think they felt when Jesus was taken from them?
- Q Where was Jesus going?
- Q What do Christians do to remember the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven?



Ascension Day

We remember that Jesus left his friends to go to his Father. He promised he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them and help them.



What does this painting make you *wonder* about?



This painting is by an artist called Jacopo di Cione.

It can be viewed in the National Gallery in London.

Create your own painting to show the Ascension of Jesus.

LEARNING FOCUS 4: Pentecost day.

I can to **recognise** how the disciples changed through the power of the Holy Spirit.
I can **retell** the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

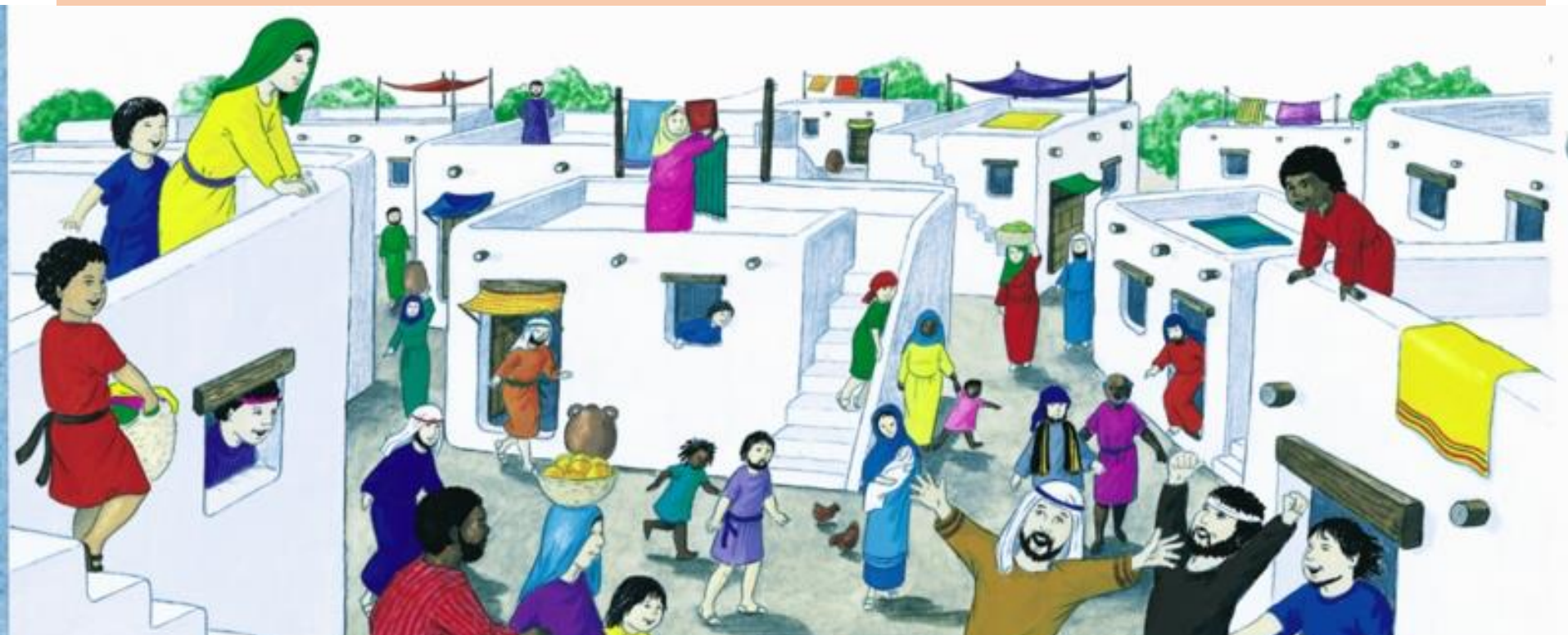


What do you wonder about?

On the feast of Pentecost, the Church family remembers and celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Good News of Jesus – the news of God’s love for everyone. At Mass, they listen to the story from the Acts of the Apostles about the coming of the Holy Spirit.

