


FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
9	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	AFTER PASCHA	32: Pentecost

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this:] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fisherman all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, drawing all the world into Your net. O Loving One, glory be to You. – Apolytikion of Pentecost -

Starter: Ask children if they know what we celebrate fifty days after the Easter (Pascha) Sunday. Bring the icon of Pentecost and show it to the children. Describe the context. (See the first link below on the resources).

Learning objectives: To learn what we celebrate forty days after the Easter (Pascha) Sunday and why.

Core Activities and Learning

Introduction: 50 days after Great and Holy Pascha, we celebrate another wonderful feast: the feast of Pentecost. This important feast commemorates the fulfilment of Christ's promise to his disciples: the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. The apostles were then able to go out into Jerusalem and speak to all the people there about Christ: even though they did not speak the people's languages! The Holy Spirit gave them power, boldness and wisdom to preach and live the gospel. It is the same for us.

Read from the Bible, Acts 2:1-47.

Show the following animation video about Pentecost to children:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqG_ivZhU-A

Say that this holiday represents the last steps in Jesus' mission among us. God the Holy Trinity was made clear to all in His power and glory on the day of Pentecost. On this day, the apostles are ordained for their special mission through the Power of the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire and a mighty wind from heaven.

Refer to the bible passage you read and explain that the Apostles were praying together fifty days after Pascha (Easter)" when the Holy Spirit came down to them with a flame like fire. They began to speak in languages they never knew before. Now they would be able to teach the message of God's love to all nations.

Also, say that this was the day that the Apostles began to baptise people in the name of the Holy Trinity. Over 3000 people were baptized on Pentecost. We can think of our own Holy Baptism and Holy Chrismation when the Priest says: "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit".

Add the following: the week after Pentecost, we do not fast on Wednesday and Friday, however, this is the first time we kneel in Church since Pascha (Easter)". We stop singing Paschal hymns and begin singing the hymn "We have seen the light", because the light of the Holy Spirit is now in all of us.

Craft activity: Print and distribute to the children the puzzle activity of the worksheet. Have them complete this.

Resources: The Bible, Acts 2:1-47.

<https://iconreader.wordpress.com/2011/06/14/pentecost-icon-as-an-icon-of-the-church/>

http://www.orthodoxabc.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/023-EN-ed02_Pentecost.pdf

<https://orthodoxchurchschoolteachers.wordpress.com/category/pentecost/>

Review: The important feast of Pentecost commemorates the fulfilment of Christ's promise to his disciples: the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them.

Follow Up: What do we celebrate on the feast of Pentecost? Ask the children to recall and retell this at the next session.