**6. SUPER Power!!**

*There is an accompanying PowerPoint for this assembly*

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| **Age range:** Primary |
| **Theme:** This term, we are thinking about leaders, leading and following, and now continue our theme looking at leaders from across the world and across history, to inspire us to be better leaders – and followers! – ourselves. We will look at wise words and wise lives, as well as use some key religious dates on the calendar to connect us with stories about leaders. This week, the focus is on the Christian festival of Pentecost, which marks the birth of the Church, as Jesus sends the promised Holy Spirit on his followers. We consider the impact that this had on the disciples, and on the community that they were a part of, and reflect on what our own school community might learn from this. |
| **DiamondHow does this link to your school’s Christian vision & values?**This week, it would be worth considering how your vision and values link with those of the early Church, with love at its centre, powered by the Holy Spirit.  |
| **Resources:** * The PowerPoint slides are numbered with a point in the script so you can find your way, and the parts in **bold** show you where to click on to activate the next slide or animation.
* **There is a join-in story in this week’s materials. To make the story work to best effect, you’ll need to put on your best ‘superhero’ voice!**
* **Reflective activity:** link to recommended picture for your reflective area this week: [Microsoft Word - pentecost picturefile.docx (cofeguildford.org.uk)](https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/docs/default-source/making-disciples/nurturing-education/education/pentecost-pause-day/pentecost-picture-file-to-go-with-journey-into-pentecost.pdf?sfvrsn=f7f90332_0)
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| Door Open**Gathering:** * **Slide 1:** This term, we are thinking about leading, leaders, and followers, so let’s start as we always do….
* **Slide 2:** Use these new gathering words for this term, or your usual greeting if you prefer. The greeting comes with BSL signing, you can view the demos using links under the slide.

**Leader:** As we share these stories of leaders…**ALL:** May we follow their example in **thoughts** and **words** and **actions**. |
| Puzzle**Engaging:** * **Slide 3:**We’re going to start our time together today with some pictures that are all connected – and a question…. *[Each picture will appear as you* ***click****: ask pupils to spot the connection, which is to do with superheroes – and superpowers.]*
* **Slide 4:** All these ‘superheroes’ have one thing in common……because they have superpowers. In stories, superheroes are supposed to use their powers to help or save others. So, now here’s the question I promised: if you could possess any superpower, what would it be? *[talk together and share some answers]*
* **Slide 5:** This week, Christians all over the world will be celebrating something called Pentecost. Pentecost happens 50 days after Easter, and recalls the story from the Bible of how the very first Christians were given a rather different kind of ‘super power’. There’s something I need your help with in the story. Every time I say the word ‘power’, I need you to put on your best ‘superhero’ voice, put your arm out front (like Superman!) and say ***‘SUPER POWER!’*** Can you do that for me now?...... There’ll be lots of opportunities for you to join in, so pay attention and I’ll try not to catch you out! *[use script on p.3]*
* **Slide 6:** That’s the story of the very first Pentecost, and all around the world, as it’s being celebrated, Christians will also be remembering that the story hasn’t finished yet! They believe that it carries on in their lives because as followers of Jesus, *they* now carry God’s power **‘SUPER POWER!’** wherever *they* go. As you heard, this is not like Superman’s super powers, but the power to be brave and to love others. As Christians live *their* lives, God’s Holy Spirit can work in, and through, them to change and save *our* world too. Christians believe that when they ask God to give them more of his Holy Spirit power (**‘SUPER POWER!’)** it changes them first, to make them more like Jesus – and then helps them to **love others**, as God does.
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| Thought bubble**Slide 7: Responding (words for worship):** **….in the stillness of this moment, let’s be quiet and think…..**…the new church recognised that the Holy Spirit – the power to love that comes from God – is more important, more effective, more powerful than anything else. They knew what the power of love could do as they changed the lives of those around them, with the help of God’s Holy Spirit power ***‘SUPER POWER!’*** Let’s wonder together now….**….I wonder what might happen if each of us looked for the chance to demonstrate that kind of love, the love that comes from God, for someone else today?….****....I wonder what difference it might make?….****…I wonder if it could literally change the world?….**I’m going to read you a prayer now – a Christian prayer, parts of which are very old. The prayer asks God to be in every part of us, so that he can help us to love and change the world.Listen to the words, and think about what they mean / if you want to pray this prayer and ask God to help you to have the power to love more like those early Christians, then make the prayer your own……**Prayer** *(it can be prayed with actions)***Slide 8: God be in my head, and in my understanding****Slide 9: God be in my eyes, and in my looking****Slide 10: God be in my mouth, and in my speaking** **Slide 11: God be in my heart, and in my loving****Slide 12: God be in my hands and in my caring\*****Slide 13: God be in my life and in my living\*** (\**words mine)***Slide 14: Amen** |
| **Sending: Slide 15****Leader:** As we leave this place and time and go into the day ahead…**All:** ….**may our hearts be filled with love.** |
| **To listen to / sing:** **To listen to: God be in my head:** [**https://youtu.be/UCik9Us\_K2A**](https://youtu.be/UCik9Us_K2A)[Golden Rule](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=se6gQUVscnw) & [Actions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMG1cTxUp5I) |
| Heart with solid fill**\*\*Reflective activity:** Print out the blank outline version of the picture used with this collective worship: [Microsoft Word - pentecost picturefile.docx (cofeguildford.org.uk)](https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/docs/default-source/making-disciples/nurturing-education/education/pentecost-pause-day/pentecost-picture-file-to-go-with-journey-into-pentecost.pdf?sfvrsn=f7f90332_0)**Do some mindful colouring, and think about the many different ways in which you could learn from the example of the early Church and show love to others this week.** |

