

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost - Acts 2:1-41

I wonder how it felt when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples?

I wonder what it was like to hear the sound of rushing wind?

I wonder what the disciples thought about seeing tongues of fire above their heads?

I wonder if they were afraid?

I wonder how would you have felt if you had been a disciple on that day?

I wonder what the people who saw and heard the disciples were thinking and feeling?

I wonder if you have ever felt the Holy Spirit?

I wonder what it was like to be able to understand all the different languages being spoken?

I wonder about all the people who were baptized. How did the Holy Spirit change their lives?

I wonder how we can help others know Jesus?

I wonder who I know needs to hear about Jesus?

Holy Spirit Windsock

The Holy Spirit appeared as wind to the disciples. To make a windsock, you will need a sheet of construction paper, markers or crayons, streamers or tissue paper cut into wide strips, scissors, tape, stapler, hole punch, and a long piece of string. Decorate the construction paper with stickers, crayons, or any other art supplies you wish to use. Tape the streamers to one of the long edges of the construction paper, then roll the paper into a tube so the short sides come together and overlap. Staple and/or tape the sides together. Punch two holes into the end of the tube without the streamers. Tie the ends of the string to the holes and hang it outside so it can catch the wind.

Sit together and watch the wind blowing the windsock. Talk about the story of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples as a great wind.

Do we see the wind?

How do we know the wind is here?

Do we see the Holy Spirit?

How do we know the Spirit is here?

How do I know the Spirit is in me?

Where do I see the Holy Spirit working today?

Flames of the Spirit

Lighting a candle can bring a sense of wonder and calm, especially in a darkened room.

Light a candle, taking turns retelling today's story. Look at the candle flame as you remember how the Holy Spirit came in the form of a flame on each person's head.

How would it have felt seeing tongues of fire above other's heads?

How did the Holy Spirit work in the disciples that day?

Wonder together how the Holy Spirit is working in each of you.

Use this as a time to bless each other by affirming the qualities and actions where you see the Spirit working in each other. Or pray for each family member - that you will come to know the Holy Spirit working in your family, and that the Holy Spirit will help you speak to other people about the good news of Jesus.

Fruit of the Spirit

Read Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Using items that you have at home, make a Fruit of the Spirit collage that you can post somewhere in your home to remind you of these characteristics of God's nature and a holy life.