

Pre-Lesson Downloads

#38 *The Holy Spirit and Pentecost*

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Dear Families: The subject today takes a lifetime to even *begin* to understand. I just want to introduce this part of God to the children. The Holy Spirit is referred to in the feminine in the Hebrew Scriptures and in the Second Testament. I will be using she and her when I write about the Holy Spirit. Some people believe in God as a Trinity which refers to God the Father/Mother, God the Son Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit. The word Trinity is not used in the Scriptures, so some do not believe in the Trinity. But three parts of God are mentioned in several places, one being at the end of Matthew (28:19). But, there is only one God, also mentioned in several places, one being I Timothy 2:5. I have had it explained to me as like an apple, there are the peel, the meat of the fruit and the seeds-3 distinct parts, but only one apple. There are many things we take on Faith because we can't understand it all. God is infinite and we are finite and trust is part of the whole package. God's Blessings!

Bible Text: Acts 2:1-13; 14-41 Abridged

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their own native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? [list of many surrounding countries] . . . in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" And others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days," God declares, "that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams". . . (Peter then reminded them about the crucifixion and the resurrection that had happened just 50 days before.) Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit". . . and that day about 3,000 were added.

Bible Verse: Acts 2:38

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(For little ones – Repent and be baptized, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.)

Activities: *Play with the wind: Kite, Wind Sock (Optional: Look up online how to make these items. Draw red, yellow and orange flames on them.) *Light candles for dinner and talk about what gifts you would like to receive from the Holy Spirit. If answers are all about toys, clothes, etc. gently remind them that those kind of gifts come from family and friends, or ask how would you use these gifts to help others? Or What are gifts that God would want to give you? Help them to remember back to some of the things we talked about it being wise to ask for, like: wisdom (Solomon story), kindness, joy, etc., when we talked about the Golden Rule (Treat others the ways you want to be treated by them.)

Answers to Puzzles:

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SEPARI

P R A I S E

EZITPAB

B A P T I Z E

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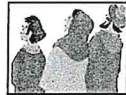
P E N T E C O S T

DIWN

W I N D

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S P I R I T



What did Peter say believers should do? R E P E N T .

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Jerusalem for a gift .

2. The followers heard the wind howling. It looked like little

flames appeared above them.

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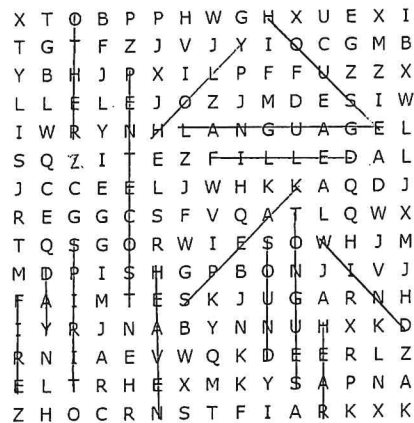
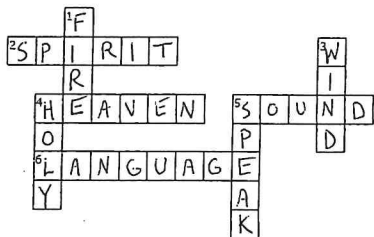
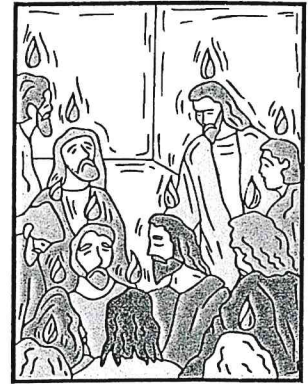
understanding new languages .

4. Peter declared "we have received a great blessing from God."

He then taught them about Jesus and God.

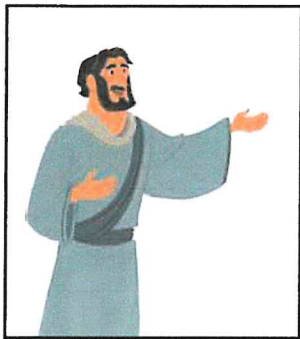
5. Word of Jesus and the blessing spread. Many people began to believe in the power of God. It is said this is the beginning of the

Christian church.



