

<b>Date May 23, 2021</b>
<b>Scripture/Bible Story/Theme</b> Pentecost Acts of the Apostles 1-2 Children's Illustrated Bible – p. 284-285  Receiving the Holy Spirit
<b>Workshop Name</b>  Pentecost-Holy Spirit Wind Socks
<b>Opening Prayer</b> Dear God, Thank you for sending your Spirit to be with each one of us always. Help us to feel your Spirit, to hear your Spirit, and to follow your Spirit as we are led to share the Good News with the world. Amen.
<b>Objectives</b> 1. Know where Acts is in the New Testament and know that it is the story of the early church after Jesus' death and resurrection. 2. Be able to retell the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit. 3. Begin to understand the role of the Holy Spirit. 4. Understand that the Spirit is with us as we are called to share the Good News.
<b>Supplies</b> You will find the following in your supply bag: 1. Lunch bag 2. Red crepe paper 3. Yellow ribbon 4. Gold star stickers 5. Dove brads 6. Yarn You will need scissors and glue at home.

**Activity**

After reading the passage use the following to guide the discussion.

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the church. Any guesses why? Make sure to mention how the new believers were baptized and brought into fellowship with the disciples.

Any guesses on why red is the color associated with the Holy Spirit and the celebration of Pentecost? Make sure someone remembers the tongues of fire from the story.

Explain that when Luke wrote the stories about the early church in the book of Acts, much of it was just telling about the adventures of Peter and Paul and the others. But the coming of the Holy Spirit was strange and miraculous. Nothing like this had ever happened before. Luke had to use words his readers would understand in his report. He said the coming of the Holy Spirit was like the sound of wind and tongues of flame.

For Discussion:

Who is the Holy Spirit? Make sure discussion includes that God is three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was sent to be with us after Jesus ascended to heaven.

Construction of the wind sock:

1. Gather the bottom of the bag fully open, insert your hand in the bag and poke your finger to find the middle spot.
2. Punch or poke a small hole at that point big enough for the yarn to be strung through.
3. Take the yarn and tie one end of it to the middle of the craft stick. Use tape to reinforce the knot so it will not come off.
4. Drop the loose end of the yarn into the bag. Bring the loose end up through the hole and that will secure the craft stick at the bottom of the bag to hold the bag open.

5. Attach the crepe paper streamers at the bottom of the windsock with glue or glue sticks.
6. Attach yellow ribbon strips at the bottom of the windsock with glue or glue sticks.
7. Attach the doves anywhere on the windsock.
8. Add additional decorations or drawings on the windsock as you want.

**Reflection/Evaluation**

How has Jesus showed that he stills loves you even after you have made a mistake?

How do you show love in return for Jesus?

Can we have the Holy Spirit in us? How?

What should you do with God's gift of the Holy Spirit?

**Lord's Prayer**

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