

## The Christian Fish

During the life of Jesus, fish was a regular food item and we know of many Gospel stories that mention fish. Jesus met Simon Peter, James and John while they were mending their fish nets. He told them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fisher of people." Mark 1:17, Luke 5:1-11

- *Can you think of other bible stories that involved fish?*

The Christian Fish symbol was used to mark tombs and other secret meeting places by the early Christians. It is said that when strangers meet, the Christian will draw an arc on the ground and wait for the other to respond.

If the other person is a Christian, they will respond by drawing the lower arc to form the outline of a fish.

For early Christians, it was not safe to gather and worship together. The government at the time did not allow it.

- *I wonder what it was like to be a Christian in a time when it was so unsafe to gather, to worship and be a Christian?*

Today, there are places in this world where it is unsafe for people to gather, worship and practice their faith. Take time to pray for the safety for all people in our world to practice their faith, to gather and worship.

## Creating the Flame

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered in a small room. There might have been other people there too; people of all ages. Suddenly wind came in, it was so loud! Then the people gathered saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions. And the shape settled on each person in the room. Suddenly the Holy Spirit was among them and each person began to speak in different languages. It was so amazing because even though they were speaking their own language everyone could understand each other!

- *Have you been in a place where the people spoke a different language than you?*
- *What did it feel like?*
- *How did you communicate with them?*

The Flame is another symbol for the presence of the Holy Spirit, a presence of God came to the place and helped people understand each other. This is a gift.

- *What gifts do you have that you use to help other people?*

**Stained Glass Art**  
**Create symbols of Pentecost!**

## Stained Glass Art Instructions!

### You will need:

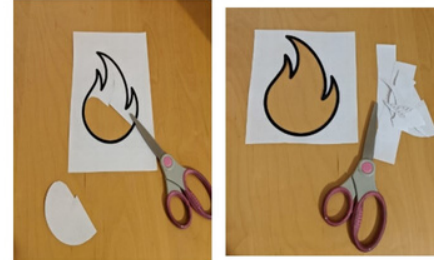
- Paper Template – either the FLAME or FISH (you could do both!)
- Tissue Paper - cut or rip the colours of tissue you want to use into small squares
- Contact Paper
- Scissors



### STEP ONE:

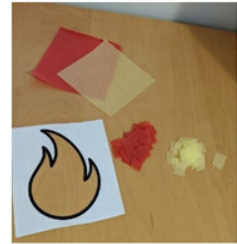
Start by cutting out the middle of the shape (fire or fish)

Note: starting with the inside means that you do not have a flimsy outline if you were to start with the outside, then cut out the inside.



### STEP TWO:

Cut the contact paper in half. It does not have to be perfect as you will be cutting off most of it. Place the cut-out fish or flame on one side of the contact paper. Note: If you put the flame/fish with the black outline down, the tissue paper will not cover it when you stick the tissue paper on.



### STEP THREE:

Start putting the tissue paper on the sticky contact paper in whatever pattern you want



### STEP FOUR:

Put the other half of the contact paper on top of the tissue paper



### STEP FIVE:

Cut out the flame/fish once the contact paper as been put on both sides of the cut-out.



### STEP SIX

Once cut-out, hang up in any window for a stained-glass window effect.