Pentecost Flames: 1. Color flame parts as indicated and cut out, or cut out and use as patterns for colored paper. Lay together, bottom to top, orange-yellow-red and punch two holes close to the bottom. Lay red, orange, yellow crepe paper or curly ribbon streamers in between holes. Use a bamboo skewer to thread through holes bottom to top. Tape skewer to back flame part. 2. Use garland with wire in it that has Pentecost color/s. Make a circle and cut garland. Twist ends together. Use red, orange, yellow streamers of curly ribbons to tie to the circle. Use to reenact Pentecost, making loud wind noises and placing "flames" on head.





Word Line Up for Jesus Began the Church

Unscramble each of the clue words. Use the letters that appear in the circled spaces to answer the final question.

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What Happened at the Pentecost?

ACTS 1:15 - 2:47, ACTS 2

Use the word bank below to fill in the blanks and learn about the Pentecost.

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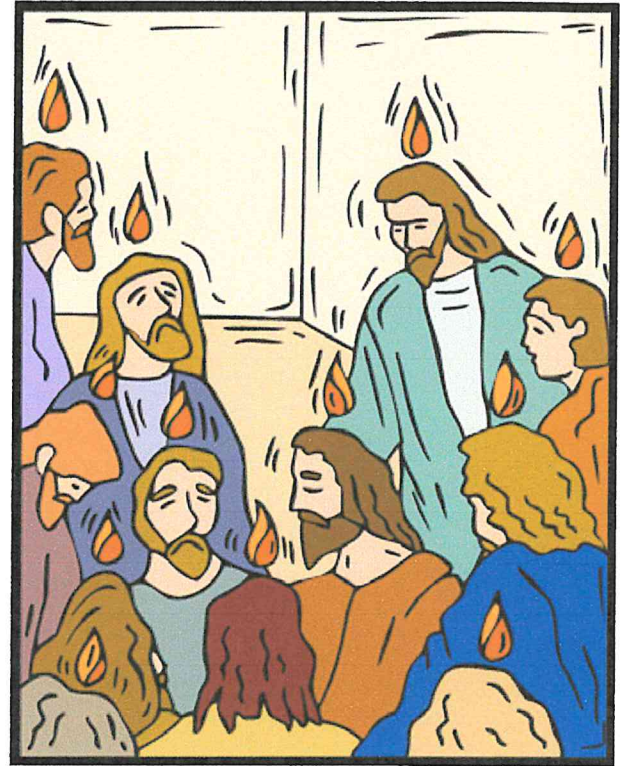
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WORD BANK

LANGUAGES
WIND

CHRISTIAN
GIFT

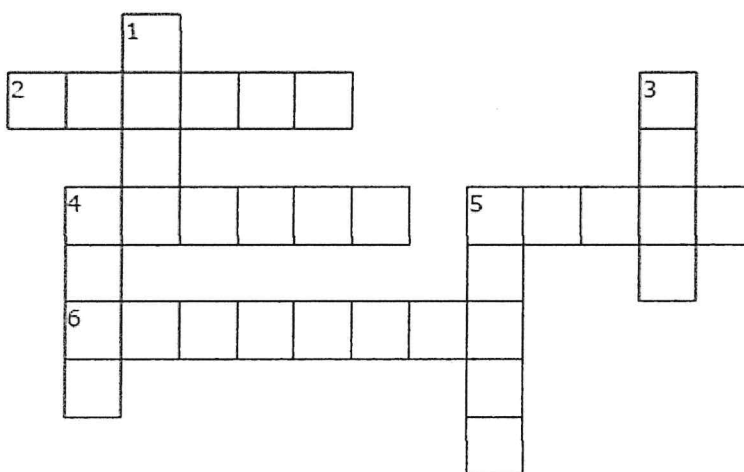
PETER
JERUSALEM

JESUS
FLAMES

The Day of Pentecost

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Based on Acts 2:1-21



ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE	FIRE	HOLY	WIND
SPIRIT	HEAVEN	SOUND	SPEAK

