

PENTECOST

BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

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WHAT IS PENTECOST

Pentecost is when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit appeared in the form of Holy fire on the followers of Jesus, and this is remembered as the birth of the church.



We remember the Holy Spirit using a candle, like the one we give to people who are baptized, and we often celebrate the birth of the church with cake, as the church is over 2000 years old! That's a lot of candles!

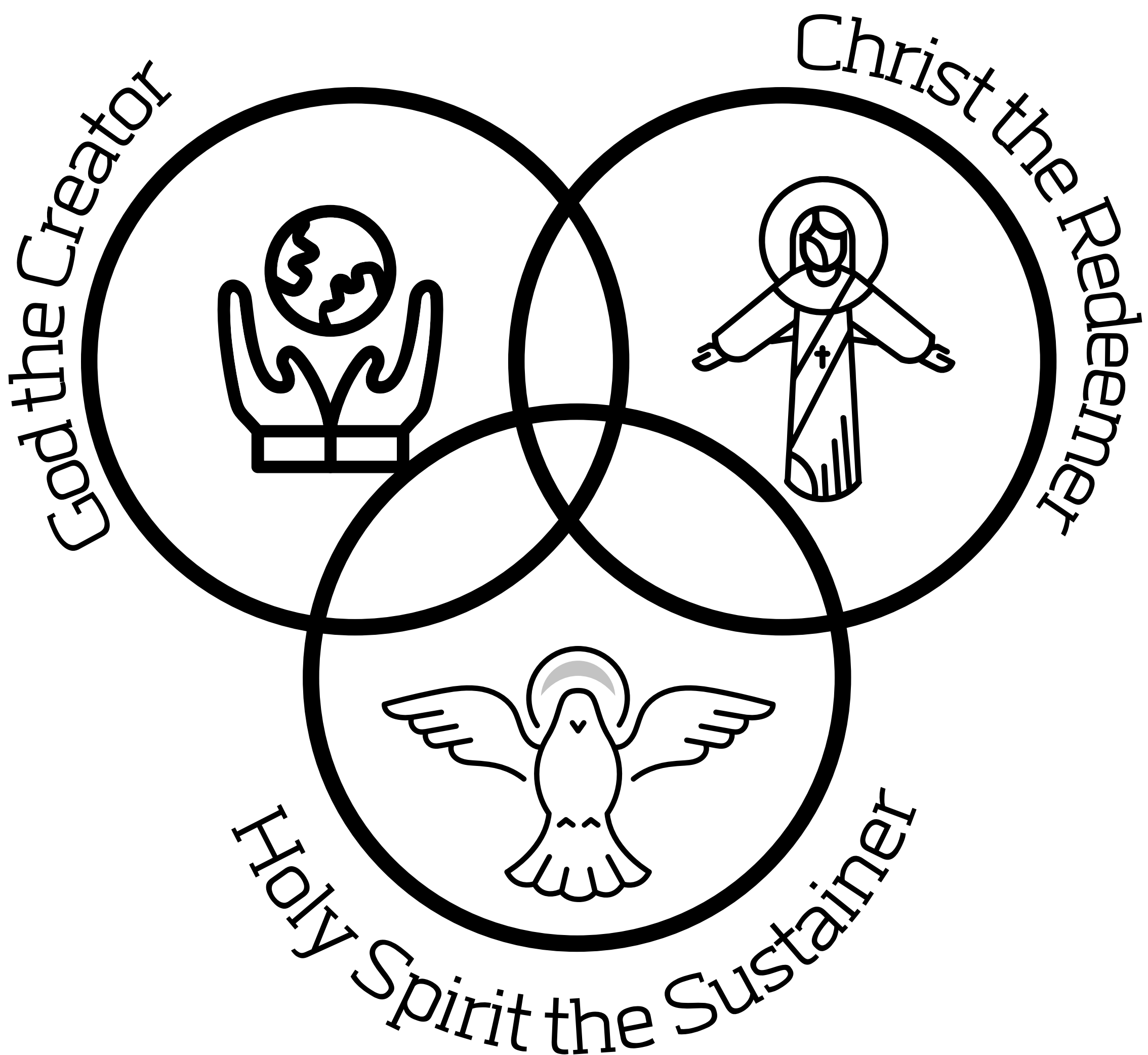
DESIGN A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR THE CHURCH!

