

- Family service

## Transformed

- Explain Shrek story line
    - someone will be transformed during the clip - who?
    - show first Shrek clip
  - How easy was it to spot the transformation?
  - Can you think of any transformations in your lives?
    - can share, or can tell your neighbour, or just keep to yourself!
    - (we'll think about them again later in the service)
  - We're a week late with the celebration, but 6 weeks after Jesus' rose from the dead the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost:
    - the Holy Spirit came and lives in everyone who is a Christian, transforming them beyond recognition...
    - we'll read and think about what happened more later in the service
  - *Lead into prayer, with particular thanks for transforming power of Spirit*
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## Pentecost

- Remind of Shrek clip
  - what made the transformation possible?
  - (in the story, a magic curse - this is the power behind the transformation)
- In the passage from Joel we read earlier:
  - who gets transformed?
  - what change or transformation happens?
  - what is the power behind the transformation?
- Recap the Acts story, with the three images (room, tongues fire, speaking to crowd)
  - who gets transformed?
  - what change or transformation happens?
  - what is the power behind the transformation?
- What about today?
  - show slides of Ruth & Crawford with tongues of fire on their heads!
  - Spirit transformed disciples from weak, scared, unsure timid to bold, brave, certain, and filled with power
  - they were able to heal, speak powerfully (both the bravery of their

words and the effectiveness of their words), face persecution...

- If you are a Christian then the HS is living in you:
    - give out little cards as reminders
  - And finish with second Shrek clip
    - after Shrek's kiss, Fiona is **transformed** again
    - but this time there is no outward change
    - inwardly, however, the curse is broken - she does not change night and day... she has taken "loves true form"
    - our transformation isn't visible on the outside like Fiona's human to ogre transformation in the film
    - but it is powerful, and settles our identity as belonging to Jesus, the one who loves us and has claimed us as his own
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## **Prayers of Intercession**

- Inviting God to **transform** situations by the power of his **Spirit**:
  - for each situation, ask what kind of transformation God might want to make by his Spirit...
  - folk who don't know Jesus
  - folk who run the country
  - folk who don't have enough, perhaps food or water or medicine, especially in the developing world
  - folk who are unwell
  - folk who are serving God (who are they? Not just missionaries & ministers...)