



## Pentecost God Sends the Holy Spirit

**Lesson Theme:** God sends the Holy Spirit to be with us always. When the disciples receive the Holy Spirit, they go out to tell everyone everywhere the Good News of Jesus.

**Scripture:** Acts 2: 1-12

### **Background Notes:**

At the end of Luke and the beginning of Acts, we see Jesus instructing his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for ‘the promise of the Father’, which is the coming of the Holy Spirit. Shortly after giving them this instruction, Jesus ascends into heaven and, once they have been prompted by angels, the disciples follow Jesus’ instructions and return to Jerusalem.

*‘I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live... These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.’ (John 14:15-20, 25-27)*

The pouring out of the Holy Spirit is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promise that God would dwell with God’s people. The catechism states: ‘Jesus Christ sends the Holy Spirit to make Jesus known to me, to indwell and empower me in Christ, to bear witness that I am a child of God, to guide me into all truth, and to stir my heart continually to worship and to pray.’ It’s simultaneously incredibly simple, and mind-blowingly complex - such is the character of God!

For the next few weeks, we will be looking at a few stories of the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit following Pentecost, through the apostle Peter, Paul, and ultimately us, the whole body of Christ: the church. There are a few simple and crucial truths imparted in these narratives that provide solid answers to questions that children frequently ask:

Where is Jesus now?

How can he hear us when we pray?

Why can’t we see him?

Why isn’t he with us?

Why did he go back into heaven after he rose from the dead?

It is so important to give children the opportunity to clearly draw the line between the Jesus who called Simon Peter and the other disciples to follow him, who that came to seek and save Zacchaeus and the little children, and the Jesus that we worship, love, and grow in relationship with and obedience to today.

*‘Christ redeemed us... so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.’ (Galatians 3:14)*

### **Preparation for Teaching:**

- ✘ Read Acts 2:1-12
- ✘ Consider how the Holy Spirit equips you in your ministry.  
Catechism Question 84: *How does the Holy Spirit relate to you? Jesus Christ sends the Holy Spirit to make Jesus known to me, to indwell and empower me in Christ, to bear witness that I am a child of God, to guide me into all truth, and to stir my heart continually to worship and to pray.*
- ✘ Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to help you as you bear witness to Jesus to your family and community each week. Thank God for allowing you to participate in the work of the Spirit as God makes Jesus known to the children, indwells and empowers them, bears witness to them that they are children of God, guides them into all truth, and stirs their hearts continually to worship and pray. Ask that God would do the same for you!



## **OPENING: FAMILY WORSHIP**

**Greeting:** We open our worship by greeting one another and remembering God’s presence in our midst.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you; **And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God; **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

### **Invitation:**

*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;*

*And you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1: 6)*

### **Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

**Collect for Easter**

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**Readings:** Acts 2:1-12

**Prayer:** Pray for your family, the church, and the world.

Dear God, let our hearts burn within us as, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the scriptures are opened to us and we encounter our risen and reigning Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Closing Blessing:**

O God, Most High and Holy, Three in One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; We offer to you this day, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice to you; to whom be all praise, honour, and glory forever and ever. Amen.



**LEARN**

**Our Church Year:** *(use Church seasons calendar)*

What season are we celebrating? *(Easter season!)*

During this season we celebrate that Jesus was stronger than death and tears and sadness. We celebrate that Jesus is Alive!

What special greeting do we use during Easter? *(Alleluia!)*

What does it mean? *(God be praised!)*

**Catechism question:** Who is Jesus?

**Answer:** Jesus is my Savior, totally God and totally Man. He bore my sins, dying in my place on the cross, then rose from the dead to rule as king over me and all creation.

**Easter Memory Verse:** 1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is *(Cross your heart)*

Jesus Christ laid down his life for us *(Point up, then make a cross with your two index fingers)*

And we ought to lay our lives down *(Bow to the person next to you)*

For our brothers and sisters *(Point to others)*

**Review:**

Jesus showed His disciples how God's Big Story, the Bible, is ALL about Him. The Bible shows us WHO Jesus is and WHAT he has done for us. This is Good News!

Then, Jesus told His disciples that this Good News isn't just for them, it's for EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE!

Jesus left His disciples to return to His Father in heaven - but He promised that He wouldn't leave them alone. They would receive a helper, the Holy Spirit, who would help them share the Good News of Jesus.

**Story:** *(use attached figures)*

Forty days after Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared to many of his followers, Jesus gathered his friends around him.

He told them the Good News: 'Because I died, and rose from the dead, you will be able to know God and to be with him forever! But this Good News is not just for you - it is for EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE!'

After he said this, Jesus rose up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. And they were alone again.

But this time his friends weren't sad! Not one bit! They understood now that Jesus was God's Son and that he had promised to be with them always. They knew they just had to trust him and do what he had said, even though they didn't understand.

And so they went back to Jerusalem to wait, praising God all the way home. When they arrived, they all joined together in constant prayer with Mary, Jesus' mother, and his brothers.

A few days later they were gathered together sharing a special meal. Suddenly they heard a SOUND that came from heaven. It was like a mighty rushing wind. It filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw something that spread like FIRE and separated and came to rest on each of them.

The Holy Spirit had come - Jesus was with them once again, but in a new and better way than ever before. He wasn't just with them, his Spirit was in them. Now with his help they could do the job that Jesus himself had given them. And they would never be apart from him. No matter where they went, no matter how far they travelled, Jesus would always be with them!

The disciples were filled with joy and went out into the city, sharing with everyone everywhere God's Good News. They were even given the power to speak in many different languages by the Spirit, so that everyone could hear the Good News of Jesus!

This was the beginning of the church. Each and every day new people meet Jesus, believe in him, and become a part of God's big family – the church. The good news about Jesus is for everyone, everywhere, at every time!



## RESPOND

**Colour:** Colouring pages (*see attached*)

Younger children can colour in the attached pages. Older children can draw their own pictures using the storyboard template (*attached*) to illustrate the story.