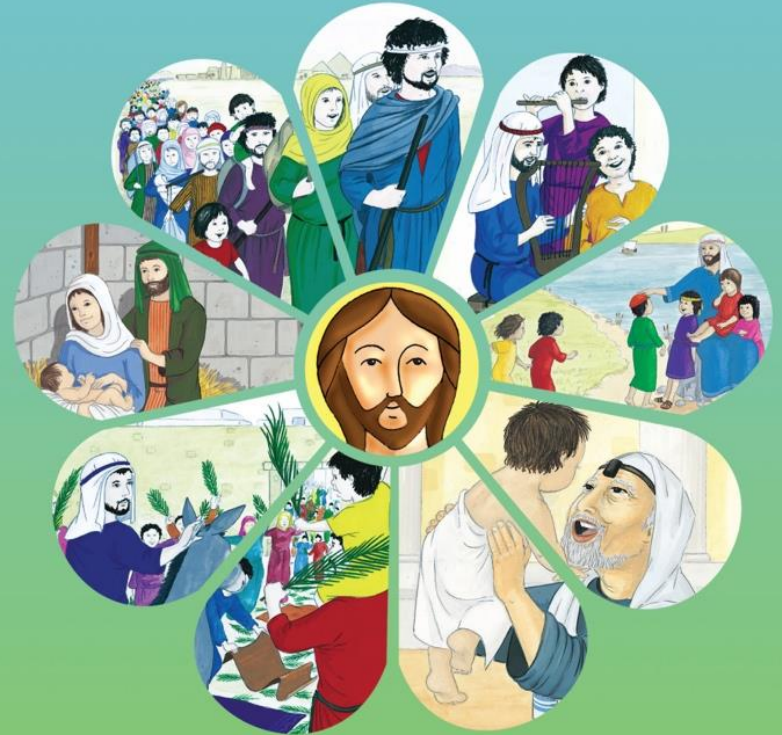
Looking at the picture again. Which part of the story do you think it shows. Can you see what has changed for the disciples?

The Holy Spirit has filled Jesus' friends with new life. They are not afraid anymore, they wanted to share their joy. Christians too can spread the word about this happiness because they know that Jesus has brought new life for everyone through the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised. The Holy Spirit is a helper and guide.



