Religious Education

Lower Key Stage 2 – Christianity

For Christians what was the impact of Pentecost?

Key Vocabulary

Pentecost	The Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension
disciple	A personal follower of Jesus during his life
Holy Spirit	God as spiritually active in the world
Kingdom	The spiritual rule or authority of God
ascend	To rise up through air

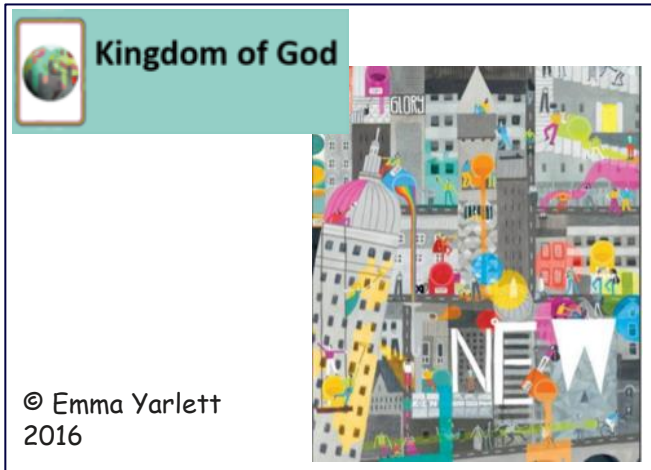
Key Knowledge

- Christians believe that Jesus inaugurated the 'Kingdom of God' — i.e. Jesus' whole life was a demonstration of his belief that God is King, not just in heaven but here and now ('Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven'). Christians believe Jesus is still alive, and rules in their hearts and lives by the Holy Spirit, if they let him.
- Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus' invisible Kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God. Christians celebrate Pentecost as the beginning of the Church.

Key Questions

- How should people behave if we want the world to be a better place?
- Who is part of the Kingdom of God?
- If people all followed the teachings of Jesus, what would be different in the world?
- What does Pentecost mean to Christians?
- Why is Pentecost considered the birthday of the Church?

Kingdom of God



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Pentecost



The Day of Pentecost
Acts 2: 1–15, 22 and 37–41.