**Activity Pages:** (*see attached*)

**Pentecost Pinwheel Craft:** (*see attached*)

**Pentecost 'Tongue of Flame' headband:** (*see attached*)

**Creative Play:** Act out the story of Pentecost

Cut out the story figures, or use playdough or Lego to make the figures for the story: the disciples, the room in Jerusalem, the tongues of fire.

Let the children tell the story in their own words and act it out.



## ENGAGE

God wants everyone to know how much he loves them. He wants every single person ever born to love him back, and to follow him as their King... But how is that going to happen?

Just as Jesus promised, God sent the Holy Spirit to be a helper to God's people. Imagine that we were in Jerusalem when the Spirit came:

What did it sound like?

What did it feel like?

What did it look like?

What did the Holy Spirit help the disciples to do? (*The disciples could talk about Jesus in other languages and EVERYONE could hear about Jesus. The Holy Spirit helped people not just to hear about Jesus but to believe in him too.*)

The Holy Spirit is OUR helper too. He helps us to know God, to love God, and to share the good news about Jesus with the people in our lives.

What is Good News about Jesus? It is the Gospel!

And what is the Gospel? (*The Gospel is the good news is that God loves and saves all people through Jesus, God's Son.*)

God loves us and made us to be his children: to live with God and for God. Jesus died and rose again so that our sin would be forgiven – so that we would not run away or hide from God anymore.

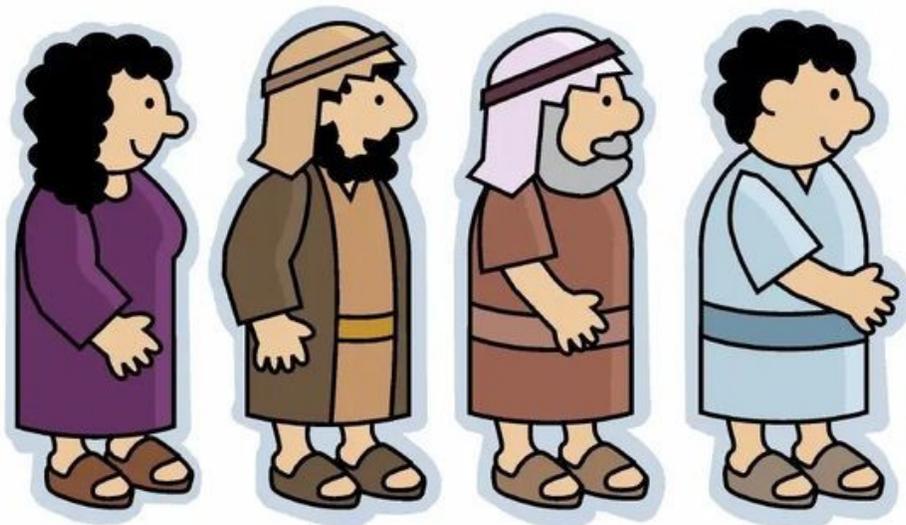
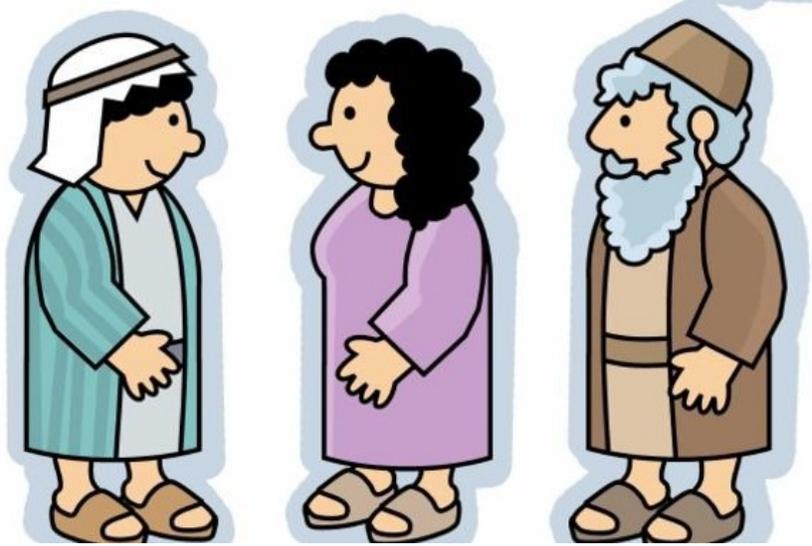
The Holy Spirit helps us to believe that these things are true. This is God's Big Story. God wants you, his precious child, to love God with all your heart, and to live for him every day of your life. And because Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, God is right there with you every step of the way – your God, your helper, and your friend.

