# Religious Studies: Notes

## Theme: Celebrating Pentecost/Whitsun

**Jesus returned to heaven after His death with the promise that He would send a Comforter to His disciples. Fifty days after Jesus' Resurrection, on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came. The Feast of Pentecost or the Feast of Harvest was celebrated fifty days after Passover. On this special day the disciples were all gathered in Jerusalem, which was crowded with Jews from everywhere. The Holy Spirit came as a great rushing wind from heaven, which filled the room where they were. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues or languages. Visitors to Jerusalem understood what the disciples were saying.**

**Christian churches celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday each year. These services are festive and filled with glorious singing. Songs about the Holy Spirit are sung in some churches. The sermon is usually about the Holy Spirit and the role He plays in the life of a Christian. Pentecost is also referred to as Whitsun. This is why we observe Whit Monday as a holiday.**

**The Holy Spirit impacts people's lives every day. The Holy Spirit plays the following roles: • Special Comforter/Helper (John 14:16; 15:26)) • Revealer of Truth (John 14:17; 15:26 • Teacher (14:26)**

**In the Bible, various symbols have been used to describe the Holy Spirit. They are dove (Mark 1:10), fire (Acts 2:3), wind (Acts 2:2), living water or streams (John 7:38-39).**

**Answer the following questions based on the notes above.**

1. **Identify a word in paragraph one that means the same as consoler. Type your answer in the space provided.**

2. **After Jesus' resurrection the Feast of Pentecost occurred how many days after?**

a. **500 days**
b. **50 days**
c. **55 days**
d. **550 days**

3. **What is another name for the Feast of Pentecost?**

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4. In which city was the Feast of Pentecost held?

a. Bethlehem
b. Jerusalem
c. Galilee

5. 'The Holy Spirit came as a great rushing wind from heaven, which filled the room where they were.' Is an example of which figurative language?

6. Fact or Opinion: Christian churches celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday each year.

7. What are TWO adjectives used in the following sentence? 'These services are festive and filled with glorious singing.'

8. Pentecost is also referred to as Whitsun, which public holiday is reflective of this?

9. Select THREE symbols mentioned in the Bible that have been used to describe the Holy Spirit:

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