



Three spring ideas for families and congregations to use with Blaze

1. Pray for a global mission worker and their family for a week.

Challenge those in your congregation to pray for a global mission worker and their family every day for a week. This could be a PCI Global Mission Worker (prayer points are available on the PCI website) or another mission worker your congregation has a connection with.

2. Pentecost themed: Who could you tell about Jesus?

In children's ministry you may have been looking at the story of Pentecost in the extension activities that come with Blaze. The following is what was taught:

Bible passage: Acts 2:1-8; 22-24; 32-33; 38-39 (The Coming of the Holy Spirit)

The Holy Spirit entered in this event, just as Jesus had promised to send His presence. Some amazing things were happening in this story. Tongues of fire and rushing wind; Speaking other languages. Of course, we don't experience these things on a daily basis. This was a remarkable and special event in the life of the church. We may not see this all the time, but it's still amazing and exciting to learn about in order to consider how Jesus still can and does work through us today.

Sometimes people don't understand what God is doing in our lives. They might criticize or critique what confuses them. The disciples were filled with power to do amazing and remarkable things, like speak in other languages. A lot of people believed the things that they shared, but there are always some who will be sceptical or grumpy. Explain to kids that even in this experience, God gave the disciples wise words to help them explain what was happening.

The disciples were excited to tell everyone who would listen about Jesus. Who do or could you tell about Him?

As a family talk about how all of us are called to celebrate what God has done. The church is not just one place, but is the way Jesus uses us and our love to continue spreading the joy and love of Christ everywhere. We can tell people about God, and we can also live as His people by demonstrating genuine care for one another. How could you do that as a family?

Pray for God to show you someone that you can share about Jesus and for how you can show care for others this week.

3. Fundraiser

Could you do something as a family, a children's ministry or a congregation to raise some money for the work of global mission?

You could raise money for a mission worker that your congregation has a relationship with already or maybe it is a PCI Global Mission Worker or someone from your congregation who is involved in mission overseas.

If you do not have someone specific connected to your congregation, maybe you could raise money for the work Steve and Rosie Kennedy do in Cluj-Napoca or for the work of the Council for Mission Overseas to designate to a project they support.

Some ideas that you could use are:

- Congregation meal
- Fireside quiz
- Decorate cupcakes and sell for a donation at coffee time after church
- Sponsored walk
- Car wash in the church car park
- Craft sale
- Second hand book sale
- Talent show
- Table quiz
- Bake off competition
- Car scavenger hunt
- Church family movie night