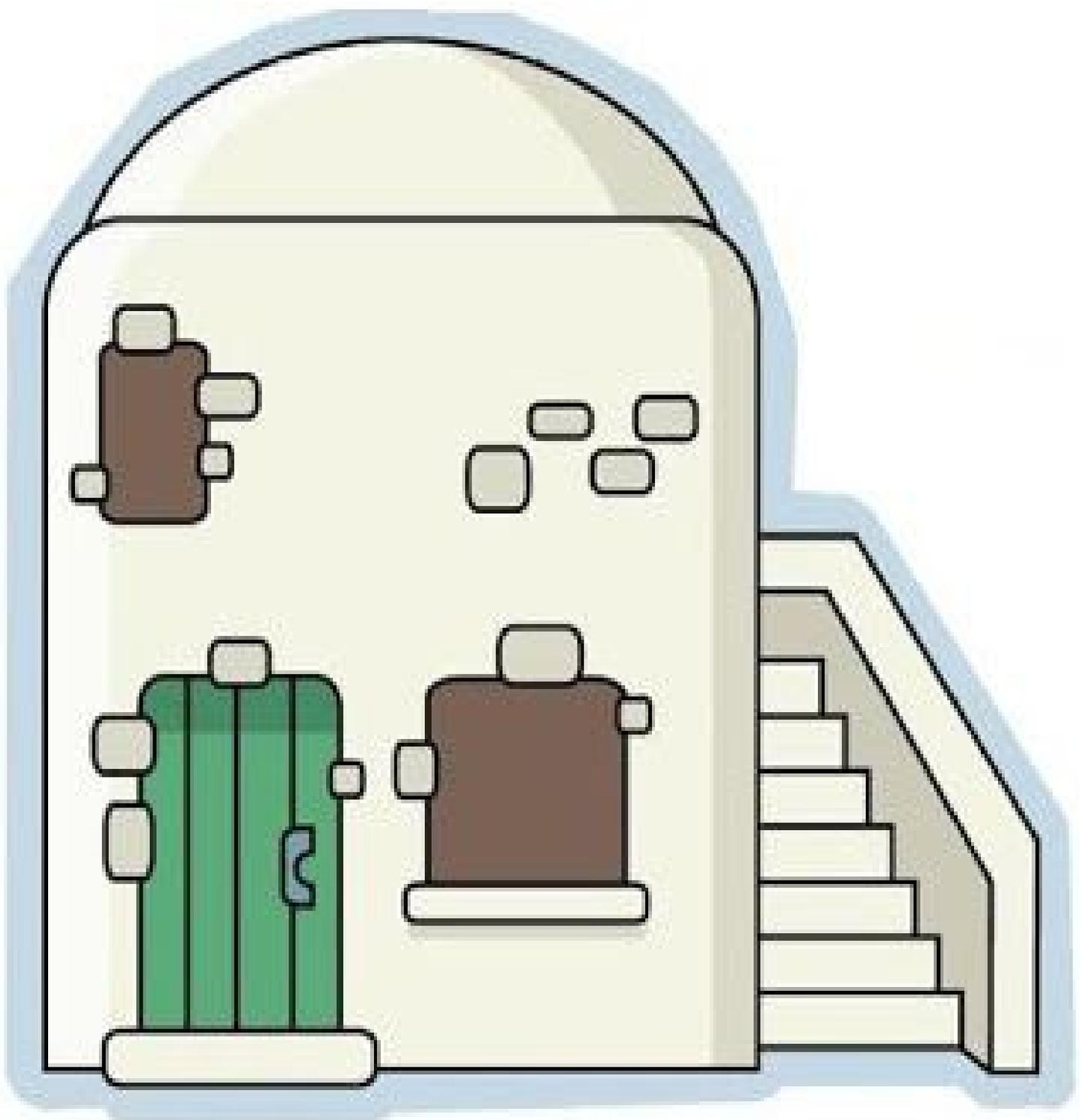
**'You shall be my witnesses... to the end of the earth' (Acts 1:6)**