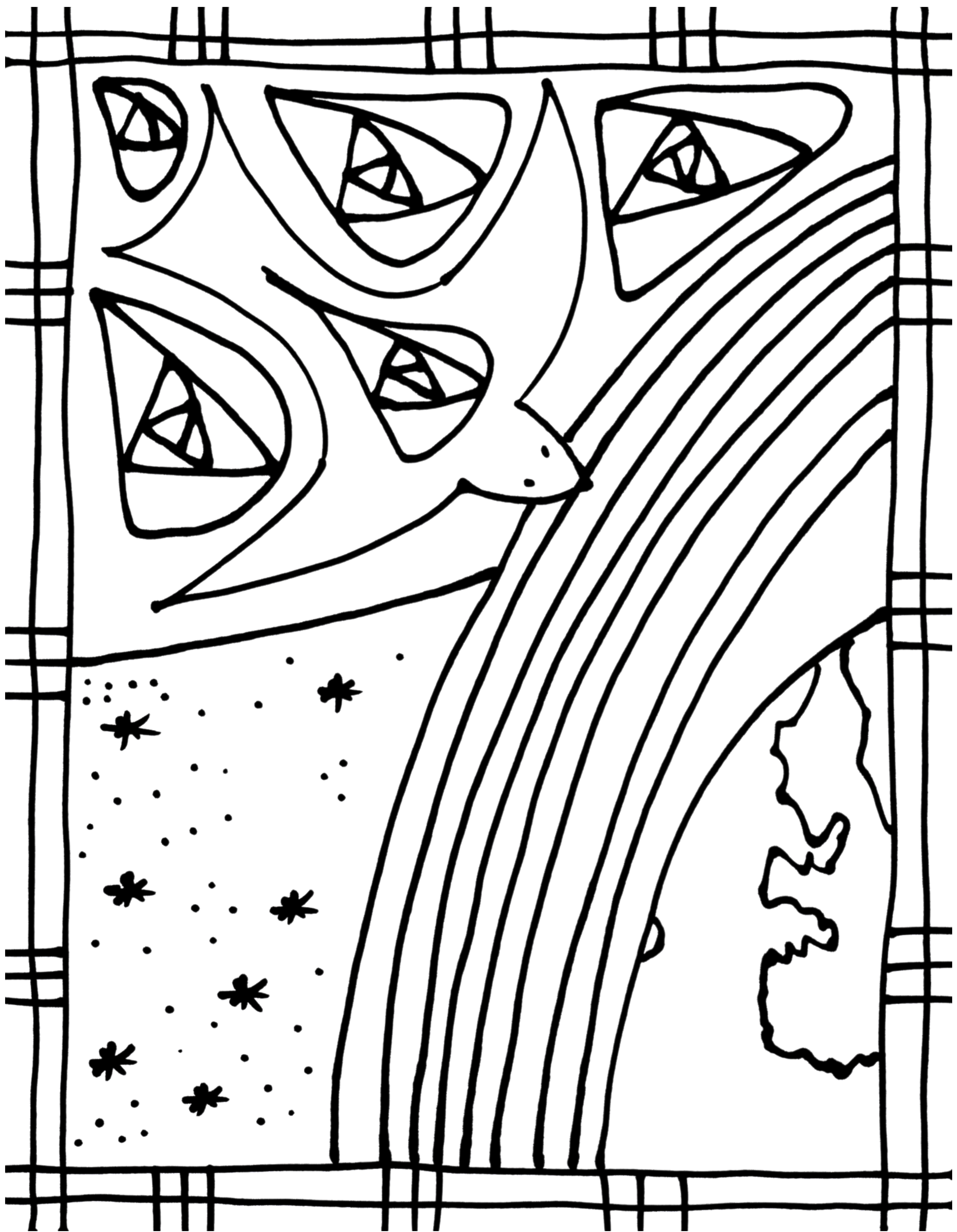
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WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is part of God, we call this way of understanding God, "the Trinity" because we have experienced the same God in different forms. God Created the universe Jesus, God in human form, taught us how to say sorry and be better people through love, and when Jesus left us on earth, we were given the Holy Spirit to inspire us, heal us and make us new.





