

Pentecost

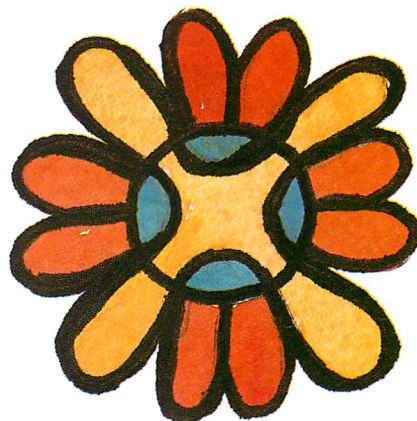
What does the Church do?



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After Jesus died and after he rose from the dead, he visited his friends, the apostles, for many days. They all met in the upper room where they had had their Last Supper, you remember. Jesus visited many times and they talked about things that would be happening in the future. One of the things was that Jesus promised to send to them the Holy Spirit, who would give them the strength and courage to follow and continue Jesus' plan on earth. After a while Jesus had to go. He rose to heaven and left the apostles who suddenly found themselves scared again. They were very frightened to be alone without Jesus. So one day when they were huddled in the upper room, they felt a big gust of wind. And looking around, they saw that all the windows and doors were shut. How could there be wind if all the doors and windows were shut? They became even more frightened. Then suddenly, the room became lighter than it was. And it got even lighter. When they looked up, they saw that little flames stood over the head of each apostle. With that fire over them, they knew that it was what Jesus promised: the Holy Spirit was coming to them in the form of fire and the Holy Spirit was giving them the ability to talk in strange languages that none of them had known up until then, and to do many other things as well. However, they each noticed that now they were afraid no longer. The Holy Spirit had given them the courage to continue Jesus' work. Two of the apostles, Thaddeus and Bartholomew, went to Armenia, to teach Armenians about Jesus. The Church celebrates this day as Pentecost because the Church really begins when the apostles get the courage and strength and desire to continue Jesus' work. So we say Pentecost is the beginning of the Church, which took place 50 (pente) days after the Resurrection.

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The Holy Spirit Descended upon Them in the Form of Fire



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