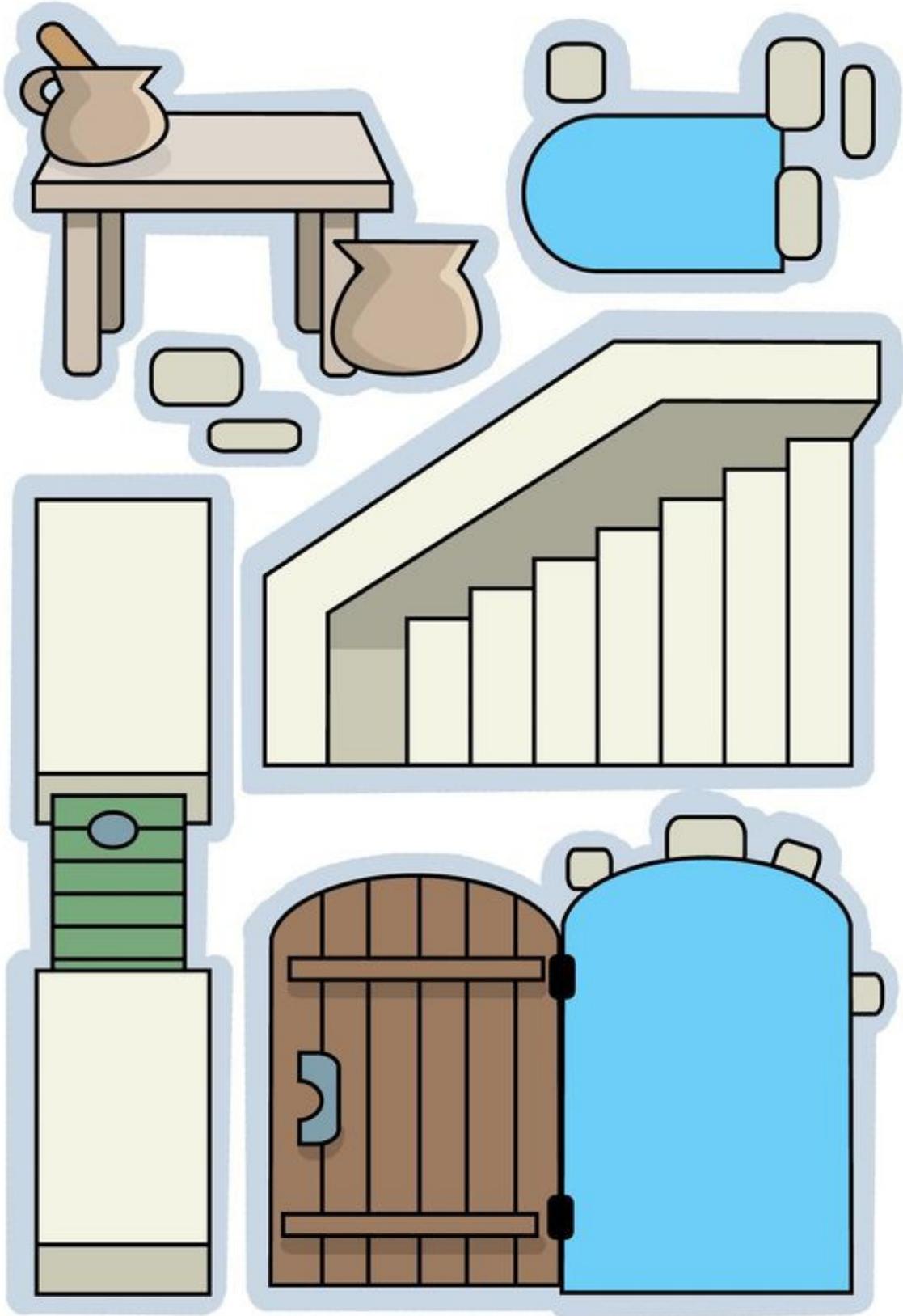
*(Adapted from 'God's Big Story')*

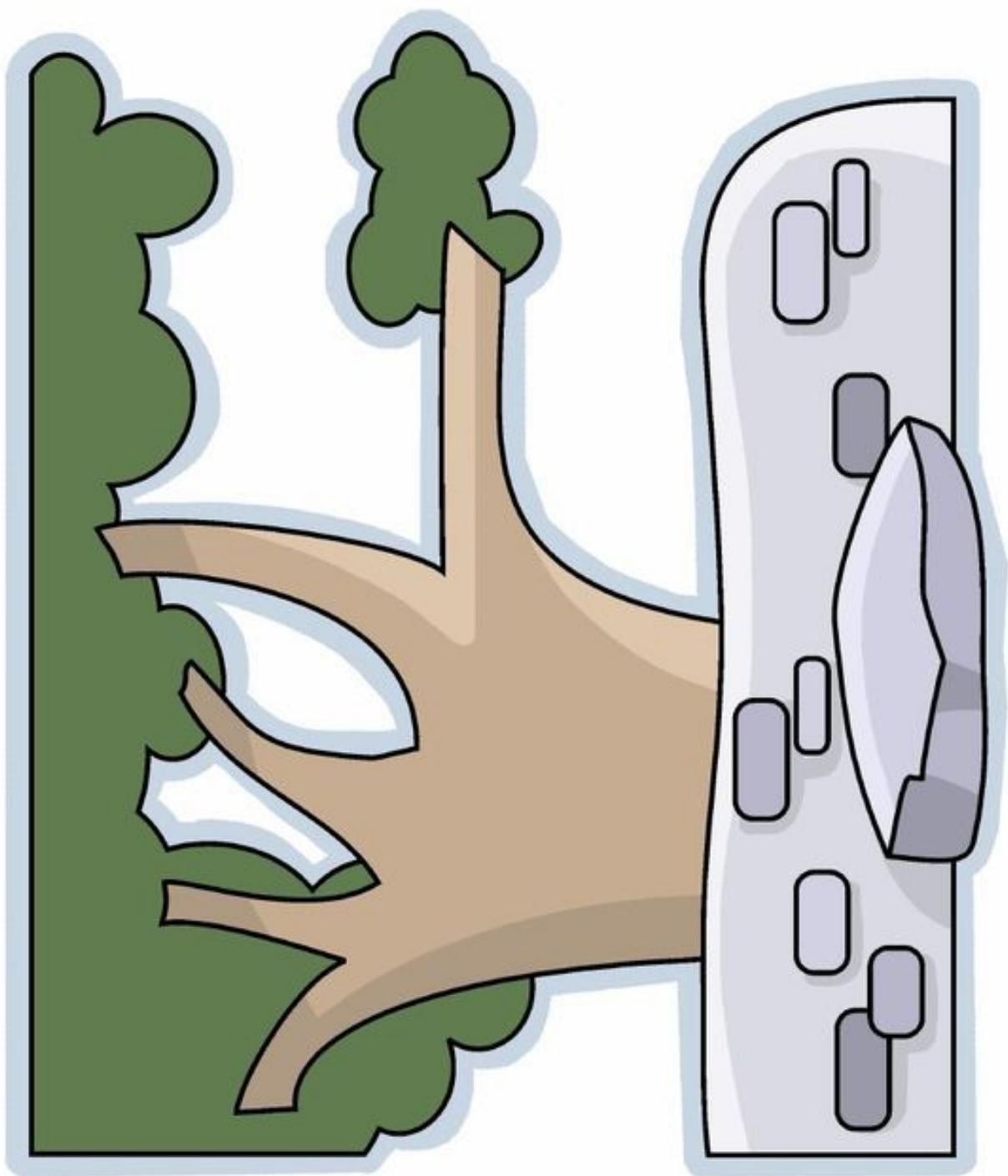
God sends the Holy Spirit  
Story Materials



