

Spirit Starters Answer Key

Responses may vary, but a strong answer should include:

- Reference to a main Pentecost theme (Holy Spirit, courage, languages, unity)
- Clear explanation or opinion connected to the event
- Complete sentences with correct capitalization/punctuation

Examples:

1. Pentecost teaches that we can share hope with others.
 2. A symbol that stands out is fire because it represents courage and power.
- (These samples may guide teacher grading; not meant for direct student use.)

Teacher's Guide

Quick Tips for Differentiation

- Provide word/phrase supports for developing writers: *Holy Spirit, message, courage, languages, unity*
- Challenge advanced students to include transitions or specific examples (e.g., standing up for someone)
- Allow oral rehearsal before writing to help formulate ideas

Engagement Ideas

- "Pass the Flame" sharing circle: students read one sentence they wrote aloud
- Visual anchor: show symbols (flame, wind, dove) to spark discussion
- Connection moment: ask students to identify a real-life example of unity

Extension Activities

- Add one more sentence: "Pentecost reminds me of..."
- Creative page borders: students draw small Pentecost symbols beside each response
- Combine responses into a class poster titled *Spirit of Today*