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Energy

The energy of fire.



What do you think would happen if we had no sun?

Watch the video clip of how important fire is in creating pottery.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z2spyrd>

Think about the positives of using fire and the dangers of using fire.

Think of all the things that you can use fire for: cooking, warmth, making things, metal work, glass, firing pottery, for purifying etc. Talk about the qualities of fire - it warms, melts, cooks, burns, change liquids and solid substances.

Fire gives us light.

Make a flame mobile.

Draw and cut out flame shapes.

Use one flame to show the sounds fire makes, one to show what it looks like, one for the smells, one for how fire makes you feel, one for the differences fire makes in our lives and one for the uses of fire.

Find something to hang them together with or create a fire display with your flames.

The Ascension

After Jesus had been raised to new life, he told his friends,

“You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit. You will be my witnesses here in Jerusalem and all over the world.”

As he said this, he disappeared from sight.

They realised that he had gone back to his Father as he had said he would.

Based on Acts 1: 6-11
(God's Story 3)

Jesus goes back to his Father and promises to send the Holy Spirit. You could find an animated version of the story to watch on YouTube and discuss these questions:

- Q How long after Jesus' Resurrection was the Ascension?
- Q How do you think the apostles felt when Jesus disappeared from sight?
- Q Why do you think that the apostles needed the power and energy of the Holy Spirit?

A disciple is a follower of Jesus.

An apostle is someone who is sent out to spread the Good News of Jesus to the whole world.

How can you be an apostle and spread the Good News of Jesus? Record what you would do and why.
Will you need the power and energy of the Holy Spirit?

The Coming of the Holy Spirit



Read the story or watch the video showing what happened at Pentecost.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqG_lvZhU-A

Why were the disciples hidden away when the crowds were outside?

Why did the Holy Spirit appear as wind and fire?

On the image on the next page, imagine you are the follower of Jesus in blue addressing the crowd. **Write what you would say in the big speech bubble**, telling them how the power and energy of Pentecost has changed you and the wonder and awe you experienced.

How do you think the person in the crowd would have responded? Look at their facial expressions for a clue...

The Holy Spirit inspired a new way of living.

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong and powerful wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from many different countries yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!" Amazed and confused, they kept asking one another, "What does this mean?" But others made fun of the believers, saying, "These people are drunk!"