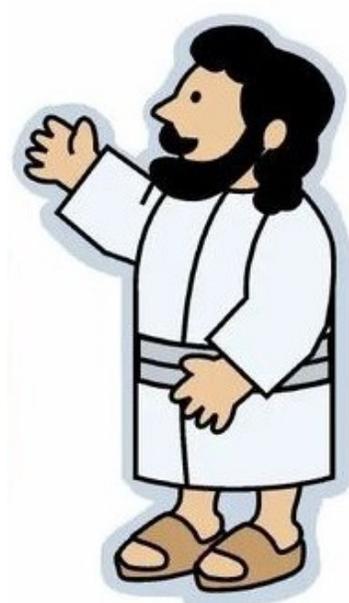
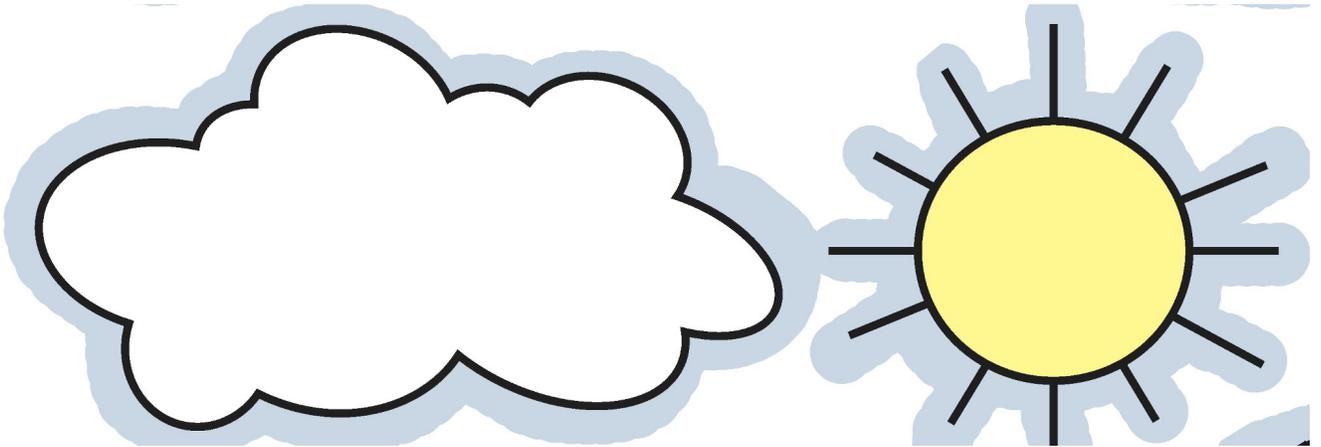
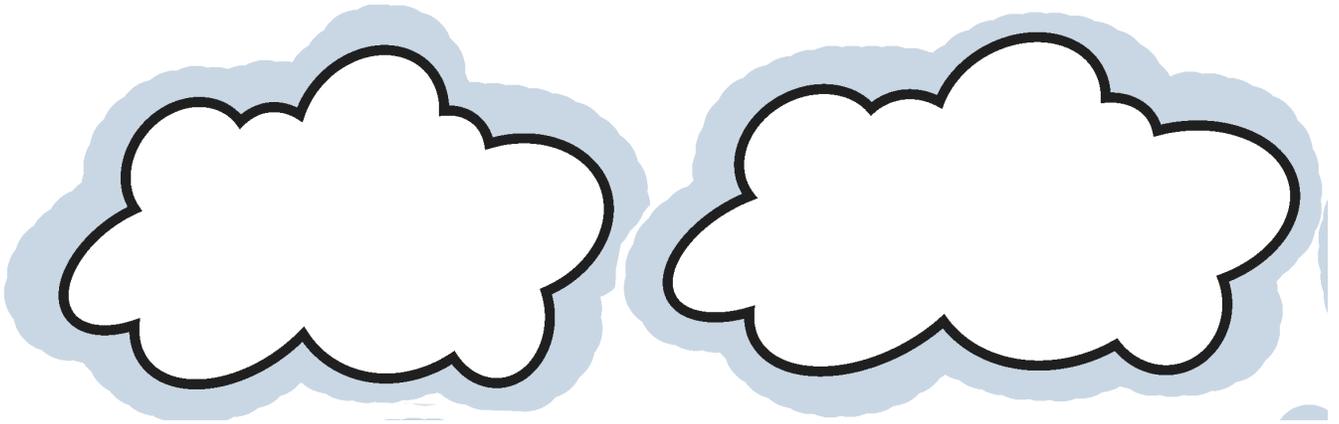














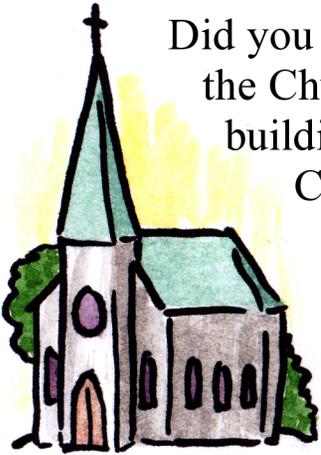




**Lesson**  
God sends the Holy Spirit



# Happy Birthday, Church!



Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.

The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

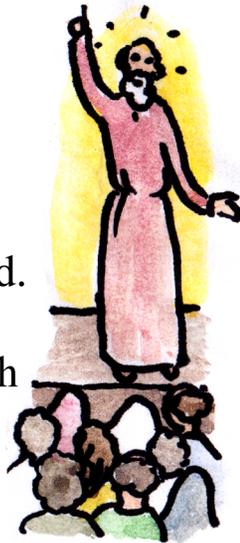
Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



Answer to puzzle on front: The Holy Spirit.  
Answer to Word-Find: native language.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)



# The Kids' Bulletin



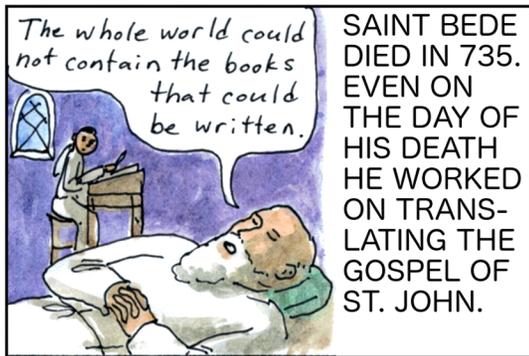
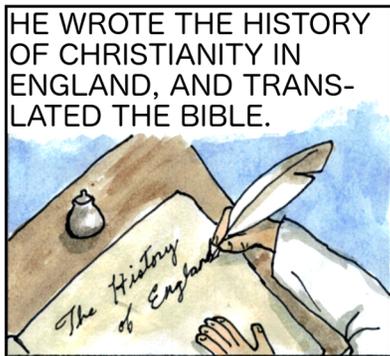
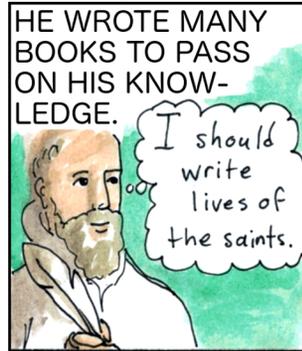
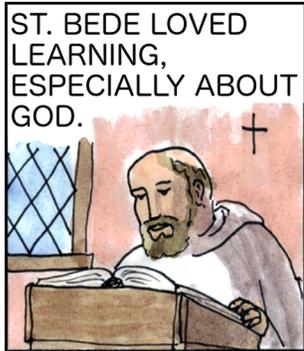
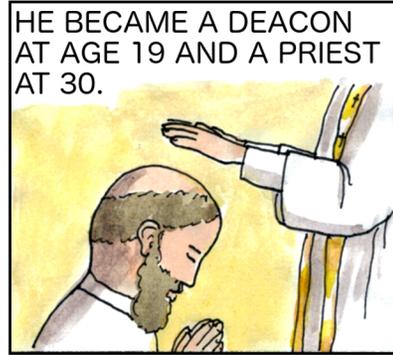
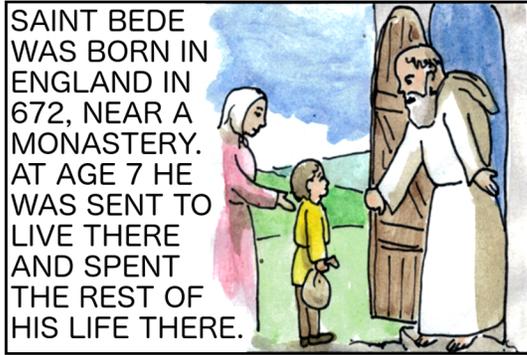
Pentecost Sunday  
May 23rd, 2021



