

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – YEAR 2 – PENTECOST

### EXPLORE: Passing on messages

Read and share together:  
The missing cat.



#### **The missing cat**

‘Snowy, Snowy!’ called Lucy. “Mummy, I can’t find Snowy anywhere. She’s been out all night.” When Lucy came home from school, she asked, “Has Snowy come back?” “No, she hasn’t,” said Mum. “I’m beginning to get worried about her, cats often go off, but not for so long. What do you think we should do?” “Can we put a notice in the corner shop and tell the police?” suggested Lucy.

“Good idea,” said Mummy. “Ask Daddy to help you write out the notice and to phone the police.” Lucy and Daddy phoned the police and wrote out a description of Snowy for the shop notice board.

Next day, Lucy asked the other children at school if they had seen Snowy. The children took the message home and asked their parents about Snowy. Two days later, Lucy was having her breakfast and feeling sad because she missed Snowy so much, when she heard the hinge of the cat flap creak. She ran to the back door and there was a bedraggled Snowy, she didn’t look much like snow, she was so muddy. She made her way to her food bowl.

‘Where have you been, Snowy?’ asked Lucy as she cuddled her. Snowy replied with a weak meow. “How lovely to have Snowy back!” said Mummy, “We’d better send a message to everyone to tell them to stop looking because Snowy has come home.”

Answer these questions together or on your own:

How did Lucy's family pass on the message that Snowy was missing?

Who did they tell?

What else could they have done?

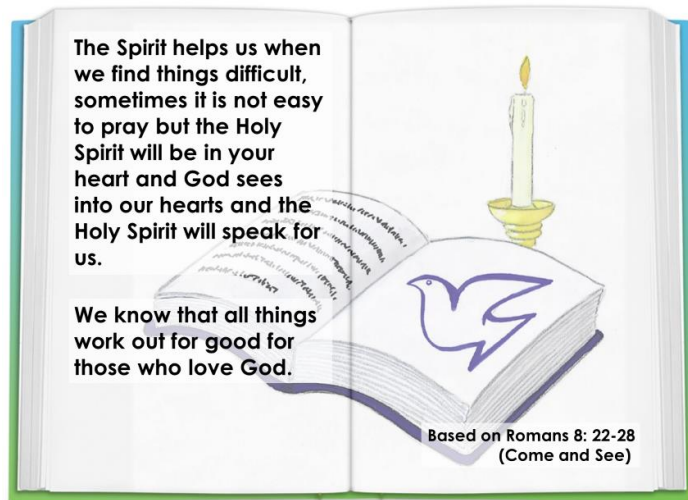
Why was it important to pass on the message that Snowy had returned?

### **Choose Activities**

- Can you list all the ways we are sending messages?
- What is your favourite way of passing on messages from home?
- Why not message someone to tell them the story of Snowy the cat. You might like to read it to them. And don't forget to give them a very special message from you too.
- Imagine if Snowy was your cat and she had gone missing! Make a poster to say what she looked like so that people could find her.
- We are staying at home with our families to stay safe. How are we talking and sending messages to our friends and families?



## REVEAL: Spreading the message through the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost



Jesus died on Good Friday and he rose again on Easter Sunday. Jesus' friends were happy that Jesus was alive again, but Jesus told them he was going back to his Father in heaven. They felt sad about this, but Jesus told them he was going to send them a friend called, the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, *"The Holy Spirit will lead you and guide you. The Holy Spirit will help you to remember and understand all the things I have done and said to you. The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and help you to know how to live good lives."*

The Good News is that the Holy Spirit helps us share God's love by the way we live our lives.

St. Paul wrote this bible reading to Christians living in Rome. We don't always find it easy to be good or to do the right thing but, we can also ask the Holy Spirit to help us, so we can pass on the Good News by our kindness and goodness. We can think of people who are good and kind who show us the Good News of God's love.

### Choose Activities

- Talk together about how you think the Holy Spirit helping you? It may be helping you to be kind and helpful at home. You might be doing jobs around the home. You might be making posters of rainbows or helping neighbours with shopping.
- Make a list of all the things the Holy Spirit is helping you to do. You might want to take photographs and share them with your school or family.
- Talk together and share ideas about ...If we all lived our lives by passing on Good News, being kind and good, what would the world be like? Can you make a drawing, collage or poster showing what this would look like?
- Say the following prayer to the Holy Spirit. You might want to pray this at home with your family or when you go to bed at night. You might want to share it with your family when you contact them. You could write out the prayer and decorate it.

*Come Holy Spirit,  
fill us with your joy,  
fill us with your love,  
fill us with your peace.  
Help us to spread the Good News of God's love to everyone.  
Amen.*