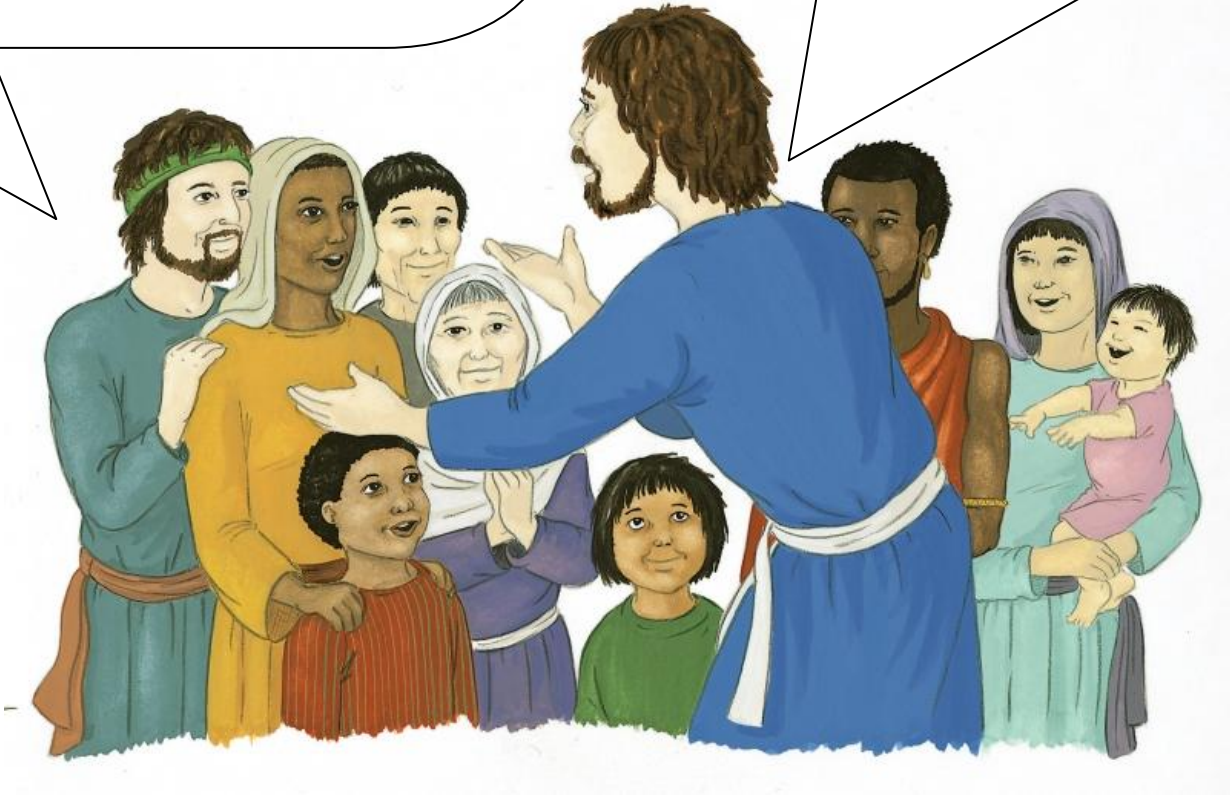
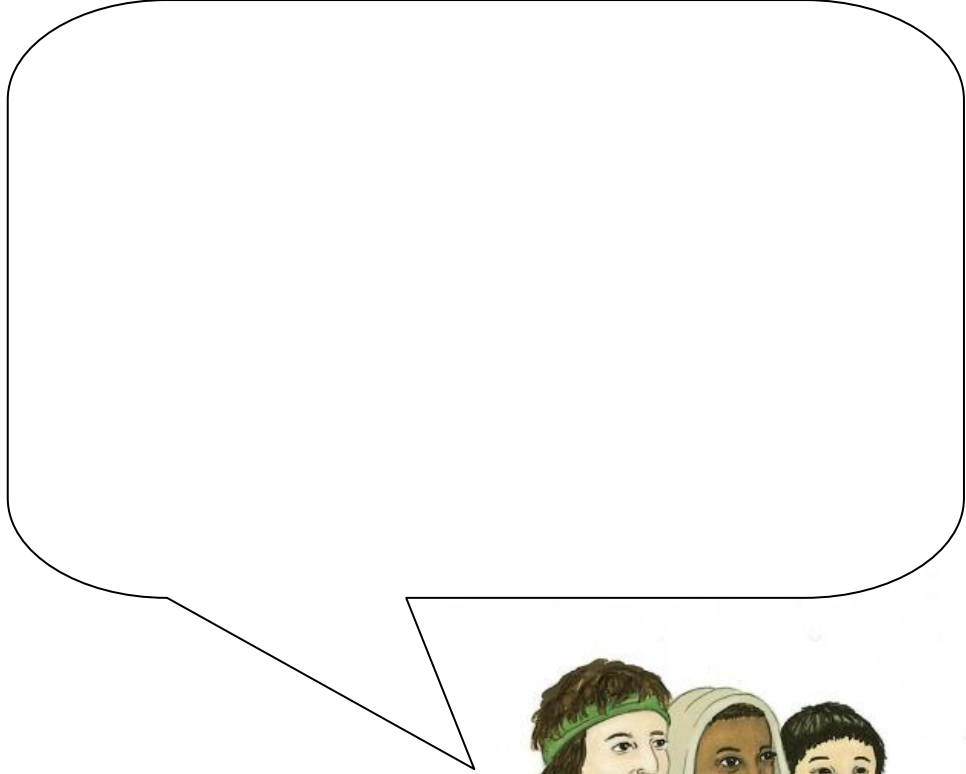
Then Peter stood up with the apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd. "Fellow-Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. These people are not drunk, they are filled with God's Holy Spirit."