Who came to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday?  
Fill in the blanks with the letters in the flames:  
go around the Apostles clockwise,  
skipping every other letter. Start at Mary's.

# Saint Bede the Venerable

## May 25



SAINT BEDE BECAME HOLY BY STUDYING AND TEACHING, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE BIBLE, AND THE SAINTS WHO BROUGHT THE FAITH TO HIS COUNTRY. DO YOU KNOW WHO BROUGHT THE FAITH TO YOUR COUNTRY? YOU CAN HELP TO SHARE THE FAITH BY LEARNING MORE TOO!

# Pentecost Word-Find

M N C Y R E N E A T  
 E L A M I T E S I A  
 S V P R O M E E L S  
 O A P H R Y G I A I  
 P P A M P H Y L I A  
 O J D N G U P A G M  
 T E O P O N T U S E  
 A W C R E T A N S D  
 M S I J U D E A E E  
 I P A R T H I A N S  
 A R A B S L I B Y A

- PARTHIAN
- MEDES
- ELAMITES
- MESOPOTAMIA
- JUDEA
- CAPPADOCIA
- PONTUS
- ASIA
- PHRYGIA
- PAMPHYLIA
- EGYPT
- LIBYA
- CYRENE
- ROME
- JEWS
- CRETANS
- ARABS

*On Pentecost Sunday, when the apostles went out of the upper room, there was a great crowd in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast. So they began to tell the people the good news of Jesus. See if you can find the names of all the different kinds of people who were in the city listening to them.*

**All these people heard the apostles speaking in their**

\_\_\_\_\_!  
 \_\_\_\_\_!



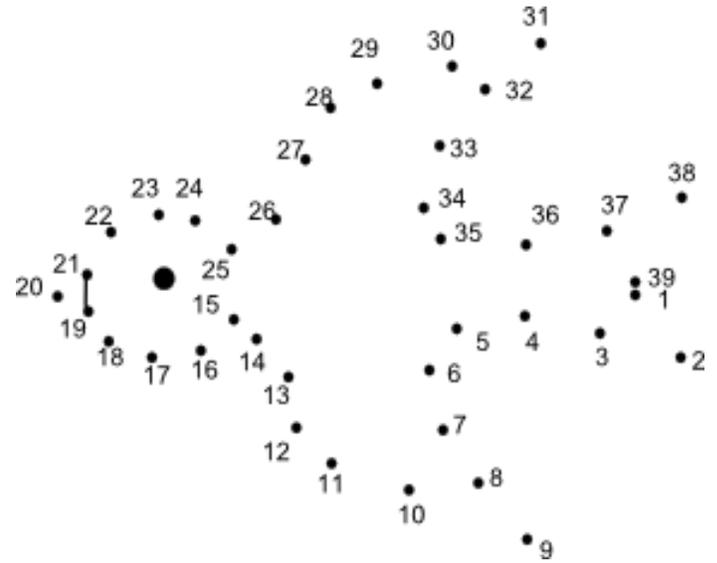
# Learn About The Holy Spirit

## The Trinity

God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three persons who are all the same person – God. This is called the Trinity (Trinity means three).

When we think of God living inside us, in our hearts, and speaking to us each day, this is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives inside every person who has become a Christian.

Work the puzzle to see a dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit.



## The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Before Jesus came, the Holy Spirit did not live inside every person.

God sent the Holy Spirit into a person when he had a special job for the person to do.

Read each verse, and write the name of the person who received the Holy Spirit.

**Genesis 41:38**

\_\_\_\_\_

who interpreted dreams and advised the Pharaoh of Egypt

**Exodus 31:2-4**

\_\_\_\_\_

who made beautiful things from gold, silver, and bronze

**Judges 6:34**

\_\_\_\_\_

a judge who led the people of Israel

**2 Samuel 23:1-2**

\_\_\_\_\_

who was the king of Israel and wrote beautiful songs

**Daniel 4:8**

\_\_\_\_\_

who advised the king of Babylon and interpreted dreams

## What Jesus Said

When Jesus was on earth, he spent time with his friends. He told them that after he was gone, God would send the Holy Spirit to be with them.

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would:

 come after                                                        went back to                                                       

↓   +   ⇨   ▲   ⇨                      ✨   +   \*   ▼   +   →

 give them                                                        to                                                                  

↓   ↑   △   +   ⇨                      △   ↑   ●   →   +   ⇨   ⇨

                                                        them everything

●   +   \*   ★   ✨

                                                                              them when they were sad

★   ↑   ←   ●   ↑   ⇨   ●

Code:

*	★	+	●	✨	↑	↓	←	→	↑	↓	⇨	⇨	●	▲	▼	△
A	C	E	F	H	I	J	M	N	O	P	R	S	T	U	V	W

## When the Holy Spirit Came

Use the picture clues to read the story of how the Holy Spirit came to all believers.

 told his  to wait for the  to come to them. One day the  of

 were all together. A strong wind brought . The  gave the  to

each person. They were able to   about  in different languages. About 3000 people

heard them and believed in  that day! Now the Holy Spirit lives inside each person who believes

in .