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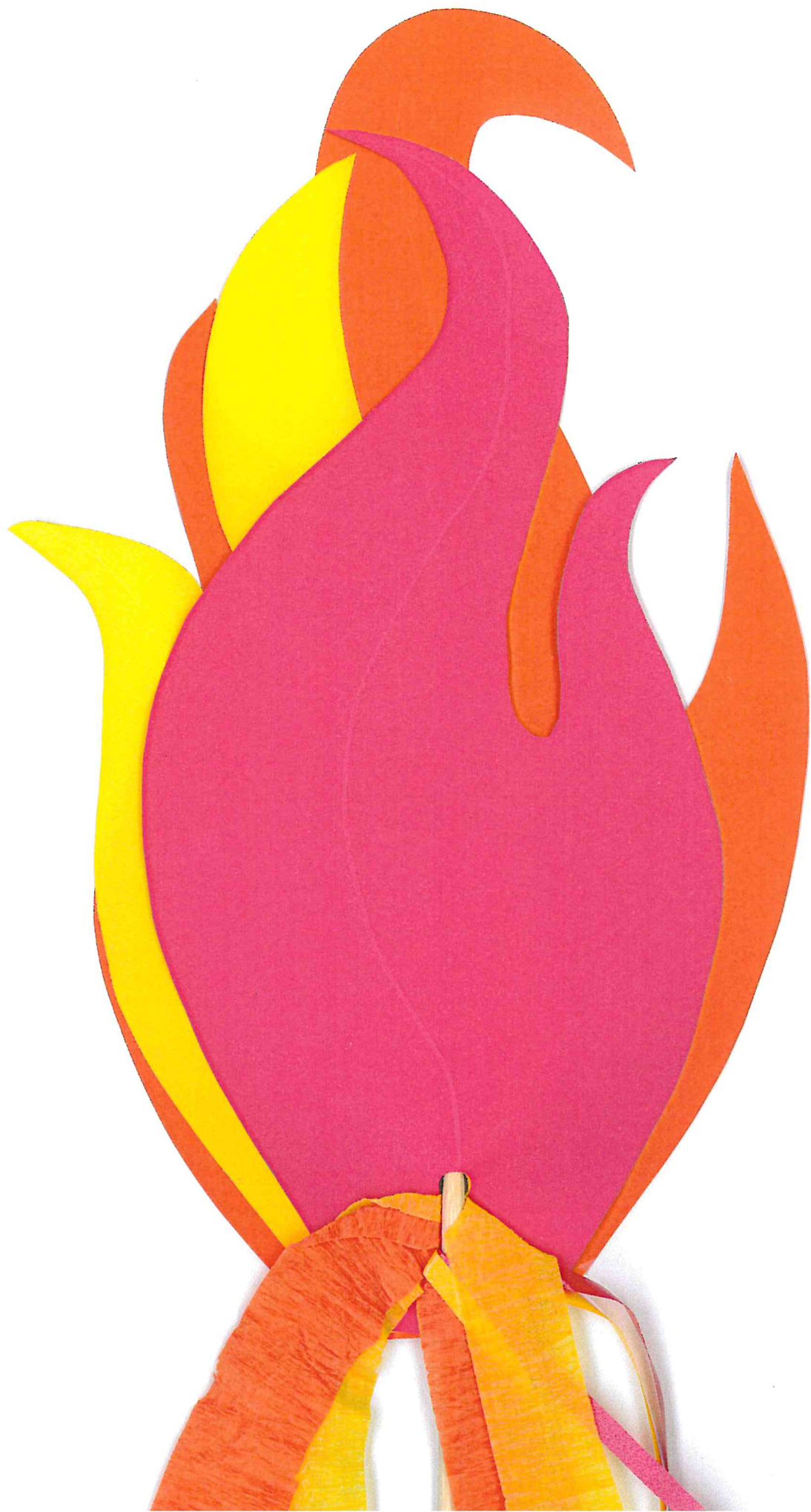