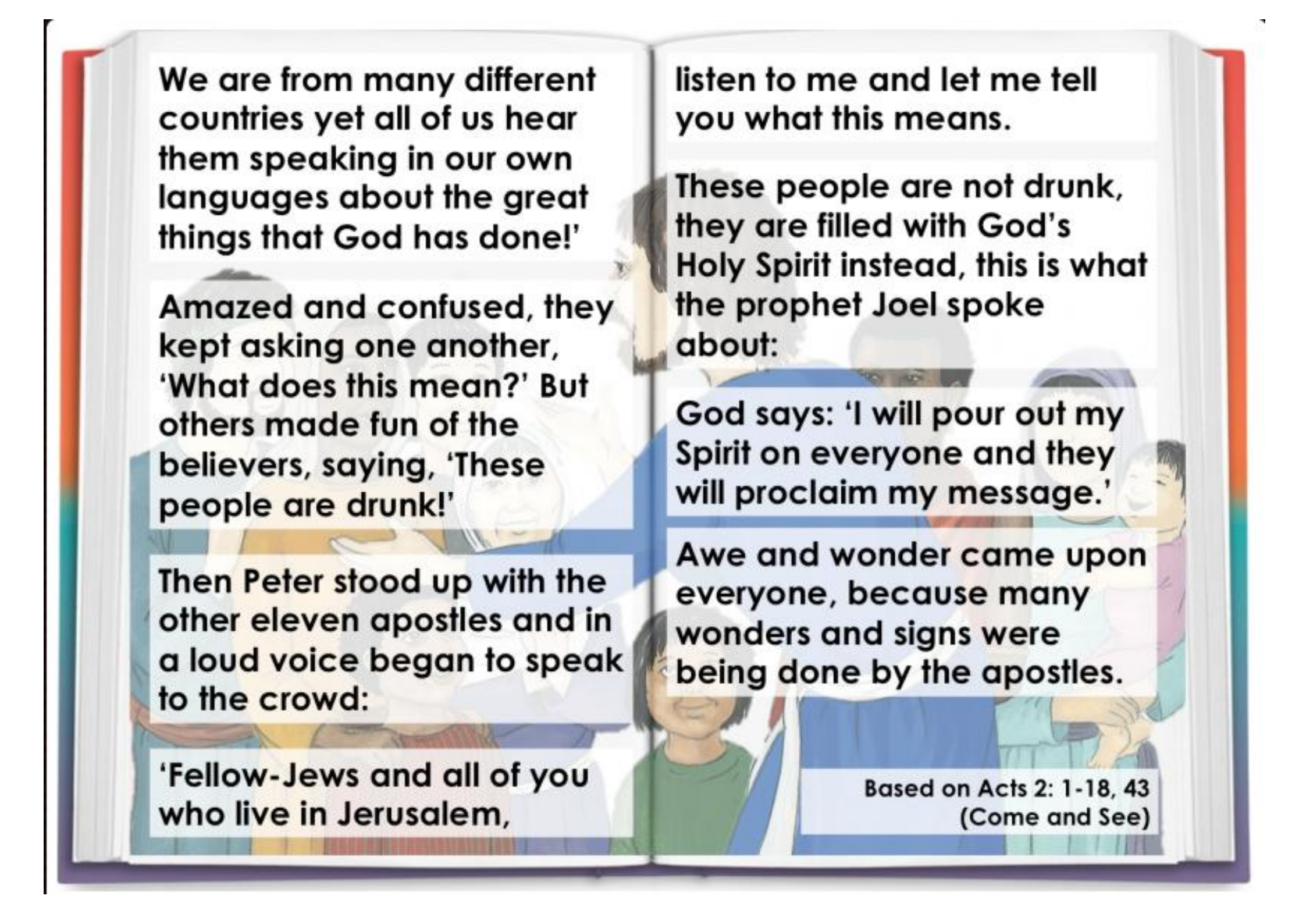
This is what the prophet Joel spoke about: God says: "I will pour out my Spirit on everyone and they will proclaim my message." Awe and wonder came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

Acts 2: 1-18, 43

Apostle of Jesus

Person in the crowd





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Based on Acts 2: 1-18, 43
(Come and See)

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Read or watch the story of Pentecost again.
Make a list of words or phrases from the story which link to energy or power.