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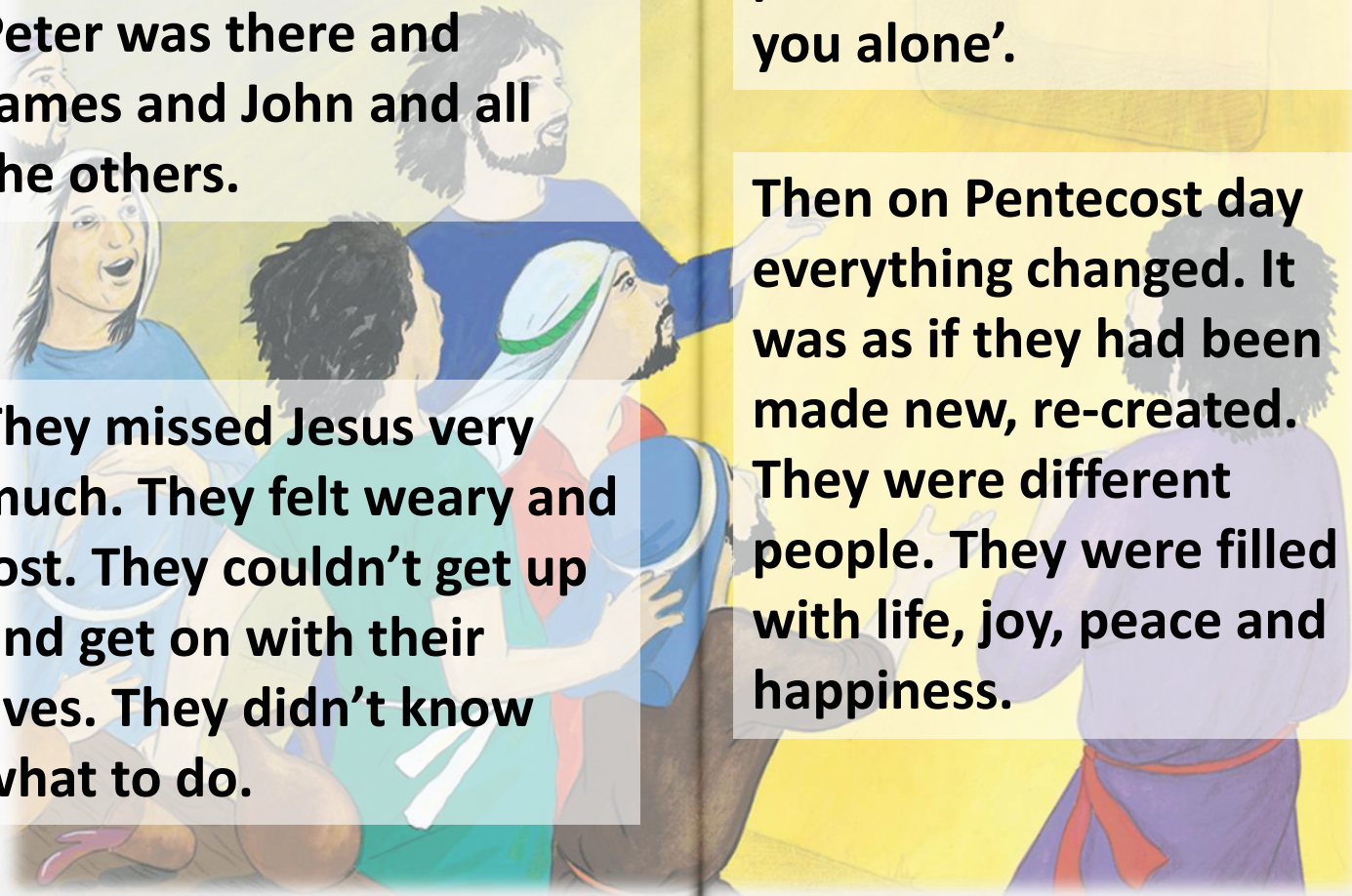


After Jesus had gone back to his Father, his friends stayed together with Mary, Jesus' Mother. Peter was there and James and John and all the others.

They missed Jesus very much. They felt weary and lost. They couldn't get up and get on with their lives. They didn't know what to do.

