

RADICCHIO AND TOMATO SALAD FROM VENICE

Makes 6 servings

Salad

2 small heads radicchio, cut into bite-size pieces
4 ripe tomatoes, sliced
1 medium-size red onion, thinly sliced
1 medium-size red bell pepper, seeded and cut into long, thin strips
A few sprigs fresh parsley/finely chopped

Vinaigrette

1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
5 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Put the salad ingredients in a large salad bowl and toss them together with your hands.



Whisk together the vinaigrette ingredients in a measuring cup or small bowl until thickened. Pour over the salad, toss gently to coat everything well, and serve immediately.

Reflections

Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, we ascend to the kingdom of heaven, and are reinstated as adopted children. Thanks to the Spirit we obtain the right to call God our Father, we become sharers in the grace of Christ, we are called children of light, and we share in everlasting glory.

St. Basil the Great

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Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost Table Blessing

[Printed in two panels so that sheet can be cut into smaller cards]



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Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Fill our minds and fill our hearts.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Be with us as we gather here.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Without you, we are alone and uncertain.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
With you, we are united and strong.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Draw us together as you did the first disciples at Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Teach us, empower us, help us today.

O Holy Spirit, come—
come to lead us, to guide us, to show us the way.

O Holy Spirit, come—
then send us forth proclaiming the good news of Christ.
Amen.

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Ten Ways to Say Thank You

The Holy Spirit came to help all of Jesus' followers. We thank God for the many different people who are part of the Church.

Here are some different ways to say thank you. Work with other members of your group to put the number of each "thank you" on the line next to the language it comes from.

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| 1. kam sa ham ni da (kahm-sah-hahm-nee-dah) | _____ Dutch |
| 2. dziekuje (jehn-koo-yeh) | _____ Portuguese |
| 3. gracias (grah-see-ahs) | _____ Italian |
| 4. ahsante (ah-sahn-tay) | _____ Korean |
| 5. danke (dankeh) | _____ Tagalog (Philippines) |
| 6. merci (mehr-see) | _____ French |
| 7. grazie (graht-seeay) | _____ Polish |
| 8. dank u (dankeh-oo) | _____ Swahili |
| 9. obrigado (o-bree-ga-do) | _____ Spanish |
| 10. salamat po (sa-la-mat-po) | _____ German |

Try saying thank you ten different ways!

The First Pentecost The Disciples

Bringing the Story to Life ~

Your group will be playing the part of the disciples. One person should take the part of Peter and someone else should be Mary. Everyone else will take the parts of the other apostles and disciples. Here are some points to keep in mind as you act out your parts:

This is a mime, which means no one speaks! Use your bodies to show how you are feeling or what you are doing.

Listen to the leader as the story is read. He or she will give you some help about where to walk and what to do.

Be creative and have fun!



Envía Tu Espíritu

Refrain:

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envía tu Espíritu, sea renovada la faz de la tierra.
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Verses:

Spirit of the living God, burn in our hearts,
and make us a people of hope and compassion.

Wind of promise, wind of change, friend of the poor,
empower your people to make peace and justice.

Breath of life and holiness, heal ev'ry wound,
and lead us beyond ev'ry sin that divides us.

* Send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.



The First Pentecost The Wind

Bringing the Story to Life ~

Your group will be playing the part of the wind. Use the crepe paper strips to create a “windy” effect, along with any other ideas you have. Here are some points to keep in mind as you act out your parts:

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The First Pentecost

The Fire

Bringing the Story to Life ~

Your group will be playing the part of the fire. You will start off as a single flame and then break into smaller “tongues” of fire that descend upon the disciples. Here are some points to keep in mind as you act out your parts:

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The First Pentecost The Nations

Bringing the Story to Life ~

Your group will be playing the part of people of many nations. You will be reacting to the words of the Peter and showing how amazed you are at the way the disciples are able to speak in languages you understand. You will also start to join the disciples as Peter's words "cut to the heart." Here are some points to keep in mind as you act out your parts:



This is a mime, which means no one speaks! Use your bodies to show how you are feeling or what you are doing. (There is one place where you will speak, however. When the leader asks where you are from, call out the name of the state or country where you were born.)