It might be describing people filled with energy or having no energy. It might be words describing how people felt or acted or just words that you like!

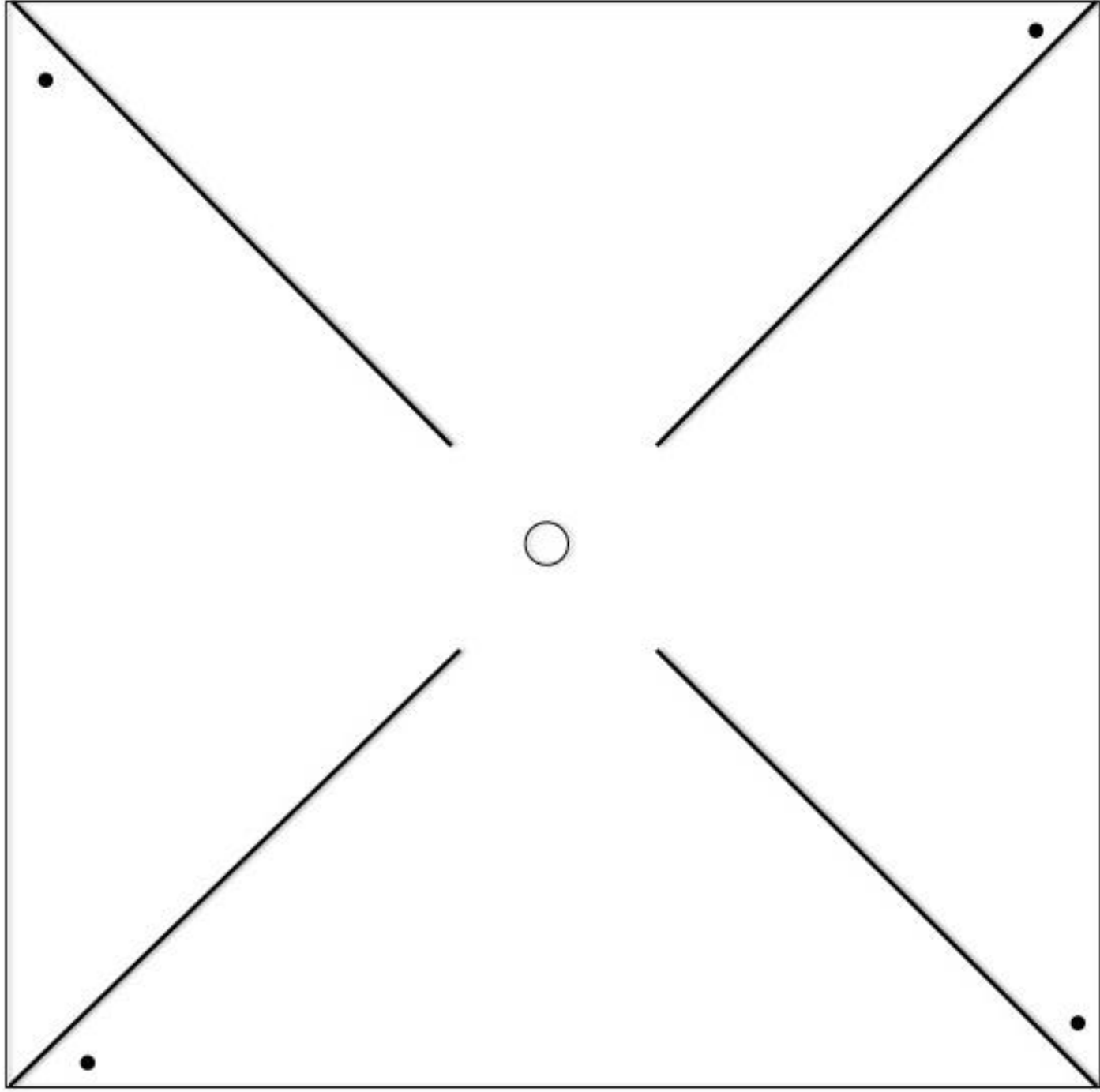


Create something colourful to display these powerful words.

