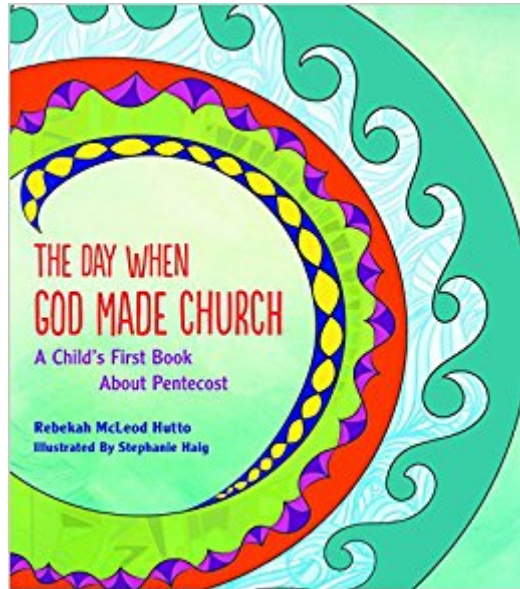




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The Day When God Made Church



Synopsis

Children love birthday parties. This is a book that's a first of its kind to help kids understand and celebrate the birthday of the Church. The Day When God Made the Church is the story of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit shaped, and continues to shape, who we are as God's Church. Children will learn the story of Pentecost: the sights, sounds, and events of that miraculous day described in the Book of Acts. They will also discover who the Holy Spirit is and how God calls each of us to follow Jesus. At the end, parents, educators, ministers will discover fresh ways to celebrate Pentecost with children in their own churches and families.

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Customer Reviews

A great addition to your Pentecost shelves: This book is a wonderful telling of the story of Pentecost: the sights, the sounds and the people that began the community of the Church. We recommend placing this book on the bottom shelf of your Pentecost shelves. •The Rev. Cheryl V. Minor, Ph.D. Co-Rector, All Saints' Church, Belmont, MA Director of the Center for the Theology of Childhood The Godly Play Foundation"Readers and listeners of all ages will discover much to stimulate their understanding of Pentecost through this theologically grounded book. Its engaging qualities and vivid images rhythmically connects children to the movement of The Holy Spirit, and the birth of the Church. Rebekah seamlessly helps children understand this sometimes difficult

celebration in the liturgical year." —Melanie C. Gordon, Director of Ministry with Children, Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church

"This is a delightful and powerful telling of the birth of the church. Your child will love this book. The Day When God Made Church invites the parent, teacher, and child to engage in conversation about God, love, and the church. This is the book we have been waiting for."

—The Rev. Mark Bozzuti-Jones
award winning author of *God Created* and *Jesus, the Word*

Good children's storybooks about Pentecost are few and far between. So when a new one appears it is worth sharing. "The Day When God Made Church: A Child's First Book about Pentecost," by Rebekah McLeod Hutto, is a good addition to a church's resources for children's classes and libraries. Though it is rather long (5 minutes to read aloud), it could also be read in worship. Read it just before or after reading the biblical text to add color and detail to the story. If you are lucky enough to have a small number of children, read it with them seated around you so they can follow the wonderful illustrations. Savor the TALL words in the text and pause to reflect on the details in the pictures. If you observe Ascension of the Lord on the Sunday before Pentecost, read only the first three pages about WAITING just before the benediction of that service and invite worshipers back the following week for the story and party that come next. I mention this book now so that you have time to order it as you plan for Pentecost on May 15.

—Carolyn C. Brown, author of *Forbid Them Not* and *Gateways to Heaven*, worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com

The Day When God Made Church immediately draws readers of all ages into the Acts 2 story of Pentecost. Haig's illustrations give deep meaning to Hutto's child-like words that tell how the disciples wait | wait | WAIT in the Upper Room. At first, the reader sees men, women, children, and animals portrayed plainly in solid colors. The first inkling of the Holy Spirit comes visually with a bright blue spark, and the patterned orange flame of an ancient lamp. One turn of the page makes the reader gasp in awe at the Holy Spirit's presence: joyful patterns of bright colors fill the pages, swirling around the people, dog, cow, and dove! The story continues as colors visually represent the Holy Spirit's wind and fire, warming the disciples' hearts. Blue swirls turn into drops of rain filled with words from a host of different languages, eliciting sounds like drumbeats and whispers. Young readers will love to interact with these pages as their imaginations, curiosity, and enthusiasm are engaged by a sense of wonder. The story draws readers into the disciples' questions: Who is the Holy Spirit? What is happening? Why do we feel so different? Why do we hear so many languages? These questions beautifully set the scene for remembering Jesus, as well as for

Peter's definition of the church: We are a family that shares, eats, and worships together. The story ends with a jubilant "Alleluia!" and a visual invitation to the Lord's table, evoking the famous Holy Trinity icon. Alexis Kruza, Building Faith

The story of Pentecost is so familiar that a summary is not necessary. This, however, is a first person narrative which invites us to be participants. This is a more comprehensive telling of Acts 2 than is usual for children. It includes Joel's prophecy, (without identifying it), Peter's sermon, a reference to baptism, and the shared life of the new community as well as the gift of the Spirit and varied languages. Some of the story is omitted but the essential outline of Pentecost is here, enriched by metaphors and highlighted by feelings. The story is told in simple, direct sentences with print variation and color contributing to the excitement. But without pictures or print, it's easy to hear this story as an aural experience. The art adds details about this being an intergenerational group and animals are present. The author makes a number of suggestions about how to celebrate Pentecost on the concluding page. Pentecost is relatively free from the cultural takeover of Christmas and Easter.

"Finally! a story for young children about Pentecost! Children will enjoy reading about the birthday of their church, and they'll along with the adults who love them will be better able to wrap their hearts and minds around this curious celebration called Pentecost. Alleluia!"

Rev. Matt Matthews, author of the novel Mercy Creek and Pastor, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC.

This book is such a clear and wonderful way to explain the mystery of Pentecost to children. The words tell the story with almost a lyrical quality - it is incredibly easy to read this book aloud to children with the kind of inflection that conveys the power of that moment in the church's history. And the illustrations are just absolutely gorgeous! I'll be using this with my congregation on Pentecost Sunday for our children's message, and will be treasuring it as part of my own collection of books.

An important day in the life of the church finally described in a way that helps children enter the story. The illustrations are vivid and gorgeous and imaginative. I can't wait to read it to the kids at my church on Pentecost Sunday!

This book's stirring words and evocative illustrations bring the birth of the Church to life in a way that

both young and old can appreciate and enjoy! Often overlooked in mainline denominations, Pentecost and its meaning is brought front and center in this great new book! I'm looking forward to using it in my church and with my own children at home!

Great children's book for Pentecost. A good teaching tool since there is little out there for children about the birthday of the church and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

We will use the book this Sunday with my grandson reading the narrative and me showing the pictures to the congregation. We do not have small children so we don't have a Children's Sermon any more. The pastor is using this as the first scripture reading of the morning.

Very helpful in explaining Pentecost to younger children.

A book with colorful art, that tells the story of Pentecost, the day when then the Holy Spirit descended upon the the 120 disciples of Jesus of Nazareth, as recorded in Acts 2 in the Bible. A colorful gift for younger children...

I read this in worship as our children's sermon on Pentecost Sunday, and the children were clearly mesmerized by the story. Wonderful storytelling, solid theology, and beautiful illustrations.

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