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The First Pentecost The Skeptics

Bringing the Story to Life ~

Your group will be playing the part of people who distrust what the disciples are saying. You will hang back until the end of the reading when the disciples start to draw you into the circle of believers. Here are some points to keep in mind as you act out your parts:

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Go Out Into the World

Match the number on your puzzle piece with the number on the list below. What kind of understanding do these people need in order to hear and accept the word of God?

1. People who are without food or homes and feel hungry and cold.
2. People who are sick or recovering from injury and suffer pain and discomfort.
3. People who are grieving the death of a loved one and feel sad and lonely.
4. People who have been treated badly by family, friends, or others, and feel hurt and angry.
5. People who see the great troubles in the world and feel hopeless and despairing.
6. People who have disabilities and feel shut out of participation in their churches, schools, or communities.
7. People who work so hard that they feel tired and unable to recognize God's goodness in the world.
8. People who stay away from church because they feel it has no place for them.



With other members of your group, write or draw a word, phrase, picture, or symbol on your puzzle piece that represents the understanding that can help the people on your list to hear the word of God.

Finish the following prayer together:

For people who _____.

Holy Spirit, give them _____.

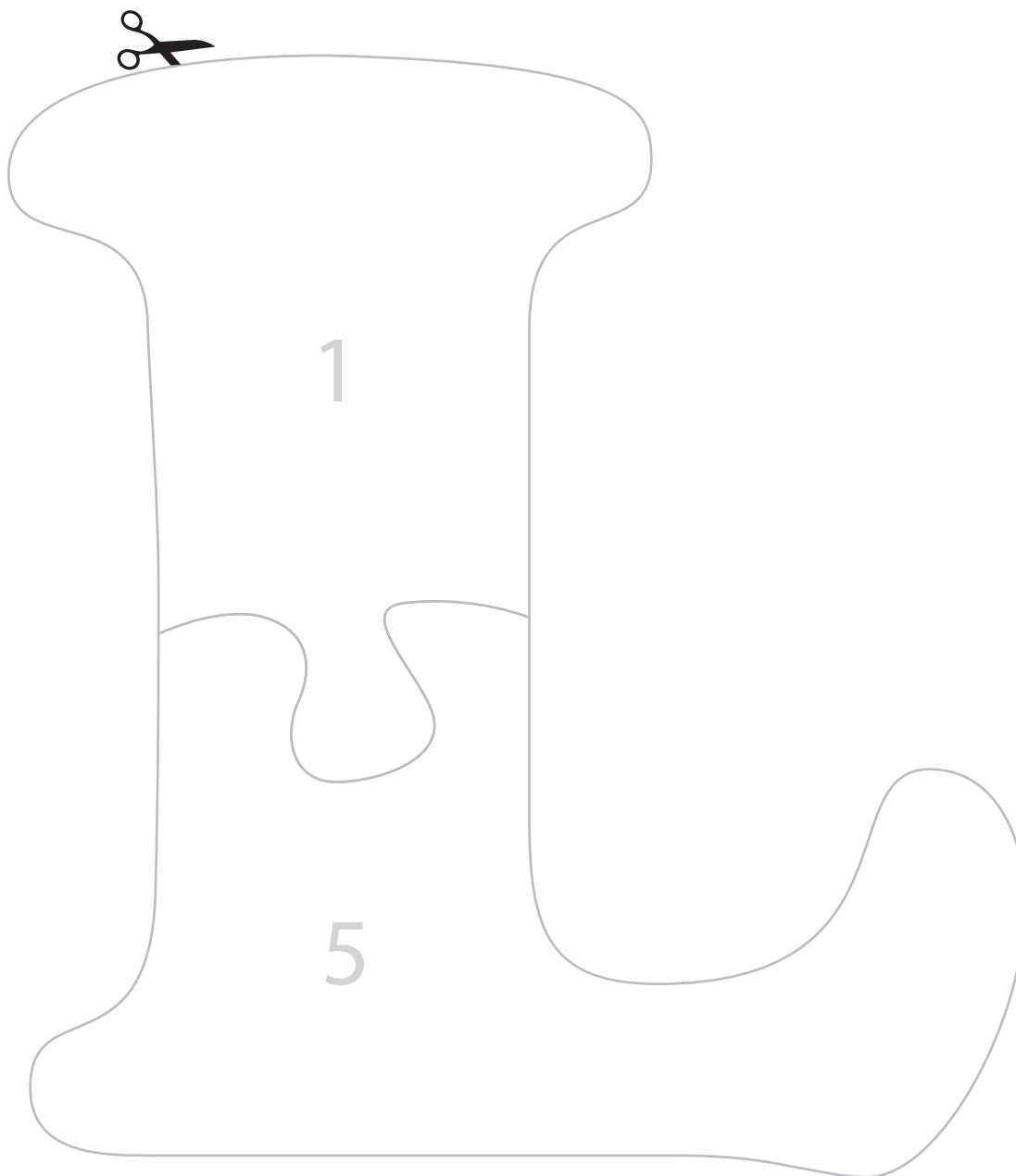
For the closing prayer:

- ✧ Pick someone to read your prayer
- ✧ Pick someone to bring up your puzzle piece



HANDOUT #6A

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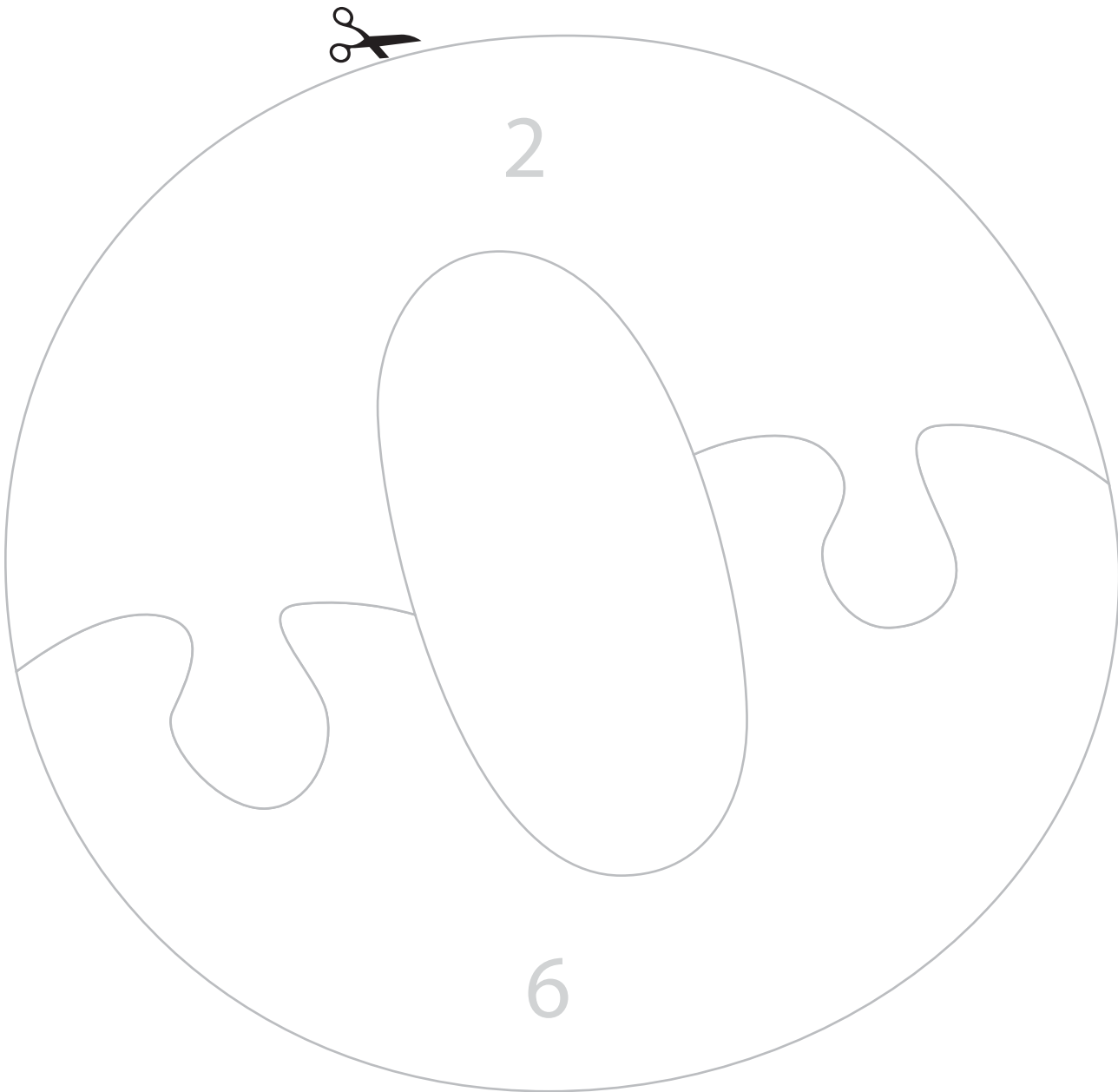