You could make a pinwheel like the one on the next page with energy words on the sails. Use 'energy' colours, what do you think these might be?

Take it outside when completed and blow it in the wind to see the effect.

Can you make links between the energy the wind gives to move the pinwheel and that given by the Spirit to 'move' the apostles.



Make your Pentecost pinwheel:

- Decorate the 'sails' with images of flames
- Cut down the diagonal lines
- Sellotape or glue the corners with the dots into the centre
- Cut a hole in the middle
- Wrap a pipe cleaner around a stick
- Put the pipe cleaner through the hole in the middle and make a 'knot' to hold it in place



Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost is a great time to celebrate the richness and diversity of the church community. How do you think our community at church is diverse?

How many languages do you think people at church may be able to speak?



Sing along to the song "*Let your living water flow over my soul*" on YouTube. What do the words tell us about the Holy Spirit?

Can you explain to someone at home why priests and deacons would wear red vestments at Pentecost?

The Holy Spirit energises us.

On Pentecost day, God's Holy Spirit showered gifts upon the friends of Jesus, gifts which were different kinds of energy, gifts which transformed them. To help Christians live as followers of Jesus the Holy Spirit gives them different kinds of gifts so everyone can help one another. St. Paul explains this in his first letter to the people living in Corinth.

Read St Paul's letter to the Corinthians on the next page and discuss these questions:

- Q What does Paul tell us God gives to everyone?
- Q What different gifts/energies does Paul tell us God gives to different people?
- Q What are these to be used for?
- Q What gift/energy, do you think God has given to you?
- Q What gift/energy, would you like to have? Why?
- Q How can Christians be open to the Spirit and use their gifts for the good of others?



God has given each of us different gifts. But he has given us the same Spirit in our hearts.

There are many different ways of caring for ourselves and for one another. But it is the same Spirit who gives us the energy (power) to care for one another in these different ways.

The Holy Spirit gives to some the power to speak wisely; to some the power to work out difficult problems and to explain them; to some the power to believe in and trust God;

to some the skill of nursing and healing;


to some the power to do wonderful things;

to some the power to know God and to help others to know him;

to some the power to distinguish clearly between right and wrong.

All different gifts, all different forms of energy, but all given by the same Holy Spirit who is at work in our hearts.

Based on I Corinthians 12: 4-8, 11
(Come and See)



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Can you write a prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to energise Christians every so we can spread the Good News of Jesus and create God's Kingdom on Earth.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Think about these gifts.

Do you know what each of the words means?

Can you explain them to someone at home?

On the next page, match the gift of the Holy Spirit with its meaning.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Definition

We remember the power and beauty of God. We see this beauty in the world around us and we must respect and care for it.

We have the ability to make good decisions.

We can make tough choices and we try to do what is right.

We have the strength to do the right thing even in difficult situations. We have faith in Jesus and know He will help us through difficult times.

We treat other people as we would like to be treated ourselves. We treat the world around us with care and consideration.

We can understand Jesus' messages and his teachings. We know what they mean for us in our daily lives.

We have knowledge of the world around us. We are aware of other people and their feelings.

Sharing God's Spirit

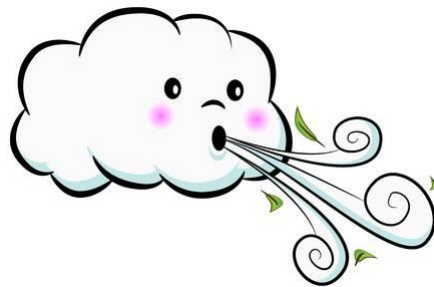
As we all have the Holy Spirit within us we should **share** it, just as we share God's love for us.

Create a symbol of the Holy Spirit. It could be a tongue of fire, it could be a gust of wind, it could be a dove or it could be a symbol you think of when you think about the Holy Spirit.

Decide who you will share the Spirit with. You could do this with others in your Class or you could share it with your family at home.

