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 (John 16:13)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord God, breathe your Spirit into my life and make me new.
 Amen. (Ezekiel 37:5-6)

A Blessing to Share:

May God give you his Holy Spirit so that you believe in Jesus and live for what is right. Amen. (John 16:8-10)

Mealtime Refrain:

Come, Holy Spirit, Come: **Guide us into God's ways.**

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- Share about a time when you felt weak in some way.
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- What is the hope we have as Christians? How does this help us through hard times?

Devotional Practices:

Have a special Pentecost celebration in your home. Put up red, orange and yellow balloons, with streamers coming from them. Make and share a birthday cake lit with candles, to remember the Pentecost fire and the birth of the church at Pentecost. Read Acts 2:1-4 and say a prayer of thanks to God for the Holy Spirit's work in your lives.

Service:

Pentecost reminds us that the world is full of many different language groups. God wants the good news of Jesus to be taken to all these different cultures and groupings. This relies on the work of Bible translators, and organizations such as the *Bible Society* and *Wycliffe Bible Translators*. Find out how you can support their work. Include them in your prayers this week.

Rituals and Traditions:

Jesus used the wind as an image for the work of Holy Spirit (John 3:8), and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day was associated with a sound like the blowing of a violent wind. Take time out this week as a household to go kite-flying. As you do, discuss the wind as an image for the Spirit's work.

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism:

The Third Article of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

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