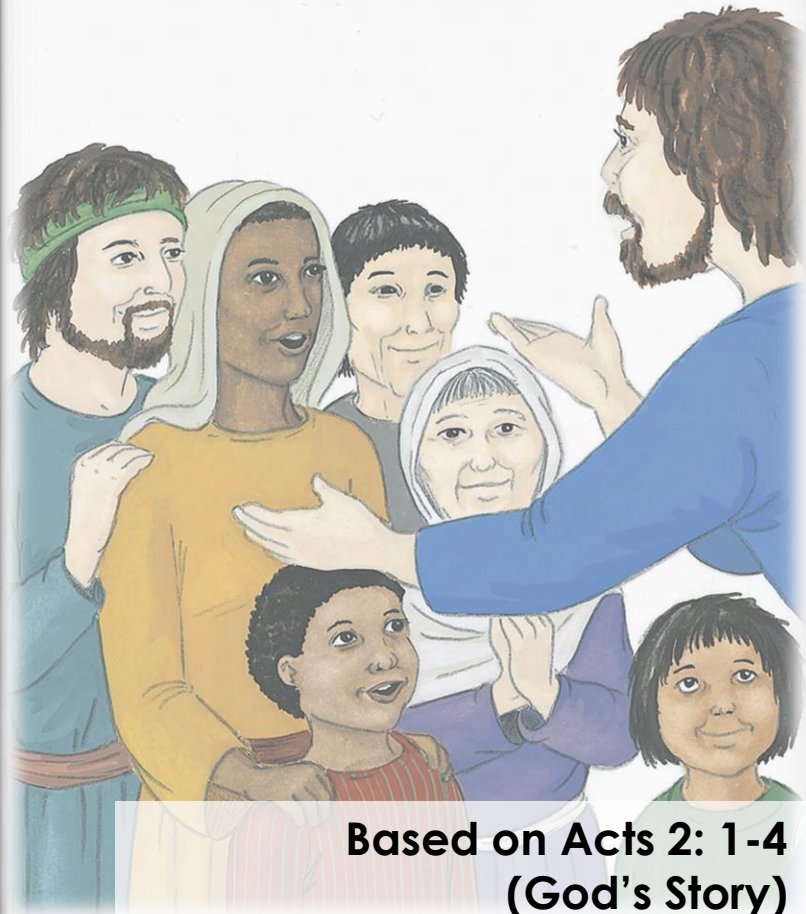
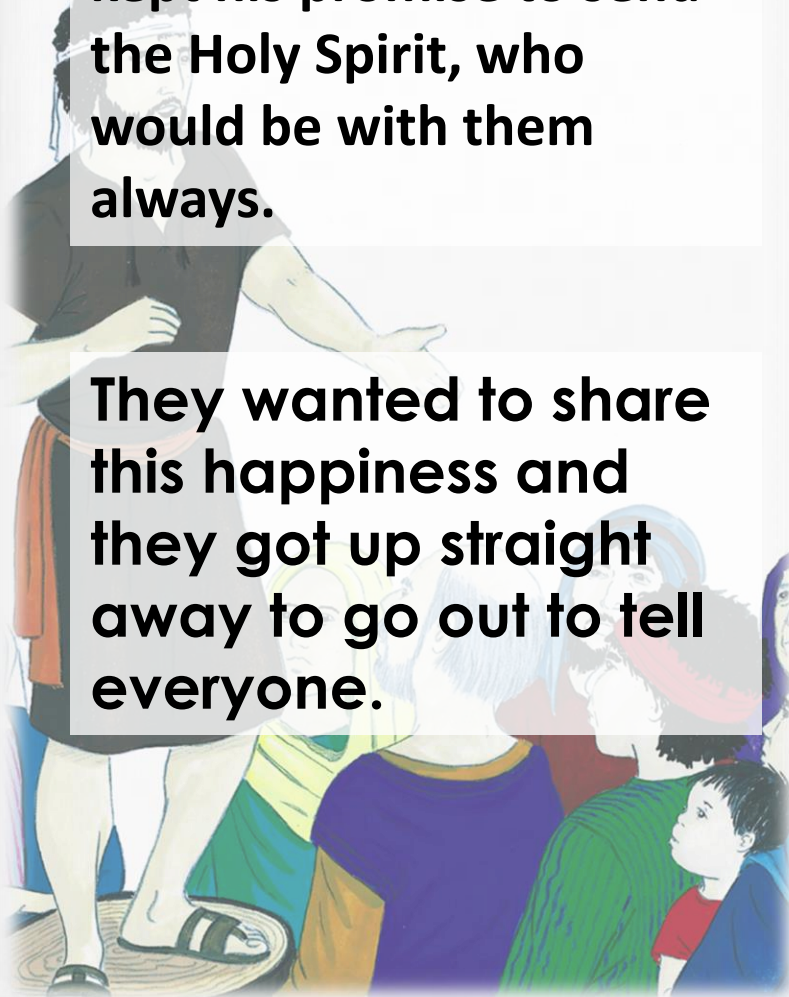
They talked about their time with Jesus and wondered about his promise, 'I will not leave you alone'.

Then on Pentecost day everything changed. It was as if they had been made new, re-created. They were different people. They were filled with life, joy, peace and happiness.



They knew that Jesus had kept his promise to send the Holy Spirit, who would be with them always.

They wanted to share this happiness and they got up straight away to go out to tell everyone.



**Based on Acts 2: 1-4
(God's Story)**

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- Q How did the friends feel after Jesus had gone back to his Father?
- Q When have you felt like this?
- Q What happened on Pentecost day?
- Q What did the friends do?
- Q How do you think they felt then?
- Q How did they make other people feel?
- Q How might we spread the joy and happiness of the Good News of Jesus' love?