**SUPER-Power!!**

This is the story of the very first Pentecost, the birth of the Church…..

Before he was taken up to heaven, Jesus gathered his friends the disciples around him and told them to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of his power ***‘SUPER POWER!’***, that he would send to help them finish his mission. He told them that when the Holy Spirit came, they would have the power ***‘SUPER POWER!’***, to tell others about him in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and even to the very ends of the earth!

And so they were all together in one place, waiting for the power ***‘SUPER POWER!’*** to come. Ten days later, on the Jewish day of Pentecost, everyone heard a noise, like a strong wind, that filled the building with its power ***‘SUPER POWER!’***, and settled as a flame on each believer’s head.

One by one, each person began to praise God, speaking in different languages as the Holy Spirit power ***‘SUPER POWER!’*** enabled them to. Now, there were Jewish people from many different nations in Jerusalem for Pentecost, and when they heard the noise, they came rushing. Each heard the disciples praising God in their own language and were amazed and confused by this power ***‘SUPER POWER!’***. ‘They’re speaking to us in **our** languages, describing God’s mighty works!’ some said. But others joked and said they had had too much to drink.

The Holy Spirit power ***‘SUPER POWER!’*** made Peter bold and brave, and when he stood up to speak to the crowd about Jesus, three thousand people heard his words, turned to God and were baptised – and they became the very first church!

The new church lived together as a community in wonderful harmony as they allowed God’s power ***‘SUPER POWER!’*** to work in their lives. By God’s power ***‘SUPER POWER!’*** the lost were found, the blind could see, the lame could walk, the captives were set free and the church began to grow.

When others looked at the church, they saw love…..joy…...peace…...patience…... kindness…… goodness….. gentleness…. faithful commitment…..and self-control – the beautiful fruit of God’s power ***‘SUPER POWER!’***

And so through the lives of his followers, God’s power ***‘SUPER POWER!’*** changed the world around them wherever they went.

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***The Holy Spirit gave the disciples courage to tell others what God had done. It also helped the brand new Church to love others as God does.***

**Think about times when you’ve needed**

**courage….or about times when it’s**

**been hard to show love for someone.**

**What might we learn from the disciples about how to live? How did the Holy Spirit help them?**

**How might we show this kind of love to others this week?**