

# R.E. Knowledge Organiser From Easter to Pentecost

## What is the meaning of Easter?

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that is the way Christians understand God. Pentecost is a happy festival. Ministers in Church often wear robes with red in the design as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth.

## Key Vocabulary

Pentecost	Pentecost is a Christian festival that takes place on the seventh Sunday after Easter and celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit to the first followers of Jesus.
Saul	Saul changed his name to Paul. He was called to be an Apostle. He became a missionary for the Church. He wrote many letters. He went to many lands and taught the gospel.
Gospel	The teachings of Jesus and the apostles.
Apostle	Any of the early followers of Jesus who carried the Christian message into the world.
New Testament	The New Testament is the part of the Bible that deals with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and with Christianity in the early Church.
Ascension	The act of ascending. The bodily ascending of Christ from earth to heaven.
Disciples	The twelve special friends of Jesus.



## Christians Believe:

Christians believe in one God. They believe that we can experience Him in three ways (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). When Jesus left earth, he asked his followers to baptise new Christians 'in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit). Pentecost happened 50 days after Easter Sunday or 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus had already gone back to Heaven so the disciples and new believers of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that's what Jesus told them would happen. Since, Jesus wasn't with them anymore the Holy Spirit would help bring them closer to God.

At Pentecost Jesus was taken up to Heaven but there was a great wind, flames and the disciples started talking in many languages. The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples at Pentecost and is here with us still.

## How does the Holy Spirit help us?

By living within us and giving us gifts to live a good life. The gifts of Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge,, reverence, and wonder and awe.

We see the Holy Spirit at work in us in the fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity (love), joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and Chasity.