 Jesus

 Holy Spirit

  talk

 friends

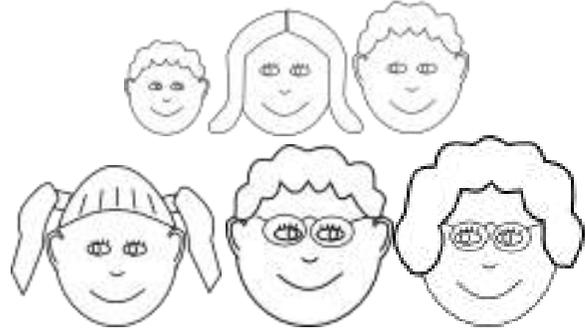
 tongues of fire

# Learn About The Church

## Jesus Started the Church

When Jesus said, "I will build my church," he was talking about the church of all Christians.

If you are a Christian, you belong to Jesus' church.



## Local Churches

After Jesus went back to heaven, Paul and other Christians traveled around, telling people about Jesus and starting local churches in the towns they visited. A local church is a group of Christians that live in the same area and meet together to worship and do God's work.

Look up the verses, read them, and complete the statements about churches.

Ephesians 1:16

Paul \_\_\_\_\_ for the churches he had started.

Acts 15:36

Paul went back and \_\_\_\_\_ the churches he had started.

Hebrews 10:25

Don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_ together as a church.

1 Corinthians 16:2

Give an offering of \_\_\_\_\_ each Sunday.

Acts 14:23

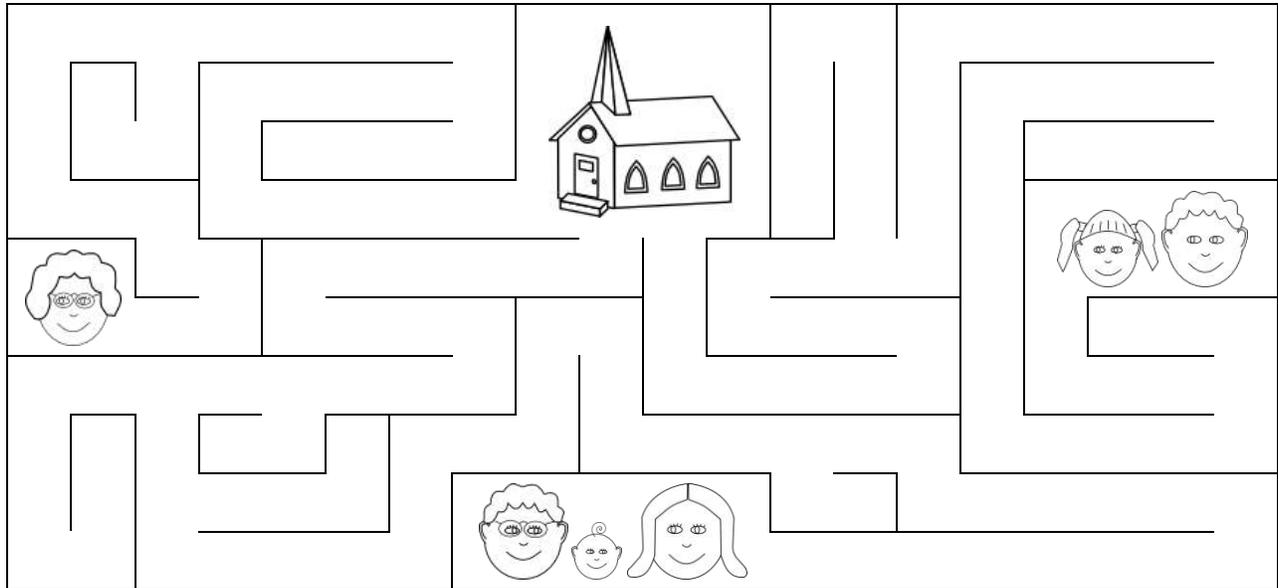
Each church had church \_\_\_\_\_.

Word List: leaders, meet, money, prayed, visited

## Church Buildings

Some churches meet in houses, schools, or other places, but most churches meet in church buildings.

Draw a path for each family to get to the church building.



## Your Church

What is the name of your church?

Who is the pastor of your church?

Who are some other people in your church?

What do you do when your church meets together?

# Pin-less Pentecost Pinwheel

On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit appeared as wind and fire (Tongues of Fire) This craft is meant to help remind children of those two symbols.

This spinning pin wheel was a great party favor for our "Catholic Church Birthday Party". Plus, it's pin-less so even little kids can have one!

## You will need:

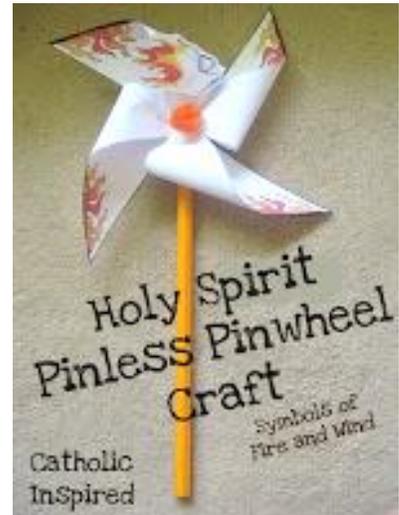
- A new pencil
- 3-inch pipe cleaner
- Paper Pinwheel (next page has 2 pinwheels)
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Glue (something fast drying...glue sticks work)