Once you have decided **write some special words** onto the symbol that you have created. You might like to choose your favourite bit of **scripture** from this topic so that you are sharing the good news like the disciples did or you might want to write a **message** which shares some knowledge or wisdom with others.

When you have finished **pass your symbol of the Spirit on** so that it is shared with others. Remember that all of your words and actions are an opportunity to share the Spirit with others.



Respond: Remembering, celebrating and responding to the energy of fire and wind and the wonder and power of the Holy Spirit.

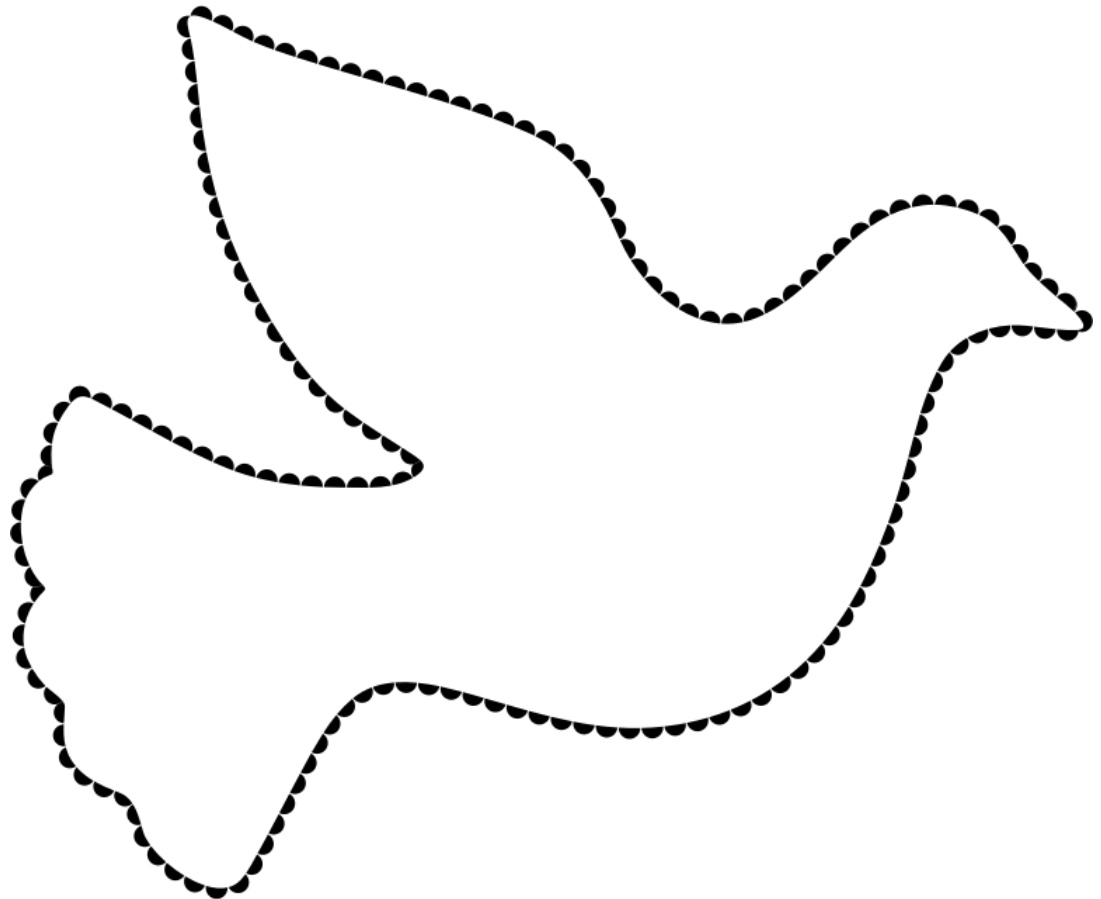
Think back over what you have learned in this topic.
Think about the scripture you have read and watched.