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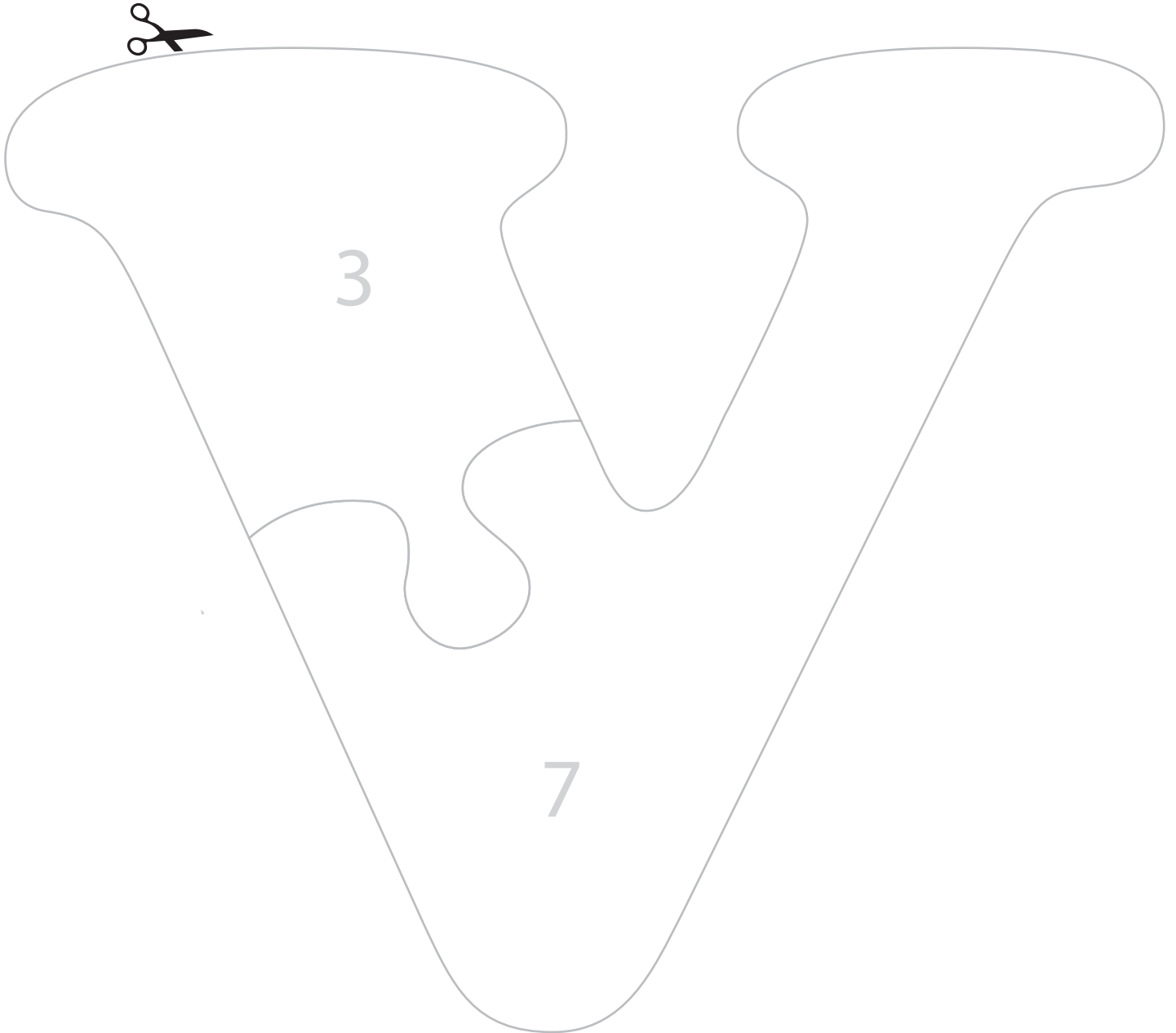