WHAT HAPPENED ON THE FIRST PENTECOST

The Coming of the Holy Spirit: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages. There were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised because each one heard them speaking in their own language. They were completely amazed at this. They said, "Look! Aren't all these people that we hear speaking from Galilee? But each of us hears them in our own language. How is this possible? We are from different places: Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near Cyrene, Rome (both Jews and those who had become Jews), Crete and Arabia. But we hear these people telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!" They were all amazed and confused. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" But others were making fun of them, saying, "They have had too much wine."



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But Peter stood up with the apostles. In a loud voice, he spoke to the crowd: "My fellow Jews, and all of you who are in Jerusalem, listen to me. Pay attention to what I have to say. These people are not drunk, as you think; it is only nine o'clock in the morning! But Joel the prophet wrote about what is happening here today:

'God says: In the last days

*I will give my Spirit freely to all kinds of people.
Your children will prophesy and tell the truth.*

Your elderly will dream dreams.

Your young people will see visions.

*At that time I will give my Spirit
even to my servants, of every identity.*

And they will prophesy.

*I will show miracles
in the sky and on the earth...*

*And then the great and
glorious day of the Lord will come.*

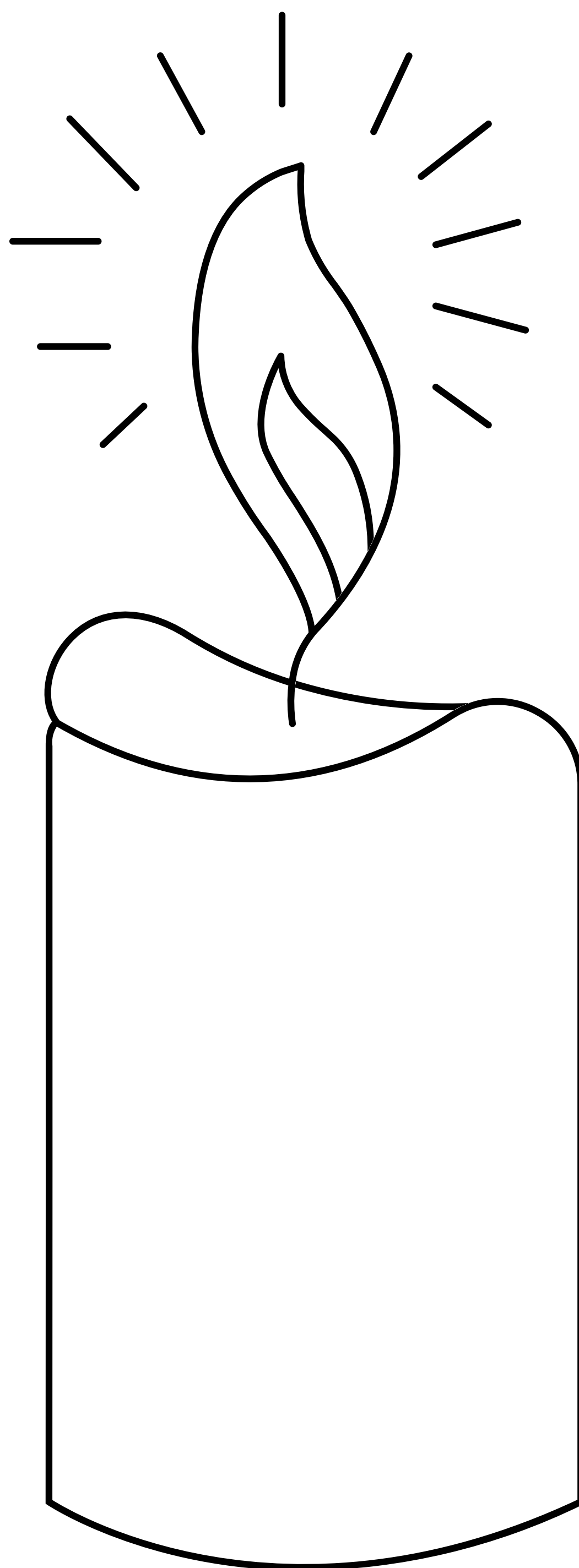
*Then anyone who asks the Lord for help
will be saved.'* Joel 2:28-32