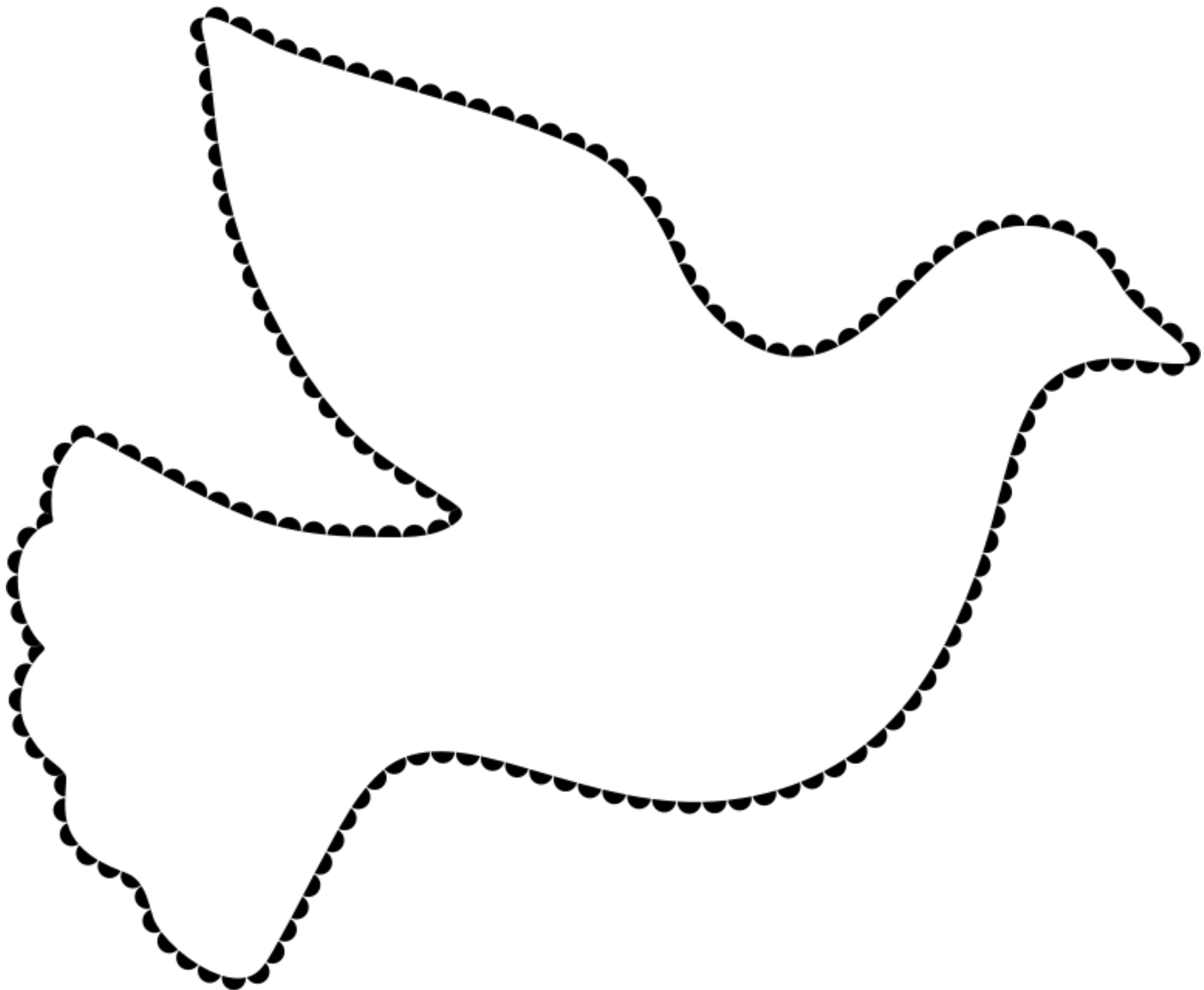
Think of ways you could use the gift of Energy to help yourself and others.

Write these ideas on a dove shape to remind you that the Holy Spirit is always with you.

