



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

We know that Pentecost is supposed to be celebrated at a large scale, and that is also what we are working towards. In the mean while, we start small. Here we provide you with a practical guide to celebrate this feast at home. The goal of this original Pentecost celebration is:

- Experiencing the manifestations of the Holy Spirit together, so that among our guests people are converted;
- Celebrating with one another that God the Father has given us His Word and Spirit;
- Rejoicing over the harvest that we have gathered, and the harvest we shall gather.

This TXT Fondue is different from others

Rather than two teams that take turns to ask each other a question, we provide you with a practical guide to celebrate Pentecost in a Biblical way, and to experience what the deeper meanings behind this feast are. If you have your own Bible, you can suffice with page 2 and 3.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwork.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the third fundament: Holy Spirit.

We recommend you to read the book of 1 Corinthians while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:
3.03 Spirit baptism

This program:
3.04 Pentecost

Next program:
3.05 New Testament

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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Preparation

Start with reading the description of this TXT Fondue on page 1. We try to involve everyone with the preparations. This will mean that some prepare a tale or a passage from the Bible, while others cook a dish. In this TXT Fondue we provide you with a draft program, but we also encourage you to search for your own background information on Pentecost.

- For this feast, we need three images. You can draw these yourself; see below with image 1, 2, and 3.
- People need to be assigned to who does what during the programs on Saturday and Sunday.
- Three persons prepare a Bible telling; the story of Ruth, of Eliezer, and the two gifts from God the Father.
- One person collects flower collages, flower ornaments, field bouquets and anything else having to do with flowers, vegetables or fruit.
- There need to be two loaves or bread that are baked or bought.
- For Saturday night, snacks and drinks need to be arranged.
- The "Superbowl" (a huge bowl of fruit punch) must be prepared, with some syrups, wines and soft drinks. Later, the fruit brought by the guests is added.
- One person prepares the main meal with several cheeses, cheese fondue or other milk products.
- One person arranges musical instruments and prepares a songbook with a selection of six or seven songs.
- If possible, a shofar is arranged.
- Everyone in the family invites friends, family, singles and guests, and asks them to bring a piece of fruit, a Bible, and a flower for the hostess.

Image 1

Take a blank sheet of A4 paper, and draw nine fruits spread out over the sheet. In each fruit, place one of the words that together describe the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23:

love	joy	peace
patience	kindness	goodness
faithfulness	gentleness	self-control

Image 2

Fold a blank sheet of A4 paper *lengthwise*, and fold it back open. You now have two columns. Call one Mount Sinai and the other Jerusalem. On top of the left column, draw a mountain with a book, and on top of the right column, draw an upper room with people worshipping. Underneath them, write the following similarities between them next to each other:

Mount Sinai

Exodus 19
Unanimous (19:8)
Loud trumpet blast (19:16)
Descend in fire (19:18)
God spoke (20:1)
3000 died (32:28)
All nations (Deuteronomy 4:4-6)

Jeruzalem

Acts 2
United together (2:1)
Sound like a violent wind (2:2)
Tongues of fire (2:3)
Speak through the Spirit (2:4)
3000 were baptized (2:41)
To the ends of the earth (1:8)



Image 3

Take a blank sheet of A4 paper, and draw nine presents of varying sizes and shapes spread out over the sheet. In each present, place one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit from 1 Corinthians 12:8-10:

wisdom	knowledge	distinguishing between spirit
faith	gifts of healing	miraculous powers
prophecy	different kinds of tongues	interpretation of tongues

Concept program for Saturday

The Saturday of Pentecost starts with a night of Bible reading, study and prayer. This is done in a circle, in which everyone asks one another questions. After every hour, you take a break for several minutes, with some snacks, drinks, etcetera. Then you continue with a different part in the Bible. Every hour has a different initiator, who keeps asking the group: "What do these passages from the Bible have to do with Pentecost?" You are recommended to read and ask each other questions about the following passages:

- 20.00 – Ezekiel 1, Psalm 117, Psalm 119
- 21.00 – Acts 2, Joel 2
- 22.00 – Exodus 32:27-28, Leviticus 23
- 23.00 – Ruth, Ephesians 2:11, Ephesians 3:16
- 00.00 – Deuteronomy 5, Matthew 5
- 01.00 – 1 Corinthians 12, 1 Corinthians 14, Galatians 5:22

Concept program for Sunday

- 14.00 – Welcome with flowers for the hostess.
- 14.30 – "Superbowl" with fruit (Image 1).
- 14.45 – Bible telling: Ruth (the complete Bible book). The storyteller asks questions.
- 15.00 – Worship.
- 15.30 – Bible telling: Eliezer (Genesis 24). The teller asks: "What has this story got to do with Pentecost?"
- 15.45 – Someone shares his or her personal testimony about an experience with the fulfillment with the Holy Spirit.
- 16.00 – a. A brief explanation of the similarities between Mount Sinai and Jeruzalem (Image 2).
b. Let a child be seated on a couch, and let two grown men support his outstretched arms. One man supports the child's right arm, and he is the image of the Law (Aaron and Moses) and the Word. The other man supports the left arm of the child, and he is the image of the Holy Spirit (Hur and Elijah). God the Father supports His children through His Word and His Spirit.
c. When a child of God the Father is being supported, He also gives him gifts to help His child bear fruit (Image 3).
- 16.15 – Shofar blowing. (Only when a shofar is available.)
- 16.30 – Dinner with cheese(fondue), two loafs of bread, vegetables and fruit.
- 18.00 – During the meal, an offering is made to support a missionary known by those in the home. They then immediately contact the missionary (phone, SMS) to send a blessing and to let the missionary know the amount that was offered.
- End – End the feast with a prayer.



Bible texts for the three images

Image 1

Galatians 5:22–23a: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."*

Image 2

This image compares two events; when the people of Israel received the Law, and when the followers of King Jesus received the Holy Spirit:

In Exodus 19, Moses comes off of Mount Sinai with instructions from God the Father: *"The people all responded together, 'We will do everything the Lord has said.' So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord"* (verse 8). Verse 16 and 18 describe how He came:

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently.

The people of Israel are anxious to meet God the Father, but He is so holy that many of them would die if they did come too close. *"And God spoke all these words"* (Exodus 20:1) and He gives the Law to His people through Moses. But when Moses comes down the mountain, the people of Israel have made a golden calf to worship. Moses gives the people an opportunity to choose for God the Father and then lets those who refuse to be punished, as Exodus 32:28 describes: *"The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died."* Deuteronomy 4:4–6 says:

But all of you who held fast to the Lord your God are still alive today. See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

The events in Acts 2:1–4 have much in common with the above:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Where in Exodus there were 3,000 deaths, the opposite happens in Acts 2:41, when 3,000 people receive eternal life: *"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."* King Jesus commissions the apostles in Acts 1:8 with an assignment that extends to all nations: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Image 3

1 Corinthians 12:8–10: *"To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues."*