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## Coming of the Holy Spirit

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Please complete the crossword puzzle below using the following words.

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CHURCH  
EASTER  
GOSPEL  
HOLY SPIRIT  
HOLY TRINITY  
SUNDAY

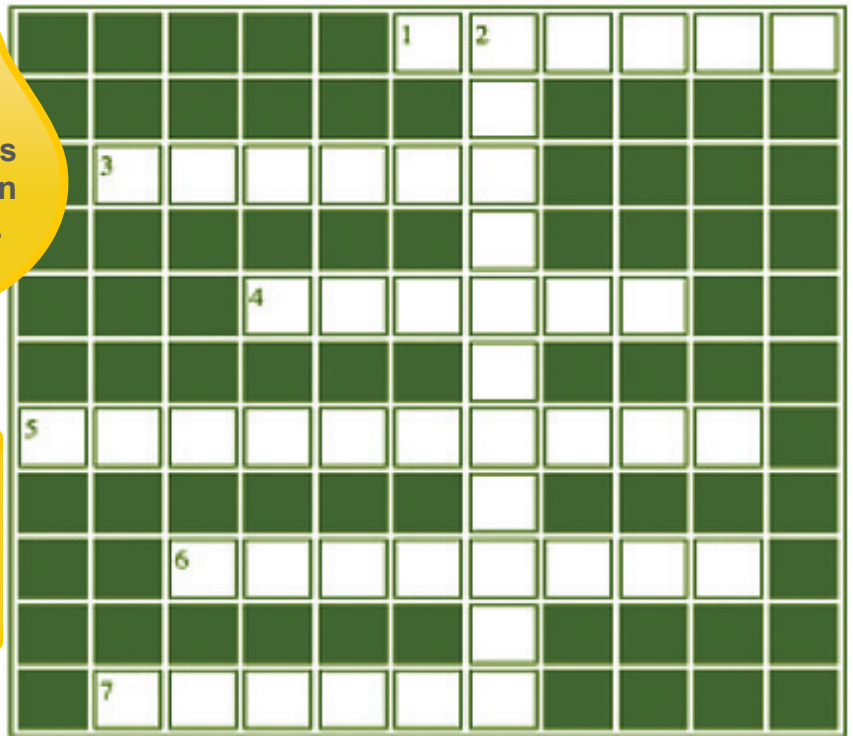


**Down**

2. This comes together on Pentecost.

**Across**

1. The Holy Spirit sanctifies this.
3. We read about Pentecost in the
4. Pentecost is the first time we kneel in Church since
5. Who comes to the Apostles on Pentecost
6. On Pentecost over 3000 people were
7. Pentecost takes place on a



**PRAYER**

*We have seen the light, we have received the heavenly spirit. We have found the true faith , worshipping the undivided Trinity for the Trinity has saved us.*

*- Divine Liturgy -*

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## {Teacher's Edition}

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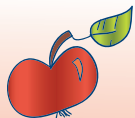
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**Highlights:**

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**Activity:** Have children use the words to complete the crossword puzzle.

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