

Intergenerational Worship ideas

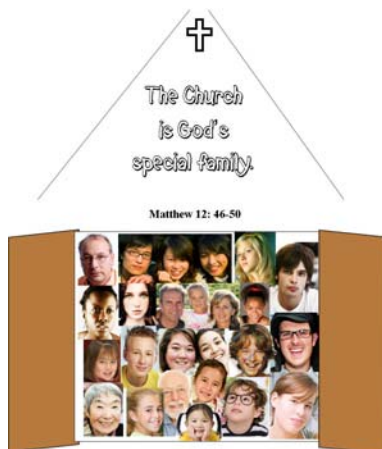
Pentecost Lord's Prayer:

This is a good one if you have lots of people from different countries, and kids at school studying other languages.

- ◆ Introduce the idea at the beginning of the service to give people time to prepare: **Ask people to say, when the time comes, the Lord's Prayer in another language, all at the same time, to get the feeling of Pentecost.**
- ◆ Then do your chosen Pentecost worship, including discussing aspects of Pentecost
- ◆ When it is time for the Lord's Prayer, remind people to say it in another language, all at the same time. It can be quite moving as well as noisy!

Pentecost Dress-up Party:

- ◆ The previous week, ask people to come dressed in clothes from different countries to represent the different nations coming together at Pentecost. Of course the children will be included in this too.
- ◆ At an appropriate time (KUCA time, morning tea, or in the worship service) have a birthday cake and sing happy birthday to the church.
- ◆ Talk with the children about what it means to be part of a church.
- ◆ **Craft activity:** Church-shaped page with doors in the front that can be opened (like a lift the flap book): stick all different faces cut from magazines under the flap.



(This is an easy little kids' activity.)
See pdf file: Pentecost: God's Special Family for photocopiable template and instructions. Thanks to **Judyth Roberts** for this idea.

Group Activities:

◆ **Flame Collage:**

Materials:

- ◆ a large sheet of cardboard
- ◆ a sheet of orange, a sheet of red and a sheet of yellow cellophane which have been cut up into pieces of about 2 to 3 cm square
- ◆ glue sticks
- ◆ scissors



What to do:

- ◆ Invite all the children from 12 year olds to 2 year olds to work cooperatively (you'll need a very large sheet of cardboard and plenty of scissors and gluesticks) to make a huge flame collage which to put at the front of the church. It will look really spectacular and will keep the children actively engaged for about 15 - 20 minutes!
(For SA readers: Very large sheets of cardboard can be purchased at Premier Art Supplies, 43 Gilles St Adelaide)

◆ **Pentecost flame headband**

A similar idea for a small group in a class is to make a cardboard band about 3cm thick for each child and get them to decorate it with the above colours of cellophane as a "flame headband" to wear, to remind them of the tongues of flame on the heads of people in the Pentecost story.

Thanks to **Judyth Roberts** of Port Adelaide Uniting Church, SA, for these Pentecost ideas.

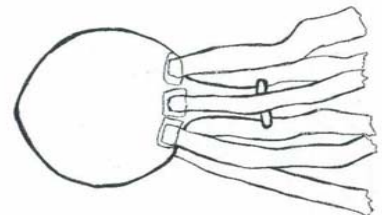
◆ **Pentecost Balloons**

Materials:

- ◆ red, yellow and orange balloons (1 per person)
- ◆ red, yellow and orange crepe paper, cut into strips 2cm wide and 40-50cm long; approx 6-7 per balloon
- ◆ sticky tape (lots of dispensers!)
- ◆ black textas

Method:

- ◆ This probably works best if you work in pairs, one to hold the balloon while the other sticky tapes.
- ◆ Write Pentecost words (e.g. whoosh, breath, wind, fire, or spirit words in different languages) on the ends of an assortment of red, yellow and orange streamers.
- ◆ Inflate the balloon slightly.
- ◆ Sticky tape the other ends of the streamers around the base of the neck of the balloon, as per the direction in the diagram.



- ◆ Holding the streamers out of the way of your mouth, blow up the balloon.
- ◆ Hold the neck so the air doesn't escape
- ◆ On a given signal, everyone lets the balloons go up into the air.
- ◆ If the children want to make sure they get their own balloon back, make sure they write their names or initials on one of the streamers of their balloon.

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