The Coming of the Holy Spirit

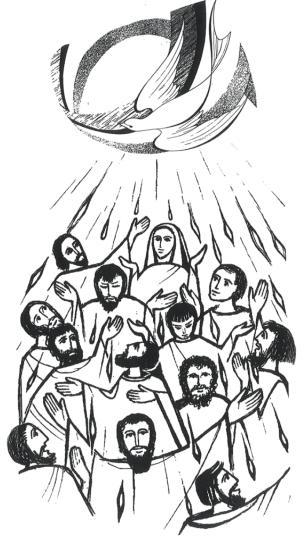
(Acts 2:1—11)

"When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all

excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages.

In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, 'These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!"



Pentecost

Look up the words of the *Nicene Creed* (p. 71 of the *Book of Common Prayer*, also available online). Find the section about the Holy Ghost (towards the end).

List all the things the Creed teaches us about the Holy Ghost:

- The _____, the giver of _____,
- Who proceedeth from the _____ and the ____,
- Who with [them] is ______
 and ,
- Who _____ by the _____.





New Testament Numbers

How many years was Jesus on earth?

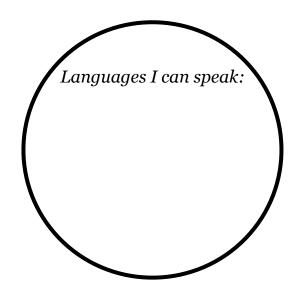
How many Apostles did Jesus have? _____

How many days after the Crucifixion was the Resurrection?

How many days after the Resurrection was the Ascension? _____

How many days after the Ascension was Pentecost?_____





The Collects for the Day of Pentecost Commonly called Whitsunday

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen*.



O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon thy disciples in Jerusalem: Grant that we who celebrate before thee the Feast of Pentecost may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until we come to thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

