

Pentecost Special Offerings

Building a Life of Faith

2021 At Home Resource



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Resources:

- Pentecost Offering Minutes for Mission pcusa.org/pentecost/resources
 - Red table cover, table runner, placemat, or 8-by-11 piece of paper
 - Candle and lighter (or electric candle so children in the house can light)
 - Offering jar or bowl to collect a weekly gift to the Pentecost Offering
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- ❖ Begin your weekly wondering time the week of April 25, 2021.
 - ❖ Use this time to wonder together about the guiding Scripture for the Pentecost Offering and the impact the Pentecost Offering has, and will have, on children, youth and young adults.
 - ❖ The day, time and length of time is up to you.
 - ❖ Together, pick a designated space in your home to create your faith formation space. Place the candle there.
 - ❖ Each week you will use one of the Minutes for Mission to explore the theme and the program areas supported by the Pentecost Offering.
 - ❖ Collect the offering each week during your time together and bring your offering to worship on the day your church will collect the Pentecost Offering.

April 25, 2021

Gather in your designated faith formation space and light your candle.

Invite someone to pray this prayer or one from their heart:

Come Holy Spirit, fill this space with your wind and wisdom. Open our hearts to how we are called to serve God and love and nurture the children, youth and young adults in our community and world through giving to the Pentecost Offering. Amen.

Invite someone in your home to read the Minute for Mission titled "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds" (Psalm 71:17). Save the prayer to read at the end of your time together.

Wonder together how the Pentecost Offering will *Build a Life of Faith* and impact children, youth and young adults in the community and world. Wonder how you and your church have been part of this mission and ministry.

Give an offering according to the ages in your home. (Examples: \$1 per age of a 5-year-old daughter = Give \$5; 50 cents per age of a 14-year-old son = Give \$7; 20 cents per age of a 45-year-old mother = Give \$9.) Place your offering in the offering jar/bowl.

Pray the closing prayer at the end of the Minute for Mission.

May 2, 2021

Gather in your designated faith formation space. Create the space with the red table cover, runner, placemat or paper to remember that red is the liturgical color for Pentecost. Place your candle in the middle and light your candle.

Invite someone to begin with prayer, saying this prayer or one from your heart.

Come Holy Spirit, fill this space with your wind and wisdom. Open our hearts to how we are called to serve God and love and nurture the children in our community and world through giving to the Pentecost Offering. Amen.

Invite someone to read the Scripture Psalm 71:17: "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."

Invite someone to read the Minute for Mission titled "Living the "DREAAM" and wonder together about how Tracy Dace and *DREAAM* makes an impact on the lives of at-risk children and youth. Wonder how funding from the Pentecost Offering aided in their mission and goals and can build a life of faith. Save the prayer to read at the end of your time together.

Give an offering according to the number of children in your neighborhood. Talk together about how much per child you should give and why. Place your offering in the offering jar/bowl.

Pray the closing prayer of the Minute for Mission.

May 9, 2021

Gather at your designated faith formation space and light your candle.

Invite someone to begin with prayer, saying this prayer or one from your heart.

Come Holy Spirit, fill this space with your wind and wisdom. Open our hearts to how we are called to serve God and love and nurture young people in our community and world through giving to the Pentecost Offering. Amen.

Invite someone to read the Scripture Psalm 71:17: "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."

Invite someone to read the Minute for Mission titled "A world away, yet connected through faith" and wonder about Sami Han, her life journey, and her involvement in church and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Wonder the Pentecost Offering aided Sami and continues to support young people as they build a life of faith. Save the prayer to read at the end of your time together.

Give an offering according to the number of children and youth in your church family. Talk together about how much per person you should give and why. Place your offering in the offering jar/bowl.

Invite one person to read the closing prayer of the Minute for Mission.

May 16, 2021

Gather at your designated faith formation space and light your candle.

Invite someone to pray:

Come Holy Spirit, fill this space with your wind and wisdom. Open our hearts to how we are called to serve God and love and nurture young adults in our community and world through giving to the Pentecost Offering. Amen.

Invite someone to read the Scripture Psalm 71:17: "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."

Invite someone to read the Minute for Mission titled "Young Adult Volunteers stand up to injustice and work for healing" and wonder about Langley Hoyt's journey that led her to be a Young Adult Volunteer. Wonder about the Young Adult Volunteer program and how the Pentecost Offering can help young adults build a life of faith. Save the prayer to read at the end of your time together.

Do a little research and discover how many organizations in your community serve children and youth. Give an offering according to the number organizations that serve. Talk together about how much per organization you should give and why. Place your offering in the offering jar/bowl.

Close with the prayer in the Minute for Mission.

May 23, 2021 Day of Pentecost

Celebrate by wearing red if you have it!

**Remember to take your offering to your church and give during worship if you are gathering in person, or coordinate with the church staff as a good time for your family to bring by your gift to the Pentecost Offering.

Read Psalm 71:17.

Read Acts.

Say:

Today is the day that we celebrate the beginning of the church! One way to celebrate is to give our Pentecost Offering! It has been exciting learning more about the offering from the Minutes for Mission. What is one Minute for Mission that you keep thinking about and why?

Pray together aloud:

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