

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

May

"The Holy Spirit will teach you all things! What things does the Holy Spirit teach us? What do you want to learn from the Holy Spirit?"

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Your congregation will keep 40 percent of the Pentecost Offering to help children at risk. Ask your pastor how this will be used. Share your ideas, too.

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It costs less to provide health insurance for children than for any other group of people—about the cost of an apple a day (50 cents). Give the cost of an apple for healthy children today.

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What is your favorite song that you sing in Sunday school or worship? Put a penny in the coin box for each word in the chorus.

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This is the National Day of Prayer. When you say a prayer today, people all over the world are praying with you. What do you think everyone is praying?

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Check out the Kids 4 Kids Web site at [www.presbykids4kids.org](http://www.presbykids4kids.org) and read a story or play a game. Write down your thoughts and send Kids 4 Kids an e-mail.

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There is an organization for adults who work with teens in the church! It's called the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association! Give 25 cents for your favorite youth leader.

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It's Mother's Day! Hug your mom and all those who love and care for you. Put 25 cents in your coin box in honor of your mom!

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Some children go to school hungry when their parents are short of money. Give 10 cents for every meal you have had today. Add 5 cents for every snack.

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The Pentecost Offering began in 1998. That was 11 years ago! Put a shiny dime and a penny in the coin box to celebrate the Pentecost Offering's 11th birthday!

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Do you have a special place that reminds you of God's love? Pray that all children will have a safe and beautiful place to go and remember that God loves them.

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Not all children have the school supplies they need. Put a penny in the box for every pencil or marker you own. If you have some cool stickers, add an extra 10 cents.

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Some congregations celebrate the church's birthday on the Day of Pentecost. If you like birthday cake, put 50 cents in the box. Add 25 cents if your favorite is chocolate.

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In the PC(U.S.A.) there is a person who works as an advocate for children. Look up "advocate" in the dictionary. Would you ever be an advocate for someone?

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YAVs in India work in farming communities with Dalit, or "untouchables," who are not treated fairly by other people. Can you find India on the map?

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Say a prayer for all of your teachers at school and at church. Ask that the Holy Spirit always help them to be the best teachers they can be. Put 10 cents in your coin box for your favorite teacher.

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First Presbyterian of Sanford, NC, gave offering money to support an organization called "Get Smart," so a playground could be built for at-risk kids in their community.

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Do you have clothes in your closet you no longer use? What about toys? Ask if they may be donated to help children who need them. Put a penny in the box for each item you found.

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Homeless children have little privacy. Do you have your own room or place you go when you want to be alone? Pray that every child will have a private space.

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Every dollar spent vaccinating children against measles, mumps, and rubella saves \$16 in medical costs to treat those diseases. Give \$1 to save \$16!

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Germantown Presbyterian in Germantown, TN, used a share of the offering to provide scholarships to their presbytery summer camp. Have you ever been to church camp or Bible school?

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YAVs still do work on the Gulf Coast to help survivors of Hurricane Katrina and Rita rebuild their homes. Give 25 cents for each house or apartment you have lived in.

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Some congregations give their Offering to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization. Put a nickel in the coin box for every brother or sister you have in your family.

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More and more teenagers are becoming homeless. Many churches like Covenant Presbyterian in Gresham, OR, give their share of the offering to help homeless teens.

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YAVs in the Philippines help people who live in poor communities have safe drinking water. Put a penny in the coin box for each time you have a drink of fresh, clean water today.

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Presbyterians in Covenant with Children is a way for adults at your church to learn how to do great things for kids! To learn more go to [pcusa.org/children](http://pcusa.org/children).

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It's the Friday before the Day of Pentecost! Put 25 cents in your coin box to celebrate the start of the weekend!

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It is sad when children do not receive the love and encouragement they need. Do something special for someone who encourages you. Give encouragement to someone who needs it.

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The Day of Pentecost! What did you learn from the Holy Spirit this month?

Take your Pentecost Offering coin box to church!



*Each day take a moment as a family to read and talk about the thoughts in the box for that day.*

*Develop a pattern of sharing and giving as you learn about people the Pentecost Offering helps in the United States and around the world.*



# Kids Countdown

*A fun and meaningful way for you and your family to give to and learn about the Pentecost Offering.*

[www.pcusa.org/pentecost](http://www.pcusa.org/pentecost)

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