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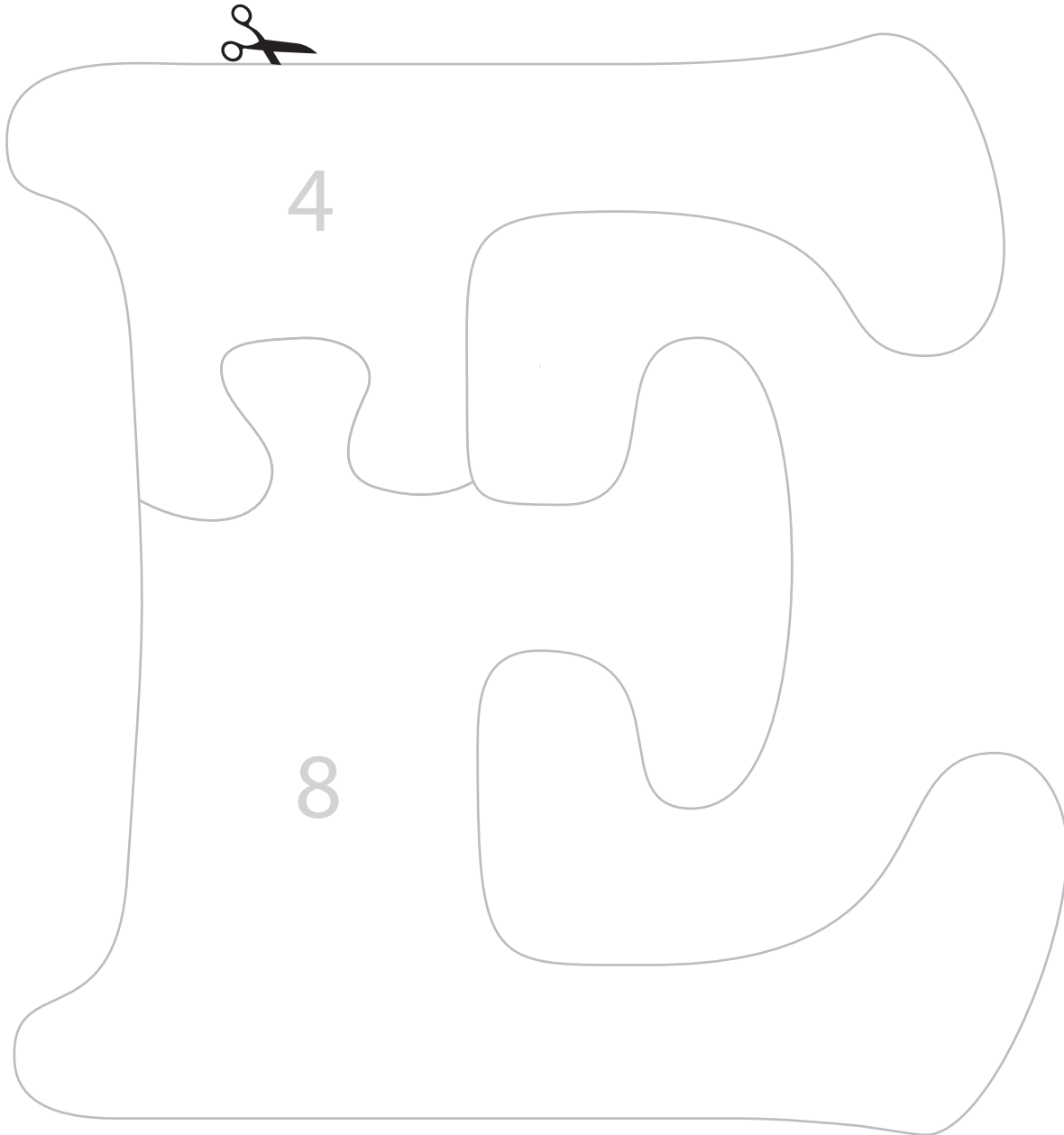


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HANDOUT #6D

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Tongues of Fire – Mobile Sheet

How can you bring the good news of Jesus out into the world? Make a mobile to show what you will do!

