

***Under Pressure!***

Acts 2:1-21; Psalms 104:26-36,37b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27,16:4b-15

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.  
[John 15:12]*

Super-Soaker water pistol required as visual aid and a jug of water.

Talk about the purpose of a water pistol is to distribute water. Fill pistol and press trigger - pointless.

A super-soaker needs pressure - then it is 'fit for purpose.'

Baptism needs more than water - if it is just a case of water all that happens is that a baby gets wet.

It needs God - in whose love every life is held.

It needs forgiveness - the forgiveness made possible by Jesus

It needs parents and godparents - the promises made today are important: this is a beginning of a journey of faith not a destination.

It needs God's Holy Spirit - it is God's living presence with us in every moment. But it is also the thing that takes something ordinary and makes it extraordinary.

The Holy Spirit makes Christians 'fit for purpose'