



## **Rocks & Pebbles worship session 31/05/2020**

**Welcome** to Junior Church! we pray the following helps you to worship as a family at home, on a regular basis.

These sessions will follow a similar pattern to that the children experience on a Sunday morning. Maybe different members of the family can lead your service? (All words in bold, we encourage you to say together).

Let anyone 31/5/2020

**Acts 2.1-21** On the day of Pentecost Jesus' disciples experience being filled dramatically with God's Holy Spirit, the culmination of many centuries of waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise, made known through Old Testament prophets.

**An active way to begin your session.**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

Holy Spirit, you are welcome.  
Come among us like a wind,  
like a fire, like a dove.  
Come gently or come boldly.  
We are waiting for you.  
**Amen.**

The lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lord you want us to be with you,  
**Thank you for inviting us**

Lord you chose each one of us to be your friend,  
**Thank you for inviting us**

Lord we love being with you  
**Thank you for inviting us**  
**Amen**

### **WE SAY SORRY TO GOD** *(can you remember the actions?)*

**We're happy when we're close to God, since that's where we belong,** *(hug yourself)*

**But sometimes we go far from God and everything feels wrong.**  
*(turn away and hands by your sides)*

**But if we say we're sorry then, God's love is sure and strong,  
And he will draw us back to him and that's where we belong.**

*(turn back around and hug yourself again).*

Dear God, we want to follow you  
When we let you down,  
**Forgive us and fill us with your love.**

When we are selfish,  
**Forgive us and fill us with your love.**

When we are greedy,  
**Forgive us and fill us with your love.**

When we want to do things our way instead of yours,  
**Forgive us and fill us with your love.**

Dear God, we want to follow you,  
**Forgive us and fill us with your love.**

### **WE RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in His image. To the praise and glory of His name. Amen

### **SONG My God is so Big**

My God is so big so strong and so mighty, there's nothing that he cannot do! Repeat

The mountains are his, the rivers are his, the stars are his handywork too!

My God is so big so strong and so mighty, there's nothing that he cannot do! For me, and you and you.

## STORY

### Picture the scene

Use pictures from [www.freebibleimages.org](http://www.freebibleimages.org) (see [Picture it](#)) to illustrate to the story as you tell it.

Encourage everyone to use mime, song, words, actions, props and colour to create the scene.



With the sound of a whirlwind it came, rushing into the house where the followers of Jesus were gathered. There was a commotion and flames as the Holy Spirit came, resting on each of the disciples like a tongue of fire.

As it whooshed into the room, the Spirit filled them all with foreign languages, and the disciples spoke in words they didn't understand. Inspired, and with words gushing out of them, they went out into the streets.

It was the festival of Pentecost and Jerusalem was full of Jews from all over the world. When the disciples came out into the street, the crowds heard them speaking the message of Jesus in their own languages. They were amazed. 'How can this be?' they asked. 'All the followers of Jesus are from Galilee, but we can hear their message loud and clear in words we understand.'

Not everyone was impressed, though. Some listeners sneered, 'These people are drunk.' Peter, still filled to overflowing with the Spirit's power, stood up in front of all the people.

'We are not drunk,' he said. 'It's only nine in the morning. No, you are seeing and hearing what the prophet Joel spoke about in the Old Testament.'

Peter continued: 'Joel said, "God will pour his Spirit on all people; children will prophesy and adults will see holy visions. The Spirit is for everyone, men, women and children; there will be signs in heaven and on earth, and these will be the last days. Everyone who calls on the Lord's name shall be saved."'

Like a fiery whirlwind it came, and the Spirit breathed new life into the followers of Jesus.

## Glossary

**Pentecost:** a Jewish harvest festival.

**Talk together** (Connect faith with everyday life)

How would you tell this story to somebody else, in your own words?

Have you ever been in a situation where things seemed a little confusing?

What might be different in the world if people were more unified?

## SONG

### The Spirit lives to set us free

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Walk, walk in the light.

He binds us all in unity,

Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,*

*Walk in the light,*

*Walk in the light,*

*Walk in the light of the Lord.*

The Spirit lives in you and me,

Walk, walk in the light;

His light will shine for all to see,

Walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,*

*Walk in the light,*

*Walk in the light,*

*Walk in the light of the Lord.*

## **PRAYERS**

Who can dance for God?

**Anyone!**

Who can sing to God?

**Anyone!**

Who can play for God?

**Anyone!**

Who can serve God?

**Anyone!**

Who belongs to God?

**Anyone!**

Anyone?

**Everyone!**

**Amen.**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

## **JUNIOR CHURCH PRAYER**

Thank you for each other.

Thank you that we can learn together, play, laugh and pray together. Bless us Lord, as we remember how much you love us.

**Amen**

**For older children -**



- Where might the water be flowing from, and to, in this image?
- Is the unifying power of the Spirit perceptible in your church life?
  - ...and in your own life?

## **LIVE YOUR FAITH**

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with confidence to share God's story with your own friends and family.

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