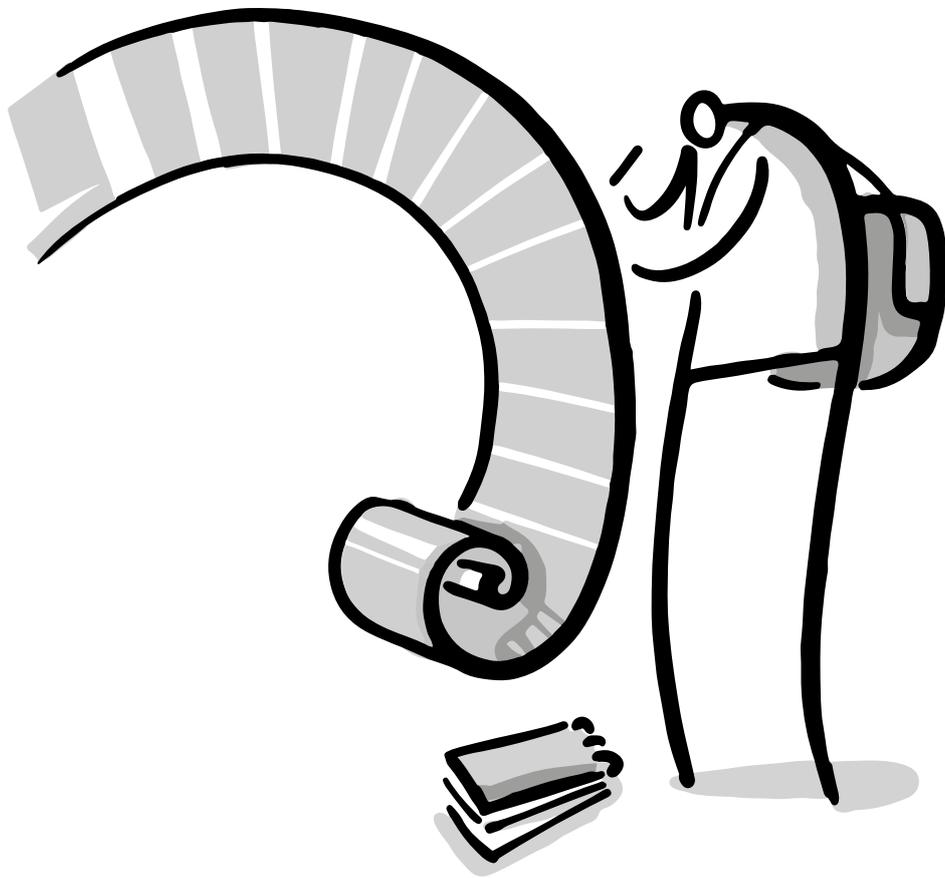


# Dear Theo

letters to a friend



**Dear Theo Conversations**

All-Age: Pentecost Party... Online!



## A Pentecost Party... Online!

Before your meet online ask everyone to bring with them the following items...

- Something yellow, orange or red
- A beautifully decorated cardboard cross
- A simple snack and something to drink



## Welcome and introduction

Once everyone has arrived and been welcomed explain that Pentecost is a Jewish festival. Just after Jesus died and rose again, the Jews of the time all gathered in the city of Jerusalem to celebrate this festival, but Jesus' followers were afraid that they were going to be arrested, just as Jesus had been. They were at the festival, but they were staying inside together, away from the crowds, all together in a room.

Explain that you are going to read the story about this from the Bible and when you say certain phrases/words you want everyone to make certain noises or do certain things, practice this together a few times as described below...

- *Strong wind blowing* – whooshing noise
- *Looked like fire* – wave something orange, red or yellow
- *Holy Spirit* – cheer
- *Speak in languages* – shout hello in a different language from the one you usually speak.

Read from page 138 of Dear Theo from “Suddenly a sound...”  
to “...ability to do this.” OR Acts 2:2-4 (NIRV)

## Messages from around the world

Contact Christian friends from around the world before this event and ask them to send you a video saying these words from Dear Theo in their language OR invite them to be part of your video conference and do it live! “You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and for your children.” (Page 143 Acts 2:38b-39a)  
Show these videos OR listen to the guests, and ask everyone who is watching to work out what language each person is speaking. Come back together after watching the shared screen and find out how many languages everyone guessed.

## Beautiful Cross

Ask everyone to bring out their decorated cardboard cross and to show it to everyone else, explaining how they decorated it.

## Gratitude

Ask everyone to think why they are glad Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and write it in the comments of your conference call.

## The Story Continues

Tell the story of Pentecost (continuing from where you stopped at the start of the event) using the script below...

When everyone in Jerusalem heard and saw the wind, the fire and the talking in the room where the disciples were staying, a huge crowd formed.

They were amazed because they were hearing about God's wonders in their own languages.

Peter stood up and spoke to them all.

Let's read a bit of what he said from Dear Theo page 141 starting at "Fellow Israelites..." and finishing at "...hold on Jesus." (Acts 2:22-24 NIRV)

*Ask everyone to hold up their colourful crosses.*

The cross may seem like an evil thing, but on it, Jesus destroyed death forever.

Then Peter said, "It is Jesus who has poured out what you now see and hear".

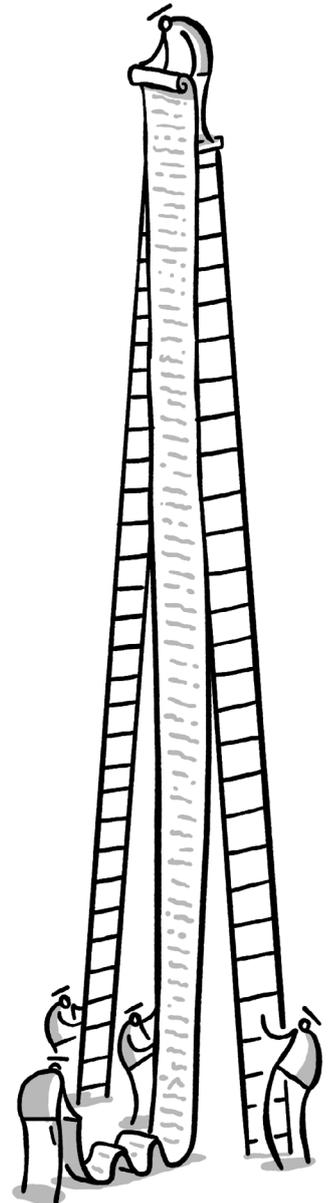
Jesus has given us this amazing gift.

*Read out some of the things people wrote in the comments about why they are glad that Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit.*

After all the people in Jerusalem heard Peter speak about what Jesus had done and that he was the Lord and Messiah, they asked "What should we do?".

Let's find out what Peter said.

*Read together from Page 143 from "Peter replied..." to "...God will choose." (Acts 2:38-39 NIRV)*



Light a candle and pray using these words:

Lord Jesus

The gift of the Holy Spirit, which came as fire at Pentecost, is for all of us.

You want each of us to come to you.

Help us to turn around and follow you.

Knowing that you will send us the Holy Spirit

To fill us with power, love and peace

Amen

Chat about how everyone is getting on (if you have a large group you might want to split into break out rooms).

Ask everyone to paint or draw a picture of the story you have thought about today and to email it to you or post it on your social media.

