

## Junior Church at-home session for June 2022



### Readings for the Month

**Acts 2.1-21** *Taking it all in* – the story of Pentecost

**John 16.12-15** *The unfolding Truth* Jesus explains the Holy Spirit to his Disciples

**Luke 8.26-39** *Healed inside and out* – Jesus heals someone with a mental illness

**Luke 9.51-62** *Some things cannot wait* – Making the decision to follow Jesus

This month we move through Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. We learn about the Holy Spirit and how this helps us to be Christians. Jesus heals a man who has a mental illness and talks to us about making the right decisions as we go through life.



### I wonder?

- Can you be “filled up” by things that are not food and drink?
- How does it feel to be filled with God’s Spirit? What do you think this means?
- What sort of things do you think are important and urgent in your life?
- What do you think is important and urgent to do for following Jesus?
- Can you choose one or two of these to try this week



### Prayer Activity –

#### Being filled with the Holy Spirit - Water balloon fountain

**You will need:** plastic bottles, balloons, small straws, sticky tape.

- Make a small hole in the bottom of a plastic bottle and another in the bottle cap
- Secure a small straw through the hole in the bottle cap with sticky tape.
- Place a balloon inside the bottle, securing the open neck around the top of the bottle. Then inflate the balloon and cover up the small hole in the bottle with a piece of tape.
- Help your child to fill the inflated balloon, inside the bottle, with water and screw on the bottle’s cap.
- Finally, remove the piece of tape from the hole in the bottom of the bottle to create a fountain – the water will flow out of the straw at the top



## Jesus' impact on our world - How we can be part of bringing healing

**You will need:** paper and pens.

- Take a piece of paper, folded in half, and ask your child to draw two pictures: on one half, a picture of our damaged, divided world, e.g., people crying or fighting, rubbish, damaged plants, etc. Discuss how they think God wants the world to be; then ask them to draw the same scene on the other half – changing the damaged parts to reflect that.
- Discuss how we have our part to play as Jesus' helpers in bringing healing to our world. Ask your child to share their ideas for making some of the things they have drawn happen.



### Prayers

Almighty God,  
thank you that you send your Holy Spirit  
so that we can understand the things that we find difficult.  
Amen.

Holy Spirit,  
as we go out into the challenges and opportunities that we may face this week,  
please guide us and show us the way to keep following.  
Amen.



### For the month

- This month try to pause at the start of each day and ask God, 'What should I do today?'
- Think ways that you can help your friends or people in your family to feel happy.