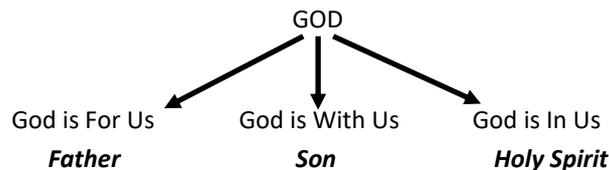


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WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

As God moves closer and closer to us, we can all experience the Holy Spirit drawing alongside and leading us into life as followers of Jesus. This diagram might help you to visualise how this relationship



Read Acts 2:1-4

Time to Reflect:

1. Who is present among those 'all together in one place' and what have we learned about them from the gospels prior to this moment at Pentecost?
2. The arrival of the Holy Spirit is described in verse 2-3.
 - a) Does Luke's description remind you of other events in the Bible in which God's presence is connected to the appearance of fire?
 - b) What is important about these moments in the history of God's people and what do they tell us about God's desire for his people?
3. When the Holy Spirit comes, the believers are 'sitting', intentionally waiting and being still. What do you think is significant about this detail that Luke has deliberately included?

Read Acts 2:5-13

Time to Reflect:

4. Why do you think does God chooses to send the Holy Spirit during the Feast of Pentecost?
5. Some of the crowd respond to the disciples by being 'utterly amazed'. Who else drew this kind of response and what does this tell you about how the Holy Spirit is transforming the believers?

Read Acts 2:42-47

Time to Reflect:

6. What way of life does the newly born church model to us? What are their priorities?
7. How can we take these priorities and embed them within our own lives?

Time to Reflect Together

Take time to pray through what you have been studying together and how God has been speaking to you through his Word.