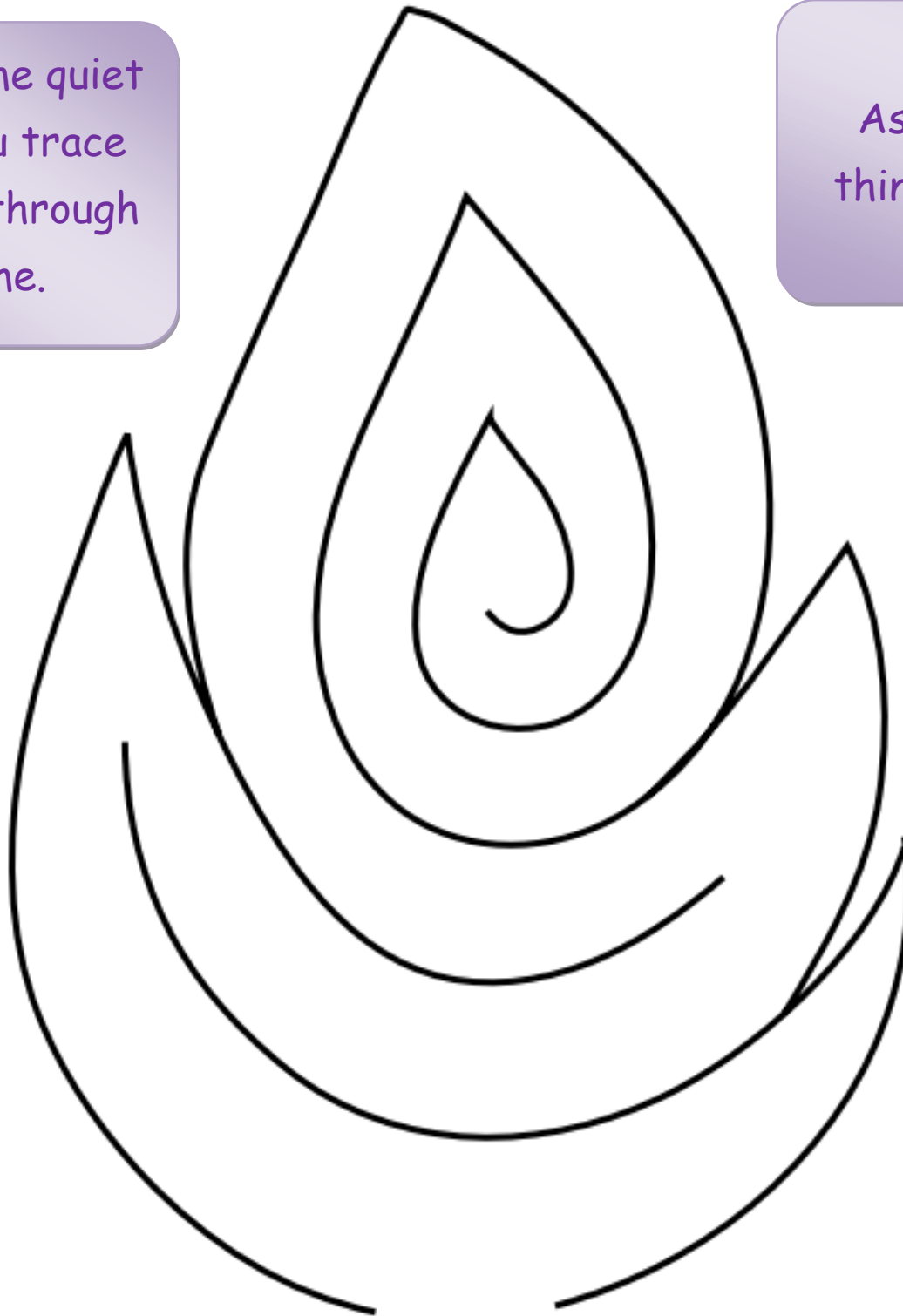
BIG QUESTION

How can I use my gift of energy for my own good and to help others?





Listen to some quiet music as you trace your finger through the flame.



START

As you move through the flame, think about the word HOPE. What does it make you think of?

AT THE CENTRE

Pause and talk to God in your heart. What do you need hope for today? Ask God to fill you with hope.

ON YOUR WAY OUT

As you trace your way back out of the flame, think about someone who needs hope and ask God to fill them with the Holy Spirit.