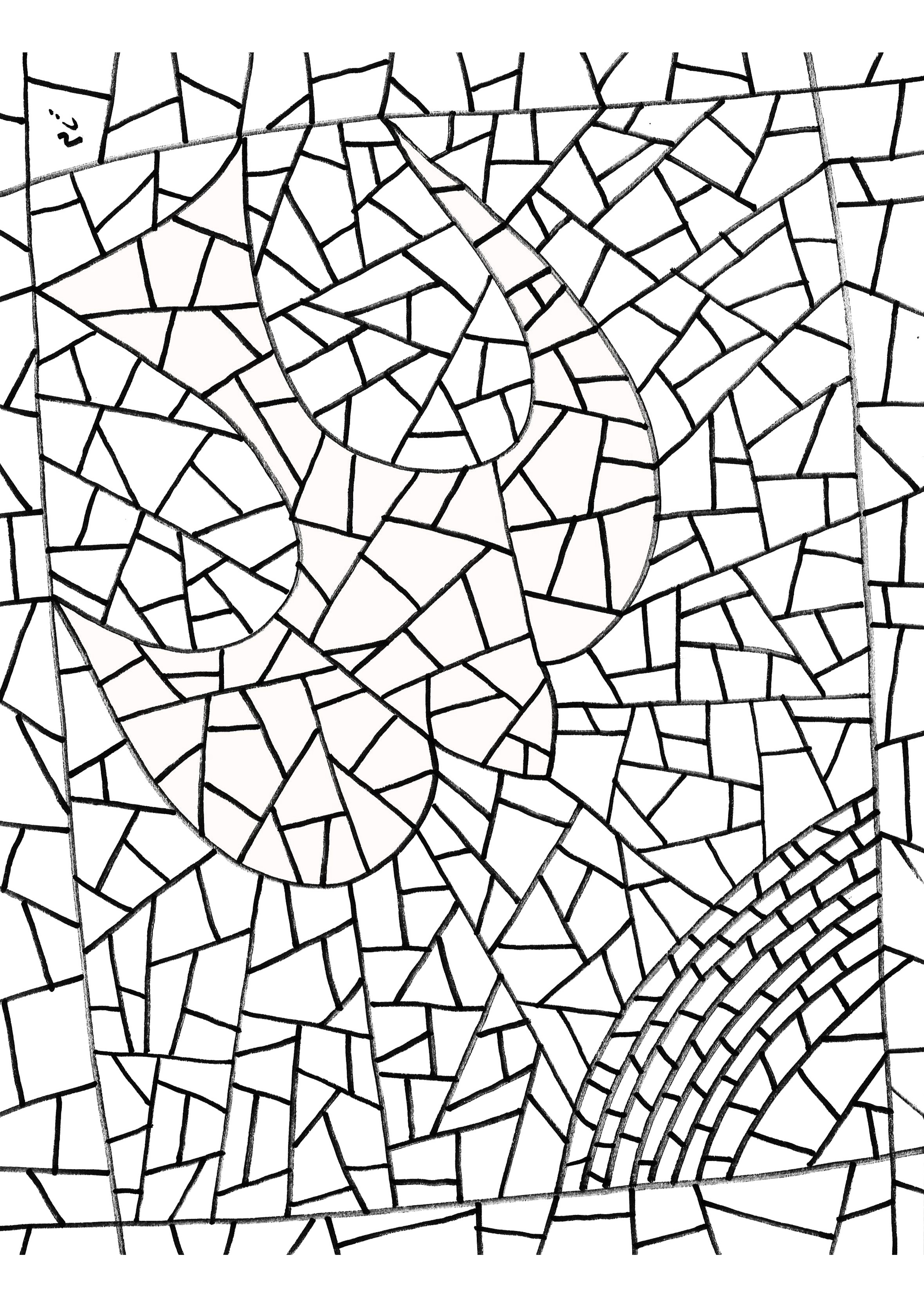


HOW DO WE REMEMBER PENTECOST

The Holy Spirit is often represented with the sign of a dove which is a sign of peace, and through flames, fire or a candle. We celebrate Pentecost once a year at the end of the season of Easter, many people wear red to church that day and a lot of people eat cake to celebrate the birth of the church. We also remember Pentecost at special days like baptisms, and ordinations because these special days remember and celebrate the church and everyone who is part of it. If you were baptized or know someone who was baptized they will have received a candle which symbolizes the light of Christ, or the fire experienced by the followers of Jesus in the story of Pentecost.

DESIGN A BAPTISMAL CANDLE





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FOLLOW
DISCIPLES
JESUS
FIRE
WIND
PRAY
CHRISTIAN

LANGUAGE
FLAME
HOLY
SPIRIT
POWER
TALKING
CROWD



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