

Gather

This verse is so poignant this year, after isolation, distancing and lockdowns - the idea of gathering together in one place can evoke many different reactions.

This could be a good time to reflect on what it means to gather and emotions from being apart.

For some groups this may be the first time to gather and so offers a space to voice the different emotions. You could have hand print cut outs and invite people to write or draw on them the different emotions.

This is really helpful to explore emotions but also thinking forward of how you can respond to these.



Invite people to draw around and cut out or paint and stamp their hands onto a tree.

I wonder how you grow together?

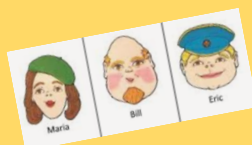
Make a frame on the ground from 4 sticks (laying flat).

Invite people to bring something into the frame to make a pattern or image.

People can reflect on what has been made or what it might be.


Take a foot photo – get everyone to add their foot into the image.

If you are doing this separately ask people if they can send a photo of their foot. You could even play Guess Who? after.



Thresholds are important in Muddy Church. Noticing where we start, in every sense, gives us a place in our journey.

Where does your journey begin? Where will people feel welcome? When might they feel they are in the journey?



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ACTS 2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place



PENTECOST comes from the Greek word which means 50. It celebrates 50 days after Passover.

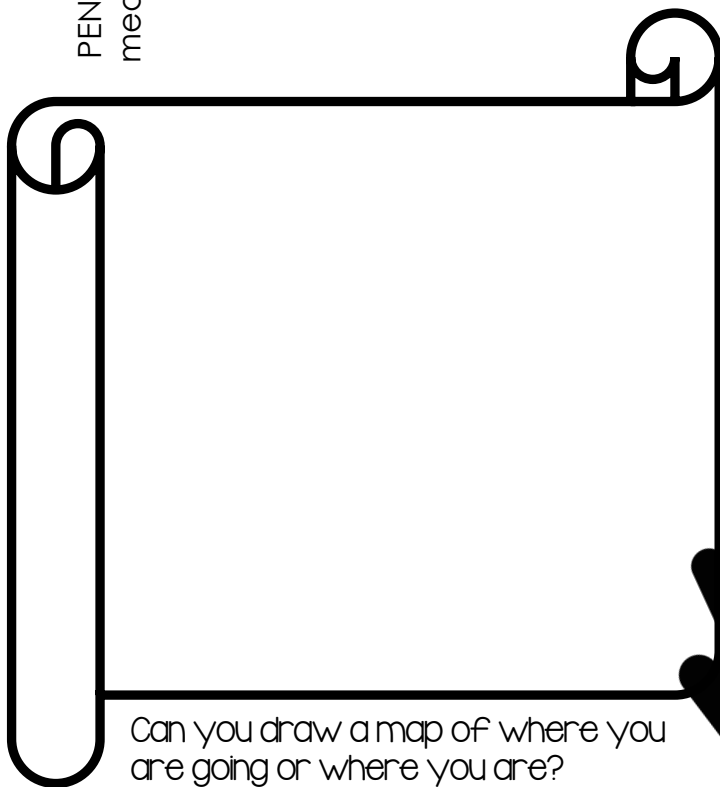
I wonder if you can think of 50 things to celebrate since Easter??

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PENTECOST was a pilgrim festival which meant people would come from all over, wherever they lived to be a part of this festival. Have you ever travelled somewhere for something special?

I wonder if you have ever felt God is with you?

Can you see anything that has come from another place?



Can you draw a map of where you are going or where you are?