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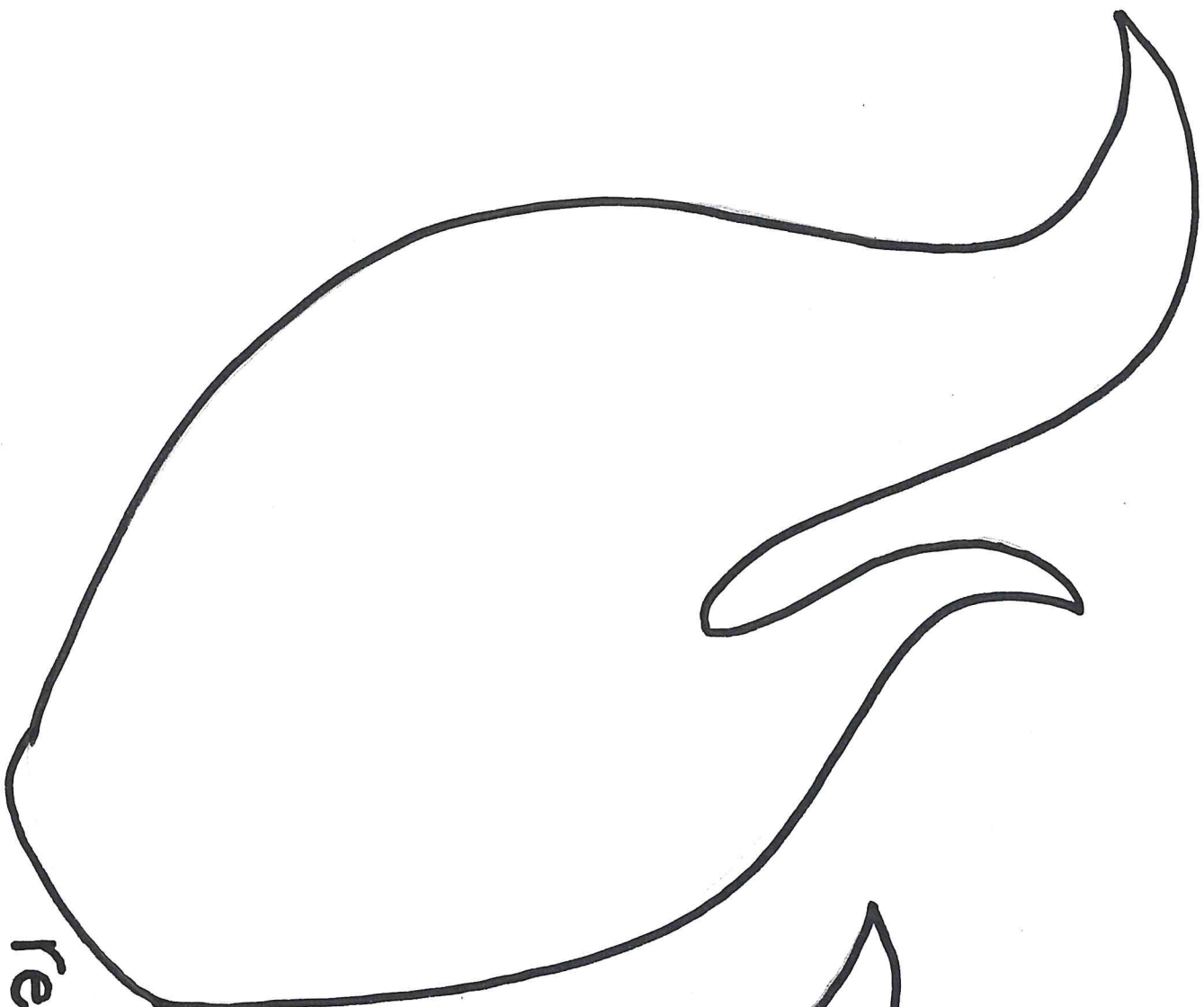