- Cut out the flames and give one to each person.
- Each person should decorate his/her flame with words or symbols that describe how he/she will use a gift of the Holy Spirit to spread the good news of Jesus to others.
- (Adults and teens should help younger children as needed.)
- Each person should then punch a hole in the top of his/her flame and run a thread through it. Knot the thread and hang the flame on the hanger that has been given to your table.
- Adjust the group's flames so that they balance on the hanger. You may need to adjust them when you add your hanger to the large mobile later in the session.
- Pick someone from your table to bring your group's mobile forward during the closing prayer.





Evaluation

Thank you for attending *Gather in My Name*.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts with members of the planning team. If participating with other members of your household, you might want to fill in your answers together.

- One thing I/we learned about Pentecost by attending this event is

- I/we would like to know more about _____

- A question I/we have about the celebration and/or meaning of Pentecost is _____

- One way I/we will try to share the message of Jesus is by

- Something I/we would like our parish to offer in future gatherings is

- Additional comments _____

Return this form to your planning team.



Gather in My Name

My family learned about
Pentecost.
Here we are at our parish.

I learned that the Holy Spirit
came to the disciples at
Pentecost and helped them
spread the good news about
Jesus to others.

I learned how the Holy Spirit can help
me to share the good news about Jesus.



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What Does It Mean to Spread the Good News of Jesus?



In Mass on Pentecost Sunday you will hear the gospel read. It tells of Jesus coming to

his disciples and wishing them peace. Then he breathes on them, giving them the Holy Spirit, and sends them out into the world. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you..." (John 20:21). As Christians, each of us joins those early disciples in being sent to share the good news of Jesus with others. This can be daunting if we think evangelization only means traveling to distant lands or standing on street corners as preachers and prophets, but it is

much simpler than that. In their document, *Go and Make Disciples*, the United States Catholic Bishops identify the two elements that constitute evangelization: witness and sharing. We witness to our faith in the same way the first disciples did—by living it out each and every day through acts of compassion, generosity, justice, and understanding. We share our faith by making prayer a part of our daily lives, by participating in parish liturgies, programs, and activities, and by welcoming others into our faith communities and telling them about Jesus. This makes the mission of evangelization something everyone can do!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers and Practices for Young Catholics,
William H. Sadlier, 1997 [page 12]



Web Watch

Find prayers and other resources for celebrating
The Year of the Eucharist by visiting
www.webelieveweb.com.

"The Holy Spirit is the fire of Jesus. The Spirit, the first gift of the risen Christ to his people, gives us both the ability to receive the Gospel of Jesus and, in response, the power to proclaim it."

Go and Make Disciples, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, #34

Pentecost – A Celebration of God's Love

"...Pentecost is the coming of the Spirit of Jesus into the world. It is the celebration of God breaking through the boundaries of time and space and opening the whole world for the re-creating power of love. Pentecost is freedom, the freedom of the Spirit to blow where it wants.

"Without Pentecost the Christ-event—the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus—remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about, and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now. Pentecost lifts the whole mystery of salvation out of its particularities and makes it into something universal, embracing all peoples, all countries, all seasons, and all eras. Pentecost is also the moment of empowering. Each individual human being can claim the Spirit of Jesus as the guiding spirit of his or her life. In that Spirit we can speak and act freely and confidently with the knowledge that the same Spirit that inspired Jesus is inspiring us."

Henri Nouwen, *Eternal Seasons*



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Gospel: John 20:19-23

READER: *On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked... Jesus came
and stood in their midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you." When he had said this,
he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
[Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
And when he had said this, he breathed on
them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and
whose sins you retain are retained."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Litany of the Holy Spirit -
Each table group brings their puzzle piece
and mobile forward. After offering their
prayer, all respond: COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Prayer to the Holy Spirit



Come, Holy Spirit

ALL: *Breathe into me Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may be all holy.
Move in me, Holy Spirit,
that my work too, may be holy.
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,
that I may love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
that I may defend all that is holy.
Protect my, Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.
Amen.
(One Faith, One Lord)*