

The Church season of Pentecost

Pentecost is a special time when we remember how the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' friends.

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. **ACTS 2:2-4**

They went out into the streets in Jerusalem and for the first time began telling the news about Jesus. Many people became follows of Jesus. From that day on, all Christians knew the Holy Spirit as their helper.

Throughout the Bible, the word wind is often used in place of the word Spirit. Take some time during the season of Pentecost to experience the unpredictability of the movement of the spirit by having a go at some of the following ideas.

1. Balloons

Blow up red balloons, but don't tie them. Use permanent markers to decorate or write on prayers. One cue, have each person release their ballon and enjoy the moment of mayhem as they fly all over the room.

2. Kites

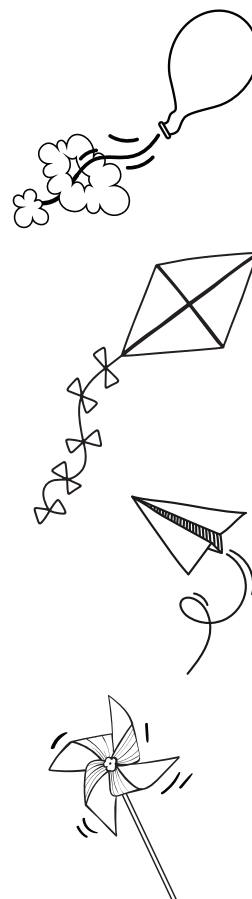
Make or purchase paper kites. Use markers to decorate them with prayers or gifts of the Spirit. Head outdoors and have fun flying the kids.

3. Paper planes

Make your favourite paper plane and then go outdoors and let them fly. Talk about the different styles and flight paths of the plane.

4. Pinwheel or Wind Catcher

Check out the attached instructions to make either a pinwheel or wind catcher. Reflect how each of these ideas needs the wind to make it work is a bit like each of us as Christinas needs the Holy Spirit to encourage our faith in God.



Pinwheel Craft

YOU WILL NEED

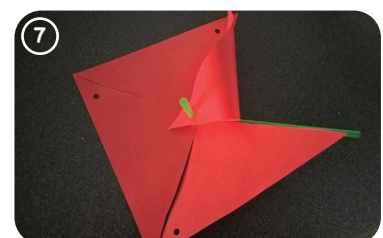
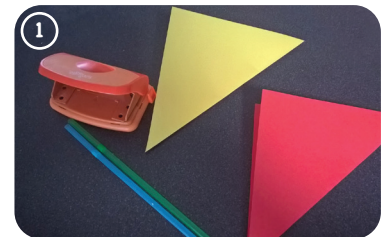
12 x 12cm thin card or paper, or origami paper
Scissors
Hole punch
Tape
Bendy straw
Plasticine or Blu-Tack

WHAT TO DO

1. Fold your square of paper in half at the corners, both ways, then unfold.
2. Cut slits from the corners $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way in towards the middle.
3. At each of the four corners, punch a hole in the left point only so you have four holes.
4. Make a hole in the centre of the square.
5. Take a bendy straw and bend it to a right angle.
6. Slot the piece of paper over the short end of the straw.
7. Pull one point to the centre of the card and thread the hole over the straw. Tape down.
8. Repeat until all four points are joined at the centre.
9. Remove the straw and widen the holes with a pencil so the wheel will spin easily.
10. Replace the wheel on the straw and stop it from falling off the end with a piece of plasticine/Blu-Tack.

TIPS...

- You might need to use a pencil and plasticine to put a hole in the centre if your hole punch won't reach far enough.
- For a sturdier pin wheel, use staples instead of tape when fastening the four corners to the centre.
- Make multi-coloured pin wheels by using two sheets of construction paper in different colours.



Wind catcher

YOU WILL NEED

A4 sheet of card
Dove template
50 cm length of string
Variety of Pentecost coloured streamers
(cut from crepe paper)
Scissors
Tape
Coloured markers

WHAT TO DO

1. Print dove template onto white card
2. Cut out dove
3. Stick the coloured streamers along the bottom edge of the dove
4. Attach the string to wings of the dove
5. Decorate dove with markers
6. Take your Pentecost wind catcher home and hang it up where it can catch the wind to remind you of the Holy Spirit.



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