



DAY SIX

A Pentecost story

Reading the Bible (Acts 2:1-13)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked:

“Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Reflection time

The story of Pentecost can be read as a journey from misunderstanding to understanding, by the gift of the Spirit.

> How do you relate to this experience ? Is there an event or a moment when you made this journey from confusion to deeper understanding ?

The disciples were in lock-down, yet they received a great gift.

> Which gifts have we discovered during this time of lock-down, individually, and in each other?

As a gift of the Spirit, in the story we see the disciples reaching out to other people.

> How can we as a family offer a warm welcome to everyone we meet and who come to our home?

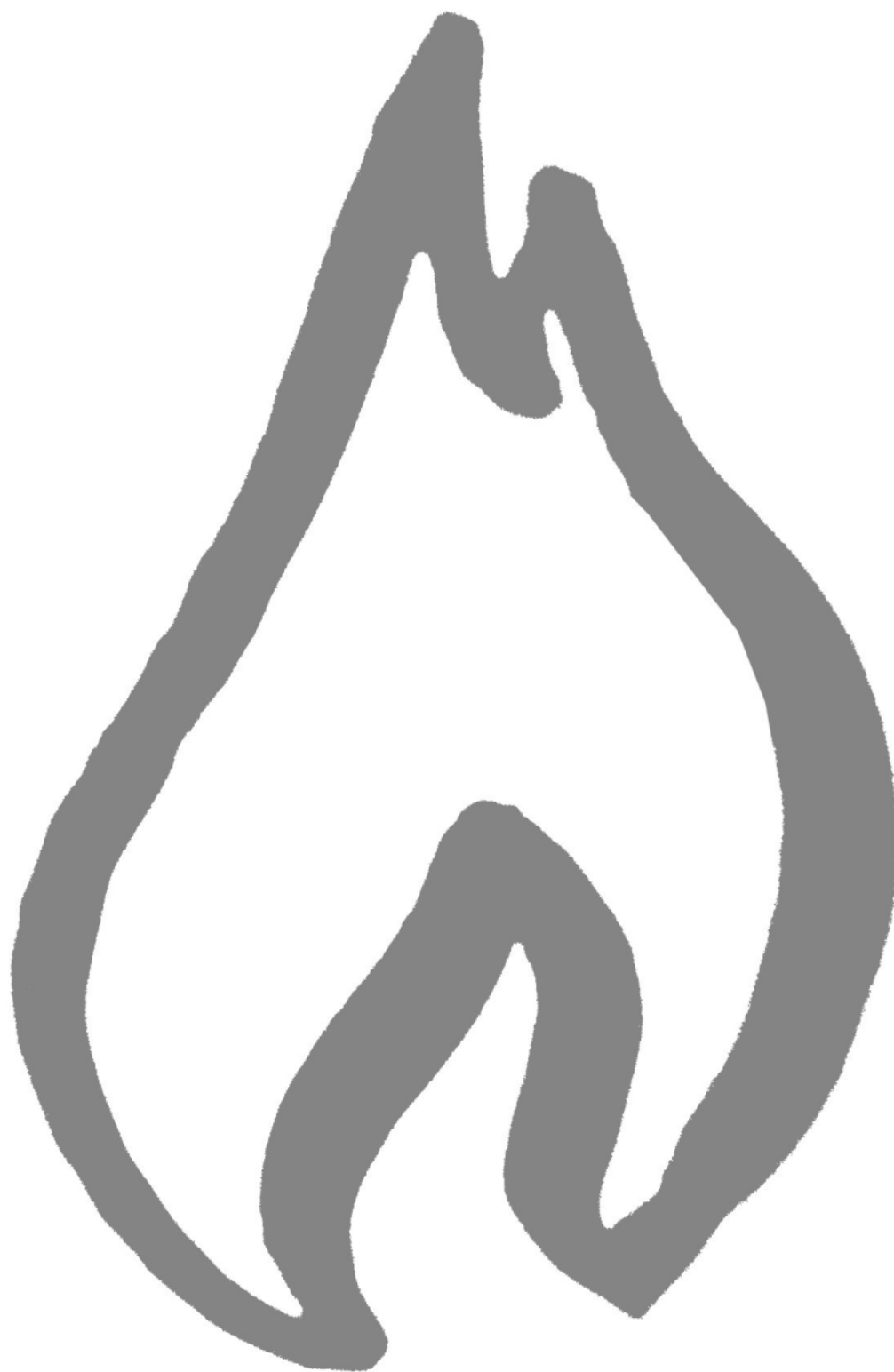
Gifts of the Spirit

Collect the gifts you have thought of in the 2nd question, gifts that you find in each other and in you, and try to narrow them down to seven.

Print (or draw) seven of the tongues of fire that you'll find on the next page, and decorate them, using different colors, with the materials that you have at home.

Write your family's gifts on the tongues of fire.

Cut them out and put them in a visible part of your home, as a reminder of what you received this week.



If you would like to share your experiences with the Olinda team, or if you would like to talk personally to one of the team, you can write us or send us a short video of your experiences at **olindateam@taize.fr**

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