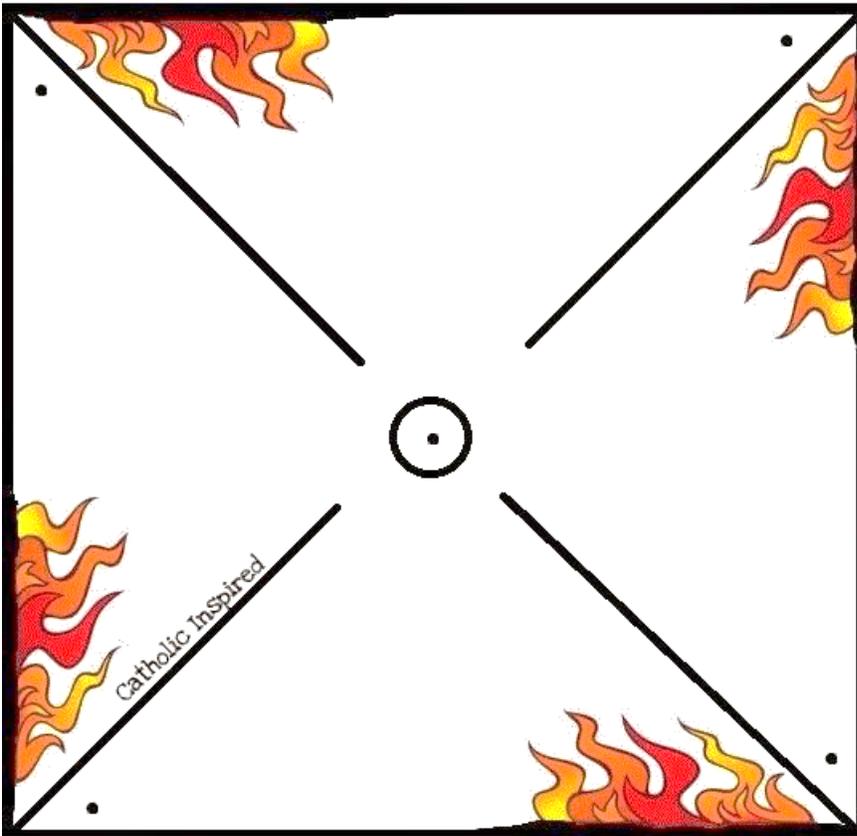
## Instructions:

1. Cut out the paper pinwheel square. Cut the diagonal lines.
2. Glue the corners with the dots to the center, one on top of the other. Hold it in place until it's dry.
3. Create one hole through the center of the pin wheel using a hole punch. Be careful not to crush the pinwheel.
4. Cut out and **\*\*glue the firey dove\*\*** to one of the pinwheel peddles. (**\*\*See update below\*\***)
5. Twist the pipe cleaner around the pencil top. Make sure it's tight.
6. Put the pipe cleaner through the pinwheel's center.
7. Wrap the end of the pipe cleaner around itself making a ball, but leave space to allow the pinwheel to spin.
8. Now give it a blow!

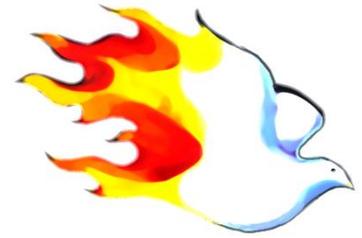
## **\*\* CRAFT UPDATE....**

We discovered that the dove needs to be added carefully or the pin-wheel has trouble spinning. You may prefer to just skip adding the dove because it can be frustrating to children. Sorry for any confusion or frustration.

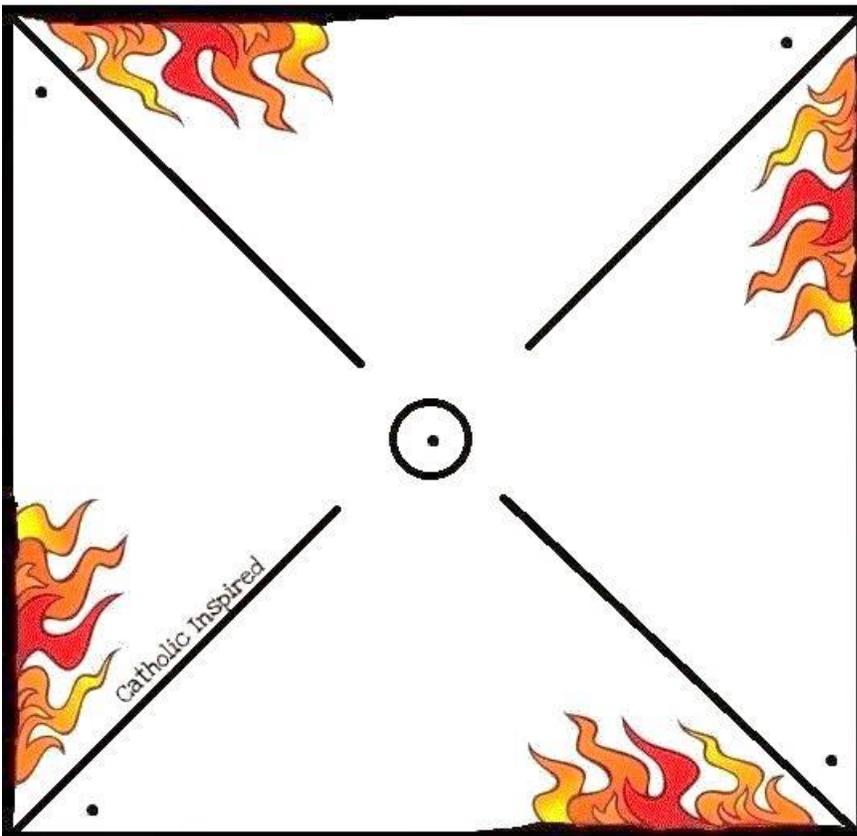




Pinwheel and Holy Spirit  
for the  
Symbols of the Holy Spirit  
Pinless Pinwheel



Catholic Inspired  
[www.CatholicInspired.com](http://www.CatholicInspired.com)



Pinwheel and Holy Spirit  
for the  
Symbols of the Holy Spirit  
Pinless Pinwheel



Catholic Inspired  
[www.CatholicInspired.com](http://www.CatholicInspired.com)

---

# Craft: “Tongue of Flame Headband”

---

## You will need:

- Construction paper or card stock
- Markers, stickers, or other decorating materials
- Tape, glue, or staples
- Scissors



## Procedure:

1. Cut paper into long strips, in order to form into a headband.
2. Decorate the paper with markers, stickers, and/or verse captions.
3. Measure the headband to fit the desired wearer's head, and staple or tape together.
4. Create a “flame” by cutting and gluing paper together.
5. Attach the “flame” to the headband portion. Pop on a head, and have fun!