Pentecost: is a Greek word meaning the fiftieth day. At the feast of Pentecost, the Jewish people celebrated God's gift of the law, God's rules for them to help them to be happy.

The Good News is that the Holy Spirit is a helper and guide for everyone, so they can spread God's love.

Show your learning...

Imagine you are a news reporter. Prepare a news report about Pentecost.

What happened? Who was there? How did people feel?
What do you think will happen next?

Present the news report to your family.



LEARNING FOCUS 5: Passing on the Good News.

I can **recognise** how the Holy Spirit helps Christians in their lives.

Can you remember how
the disciples were changed
at Pentecost?



What do you *wonder*
about the Holy Spirit?



The Holy Spirit is with everyone. People can pray to the Holy Spirit whenever they or anyone else needs help. The Holy Spirit is the friend that Jesus promised. The Holy Spirit will help people all their lives so that they can join Jesus in Heaven when it is time for them to go there.

Jesus has promised people new life in Heaven when they die. This is a help and comfort for anyone who is sad because someone they loved has died.

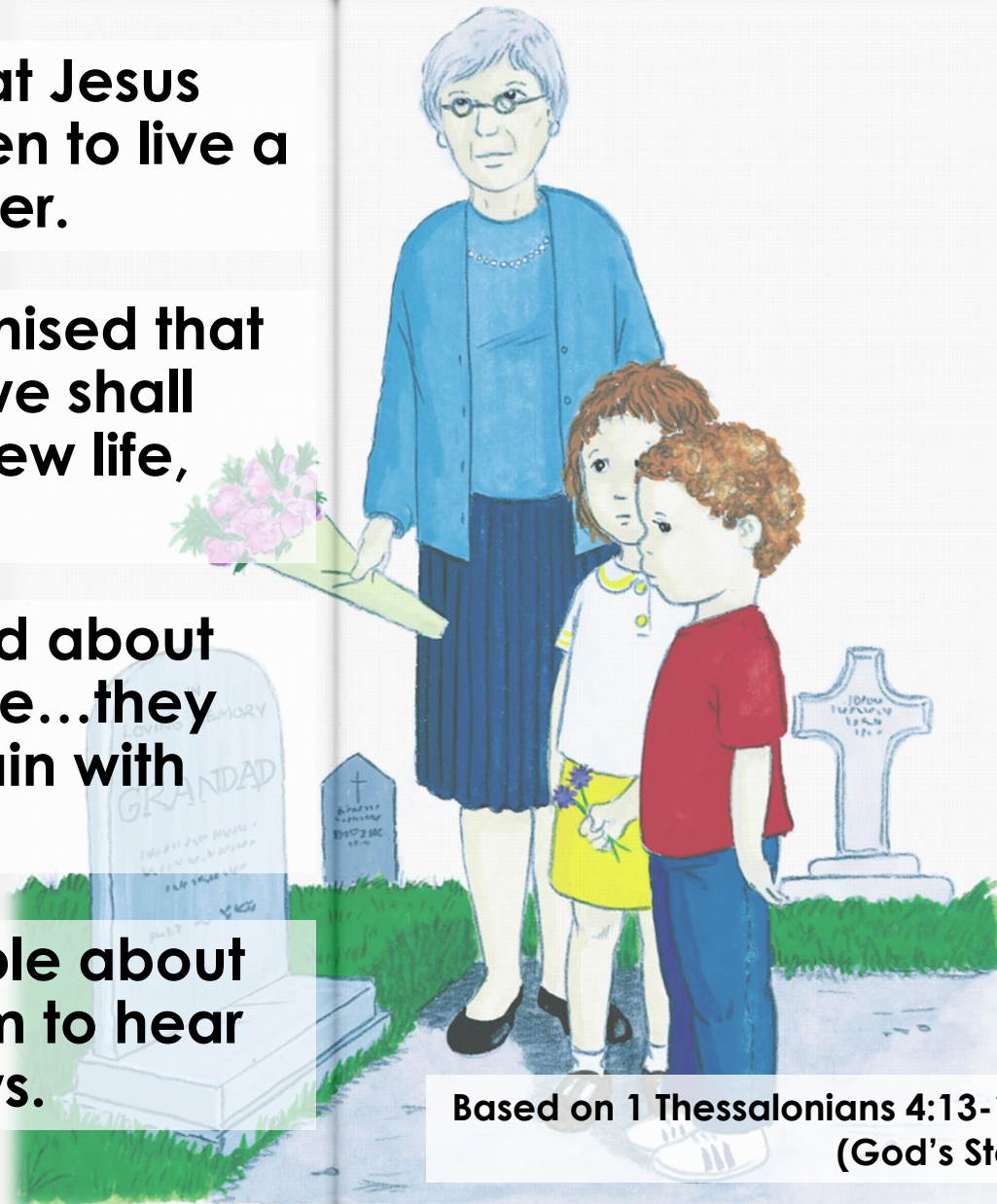


We believe that Jesus died and is risen to live a new life, for ever.

Jesus has promised that when we die we shall live again, a new life, like he does.

So don't be sad about people who die...they will all live again with God.

Tell other people about this...help them to hear this Good News.



**Based on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18
(God's Story 2)**

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- Q What has Jesus promised?
- Q What might the Holy Spirit do for people?
- Q What is the Good News that we are asked to pass on?
- Q Why does St. Paul tell us not to be sad?

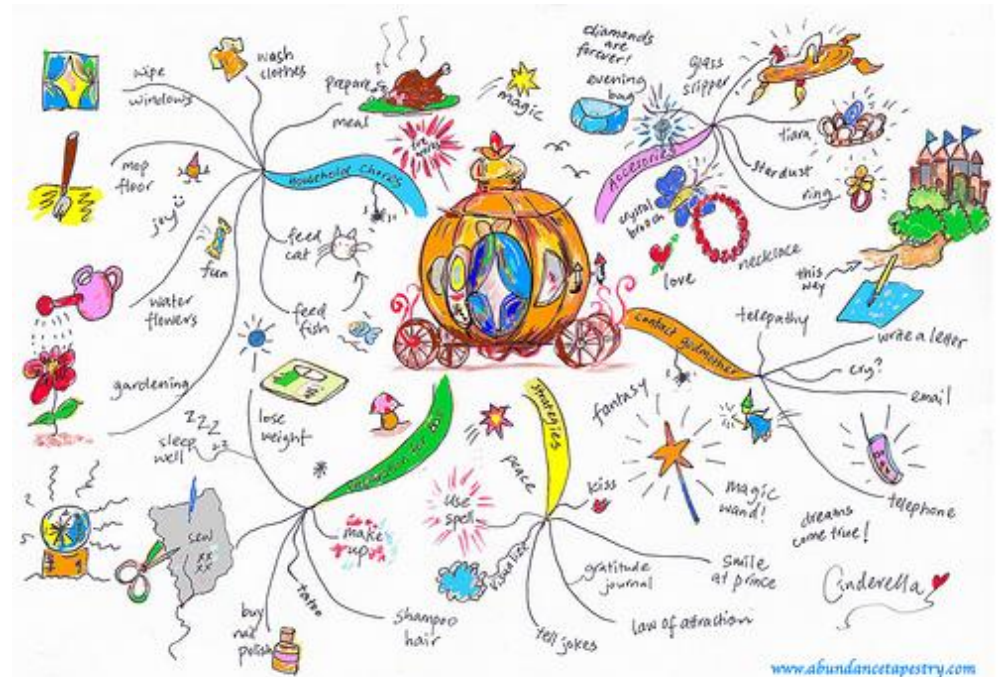


Show your learning...

Create a mindmap to show everything you have learnt about the Holy Spirit. Remember to include how the Holy Spirit helps us in our lives. You can use words and picture.



Examples of different styles of mindmaps.



LEARNING FOCUS 6: Spreading the Word by our lives.

I can **describe** ways in which Christians spread the word of the Good News of Jesus in their lives.

