The day of Pentecost - The Holy Spirit Comes. Acts 2:1-6 [NLT]

Pass the box around the circle and read the following verse:-

"On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place."

A child opens the box and takes out parcel number **1**, then opens the parcel to reveal the plate.

Ask "Why does this helps us remember Pentecost?"

Continue passing the box round as the adult reads the next section

"Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them."

A different child opens the box and takes out parcel number **2**, then opens this to reveal the light.

Ask "Why does this helps us remember Pentecost?"

Continue passing the box round as the adult reads the next section

"And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers."

Another child opens the box and takes out parcel number 3, then opens this to reveal the dictionary.

Ask "Why does this helps us remember Pentecost?"

Continue passing the box until the adult says stop.

A child opens the box and takes out parcel number **4**, then opens this to reveal the Happy Birthday label.

Ask "Why does this helps us remember Pentecost?" Explain that this was the start (birthday) of the church.

Finish by celebrating using party poppers and saying "Happy Birthday Church."