

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADE 5  
LOCKDOWN PROGRAMME WEEK 11



Let us Pray:

Lord God,

In the first rays of the sun the whole world received its warmth.

Thank you for waking us up today, ready to face another day.

Provide for our needs, Lord.

You are the fountain and source of all blessings and we cannot survive

Without your constant help

Keep us safe while we travel into the outside world,

And heal those who are sick or dying.

Amen.

## LESSON 15: A New Beginning

- 1 Beginnings in Scripture:** Look up the following biblical verses: **Genesis 1:1; Genesis 2:7; Mark 1:9-11.**
- 2 Pentecost:** Read the passage [Acts 2:1-4].

This event marks the birth of the Church as the Holy Spirit fills its members with new life. The members are newly born in Christ.



### 3 **The Early Church:** We find out what life was like in the very early Church in Acts 2:42-47.

- They took notice of the apostles' teaching.
- They lived as a community.
- They met for the breaking of bread.
- They prayed regularly.

#### **The apostles' teaching:**

They taught the people around them, especially those who hadn't heard of Jesus. They took the Good News of Jesus to all those who were willing to learn and change. With those who were already followers or disciples, they shared in a deeper way and developed their way of life within the Christian community.

#### **The life of community:**

Seeing the needs of the community, they decided to share what they possessed with one another. Others sold what they had and donated the money for the good of the community. People were not expected to do without all they possessed to become part of the community. That was a voluntary decision. Nevertheless most of them put their possessions at the service of the community.

**The breaking of bread:** This normally took place in someone's home. They got together to discuss the community's business and to share a meal together, the way Jesus did at the Last Supper. (We'd call this a 'bring and share' today).

It was normally one of the apostles who would repeat the words and actions of Jesus. This was a very important part in the life of the community, as Mass is for us today.

**Prayers:** After Pentecost, they went to the temple together every day. They prayed in private homes as well. In small groups, they shared the food they brought and gave thanks to God.

The name Eucharist comes from this practice as it means 'thanksgiving'. Today we use the word Eucharist for the celebration of the Mass - our breaking of bread.

As time passed, the apostles stopped going to the Temple, the synagogue, and prayed in their homes or in open fields, where they could gather for prayer in bigger numbers.



**Lord, you deserve all honor and  
praise, because your love is perfect  
and your heart sublime.**

**My heart is filled to overflowing with  
gratitude for the many blessings and  
graces you have bestowed upon me  
and those whom I love. Forever  
undeserving, may I always be  
attentive and never take for granted  
the gifts of mercy and love that flow  
so freely and generously from your  
Sacred Heart.**

**Heart of Jesus, I adore you.  
Heart of Jesus, I praise you.  
Heart of Jesus, I thank you.  
Heart of Jesus, I love you forever and  
always.**

## **TASKS TO BE COMPLETED**

### **Reflection Questions**

Read the passage [Acts 2:1-4] again and then answer the following questions:

1. How did Jesus greet the sad and fearful disciples?
2. What fears do you have right now that you can offer up to the Lord, seeking his Holy Spirit to comfort you?
3. How can you bring the gift of peace in your home and environment today?
4. Divide a new page into 4 equal parts.
5. In the centre, draw circle and in the circle draw a picture to represent Pentecost as you interpret it. You can use the normal symbols for Pentecost, like a dove or flames.
6. In each corner, draw a picture to show the following 4 activities of the apostles:
  1. They took notice of the apostles' teaching.
  2. They lived as a community.
  3. They met for the breaking of bread.
  4. They prayed regularly.