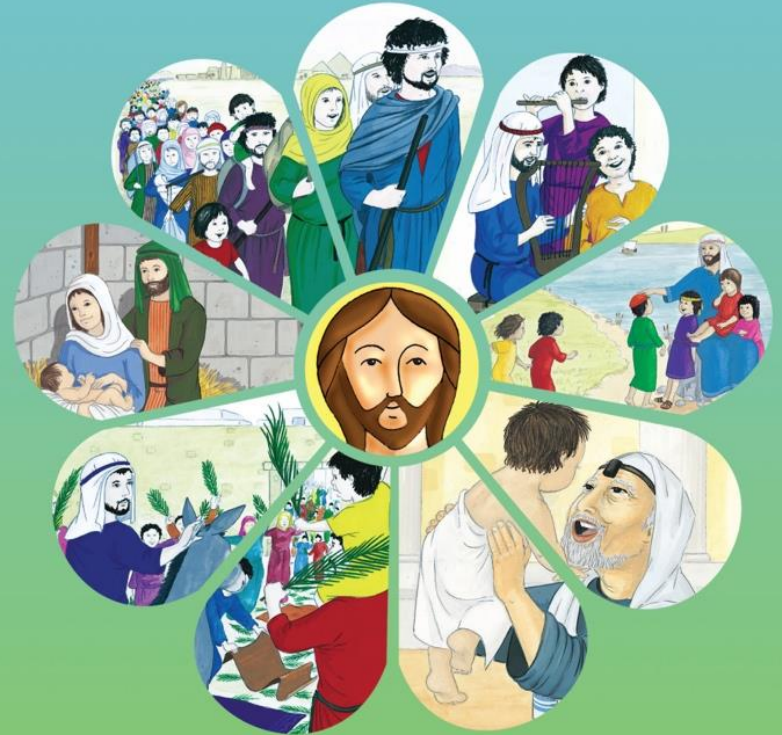
The Holy Spirit helps us in our lives.

St. Paul wrote to the Christians living in Rome when they were getting ready for his visit. He was encouraging them because it was quite difficult being a Christian at that time. He told them how the Holy Spirit helps people.

This is what he said:

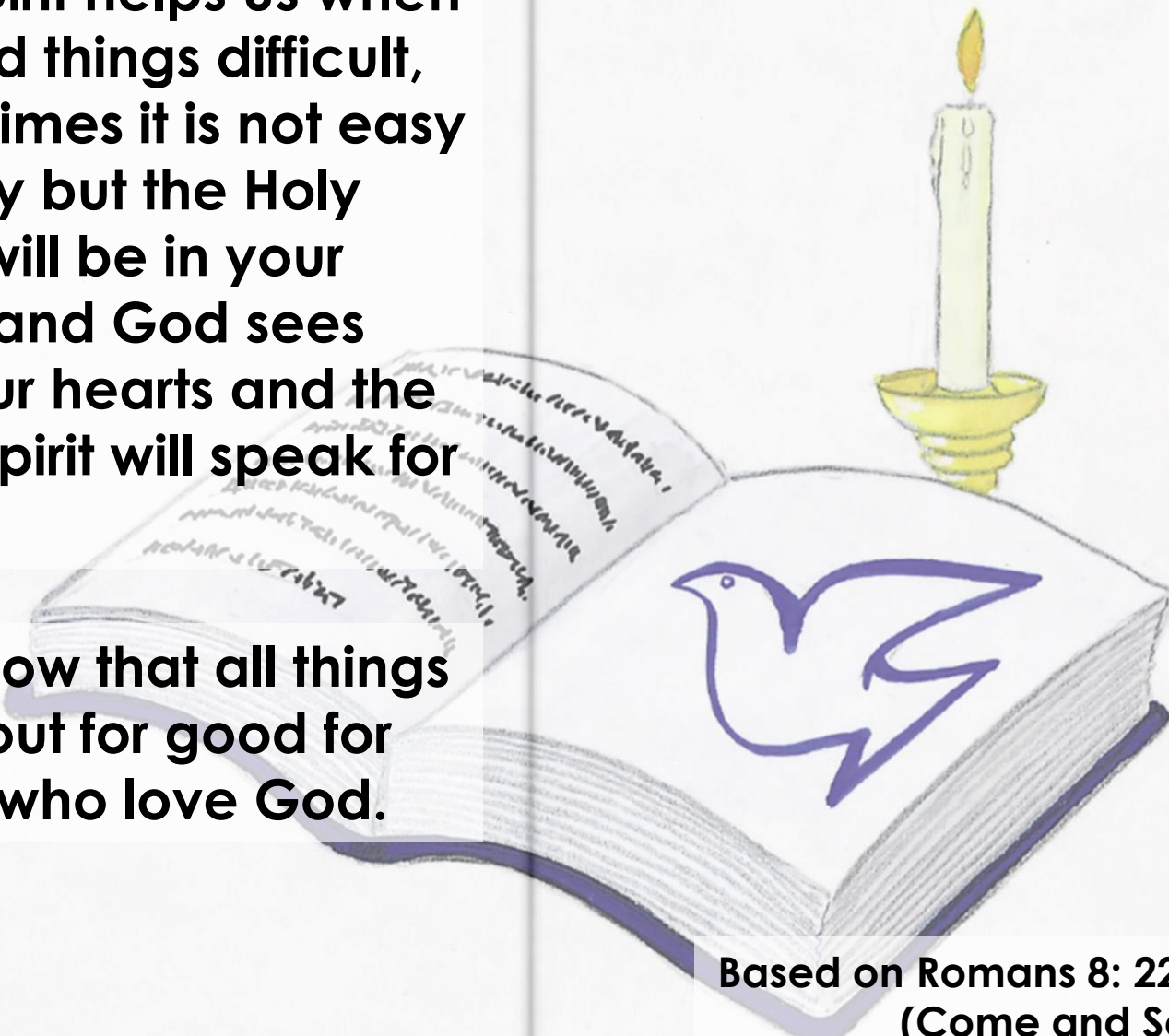
Good News

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The Spirit helps us when we find things difficult, sometimes it is not easy to pray but the Holy Spirit will be in your heart and God sees into our hearts and the Holy Spirit will speak for us.

We know that all things work out for good for those who love God.



**Based on Romans 8: 22-28
(Come and See)**

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- Q How can we help each other do what is right?
- Q How do you think people pass on the Good News in their lives? Can you name any?
- Q If we all live our lives as God wants us to, what would the world be like?



We don't always find it easy to be good or to do the right thing but, like the Christians living in Rome, we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us, so we can pass on the Good News by our kindness and goodness. We can think of people who are good and kind who show us the Good News of God's love. Let us pray....



**Come Holy Spirit
Fill us with your joy
Fill us with your love
Fill us with your peace
Help us to spread
The Good News
Of God's love to
everyone.
Amen.**

Show your learning...

Create a poster called **‘Spreading the Good News of God’s Love’**.

Show the ways that Christians can spread the Good News of Jesus.



*Sharing
is
Caring*



RESPOND

Remember, celebrate and respond to passing on messages, and Pentecost, spreading the Gospel message through the gift of the Holy Spirit

Remember

Start the session with a moment of quiet reflection. Light a candle and make the sign of the cross. Provide your child with the opportunity to engage with questions of meaning and purpose related to the experience of *Spreading the Word*.

Ask your child if there is anything they wonder about

- The importance of messages in daily life.
- The responsibility of passing on messages.
- The new life of Jesus.
- How the Holy Spirit helps Christians.

Provide the opportunity, possibly by one of the means above, for the children to remember

- On Easter Sunday we remember that Jesus rose from the dead.
- Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit.
- On the Feast of Ascension, the Church celebrates Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.
- What happened on the first Pentecost Day.
- Jesus has promised us new life.
- Ways of spreading the Good News about Jesus.

Rejoice

Say a prayer or sing a hymn together.

Renew

Help your child to make an individual response to what they have understood and celebrated from their own experience and the experience of the Church community.

Apply their learning

'How can I spread a word of love?'

Some suggested ideas

After a time of quiet reflection and prayer invite your child to:

- Make and decorate a book mark which has a word of love that they would like to pass on.

Finish by making the sign of the cross.