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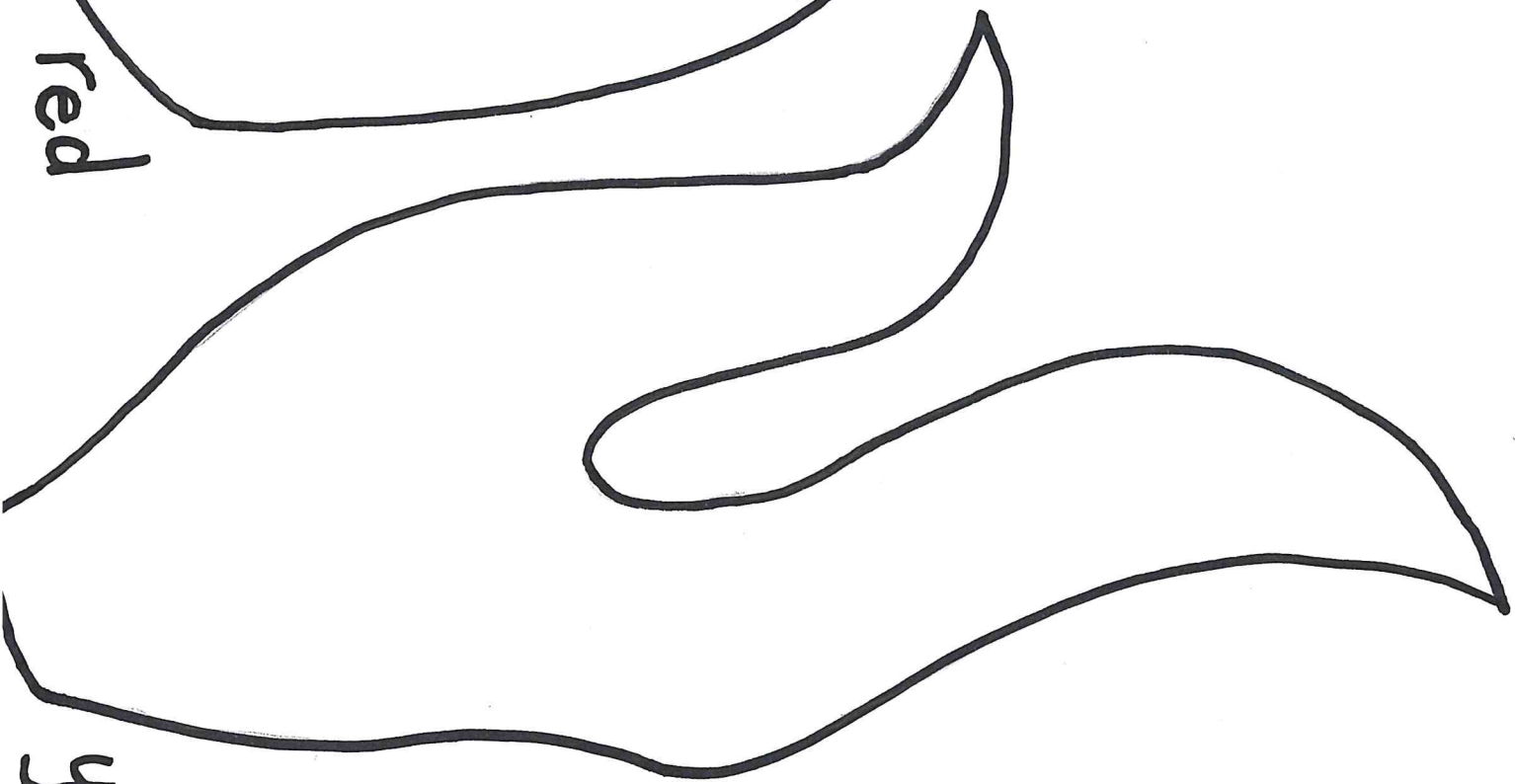




orange



red



yellow

