

# ROOTS YOUNG PEOPLE

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## EXPLORE

### Let it flow! 10 mins E

If possible, arrange the young people into two teams; alternatively, all work together to complete this challenge. Give each group a container of water at one end of your space, and an empty container at the other end. Give the groups a number of lengths of guttering, or plastic tubes, and challenge them to work together to transport the water along the pipes from the full container to the empty one without spilling it.

### Work of art 15 mins E S

Provide a large sheet of card and assorted art and craft materials, and ask the young people to work together to create a collage with the title 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people'. Give them freedom to create as they wish before putting the completed work of art on display.

### Picture pointers WEB

Questions for reflection WEB

- ▶ Where might the water be flowing from, and to, in this image?
- ▶ Is the unifying power of the Spirit perceptible in your church life?
- ▶ ...and in your own life?



## BIBLE Acts 2.1-21

### Warm up 5 mins W

Challenge the young people to discover how many different languages they can say 'hello' or 'welcome' in. Teach one another some of the different phrases. You can use the internet, dictionaries or just the knowledge in the group.

### Mime it 10 mins E

Ask a leader to read the passage, with a young person acting as Peter and some others speaking the words of the crowd. Invite the rest of the group to ad lib or mime to explore what happens in this story, through word and action, listening carefully to the reading and responding. Encourage the group to add in different languages at the appropriate moment from the Warm up.

### Questions to discuss

- Where would you be if you imagine yourself in this story?
- How do you think you would have responded to what was happening?
- How do you think the power of the Holy Spirit drew people together here?

## CONNECT WEB

### Let anyone? 15 mins E A

Provide a wheelchair and ask the young people to use it to find out how easy it is to access your church or venue. (If you have people in your group with disabilities, invite them to share their stories of difficulties with access, but ensure sensitivity at all times.) Talk about how we may limit people's spiritual access to God's story, just as some experience this physical difficulty with access.

### In unity 10 mins W E

Display or provide copies of the story of Catholics and Protestants working together in Northern Ireland to process the cross on Good Friday (available on WEB) and talk about some of the ways the Holy Spirit works to bring people together across divisions. Invite the young people to share their own additional stories as appropriate.

WEB PostScript: Linking this week's reading to the news WEB

## PRAY

### In every language 5 mins W E S

Invite the young people to stand together. Explain that you will pray the Lord's Prayer together, uniting with others in many languages. Play the film clip (on WEB), and invite everyone to pray aloud, reciting the prayer in their own preferred first language. Remind the group that this prayer is for all people drawn together in unity, despite our differences.

### Come, Holy Spirit 10 mins W E

Stand together in a circle facing inwards. Ask the young people to take a few moments to think about what they have discussed today and where they want to see the Holy Spirit poured out. Pray around the circle, inviting each individual in turn to speak one sentence about a place, person or situation, with the group together praying 'Come, Holy Spirit' in response to each line.

## Listen

WEB See Young People page or Hymns, songs & music for links to these tracks.

Fall afresh, feat. Jeremy Riddle, Bethel music on *The loft sessions*

Holy Spirit, feat. Kim Walker-Smith, Jesus culture on *Live from New York*

## Live your faith WEB

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with confidence to share God's story with your own friends and family. **E S A**