

Sunday Club May 31 2020

Dear All

We hope that you are all enjoying half term. This Sunday is Pentecost or Whitsun.

The apostles were obeying Jesus' instructions and were gathered in Jerusalem. It had been 10 days since Jesus had ascended (went back up) to heaven. On this day Jews that had travelled from many different countries were gathered in Jerusalem. The Jewish people were gathered to celebrate a feast called Pentecost. This special feast is a time where God's people brought gifts as offerings to God.

Let's read [Acts 2:1-4](#).

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

What did it sound like in the room that the believers were gathered in? (Verse 2)
What unusual sight happened in that room? (Verse 3) Who filled the believers? (The Holy Spirit) What did He help them to do? (Speak in other languages) (Verse 4)

God kept His promise and He sent the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

God the Holy Spirit would teach believers how to live lives that please God the Father. When believers read God's Word, the Holy Spirit helps them to understand what they are reading. God speaks to believers through His Word. When we memorise God's Word, the Holy Spirit brings it to our minds when we need to remember it.

The believers gathered together in that room had experienced an amazing event. God kept His Promise and sent the gift of the Holy Spirit. The noise caused the Jews visiting Jerusalem to gather and find out what was going on.

Let's read [Acts 2:6-7](#).

When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"

These Jewish people that lived in different countries and spoke different languages were confused. Each one of them could hear the believers from Galilee speaking their very own language. Let's find out what they heard the believers filled with the Holy Spirit saying in their language. Read the last part of [Acts 2:11](#).

¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

What they experienced would be similar to us visiting another country where the people do not speak English and we don't speak their language. If they began to praise God in English so we could understand we would be amazed!

Many in the crowd wanted to know what was happening and wanted to know what this meant. Some in the crowd made fun of the believers and said they had been drinking too much wine.

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and he stood up along with the other eleven apostles. He told the crowd that they were not drunk. It was only 9 o'clock in the morning. He began to explain to the crowd that God's promise to send the Holy Spirit had happened that very day on the Day of Pentecost.

On that very day the people witnessed God's promise that He made so many years ago come true. God kept His promise and sent the Holy Spirit.

Since that time so many years ago every person who has believed in the Lord Jesus has received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. We don't see flames of fire resting on our heads or hear loud wind noises but we do receive the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live lives that please God.

If you ask God to help you live a life that pleases Him, the Holy Spirit will give you power to do the things you know you need to do.

Review Questions:

1. What special celebration was taking place in our story? (Day of Pentecost)
2. How did the Jewish people celebrate Pentecost? (By bringing a gift to offer to God)
3. When the believers were gathered together what sound did the believers hear? (Loud wind)
4. What did the believers see? (Flames of fire resting on their heads)
5. Who filled each of the believers on the Day of Pentecost? (The Holy Spirit)
6. Why were the people in Jerusalem confused? (They could hear the believers from Galilee speaking in the language they could understand)
7. What did they hear the believers saying in their own language? (wonders of God)

Pentecost craft – Holy Spirit pinwheel

Materials Needed:

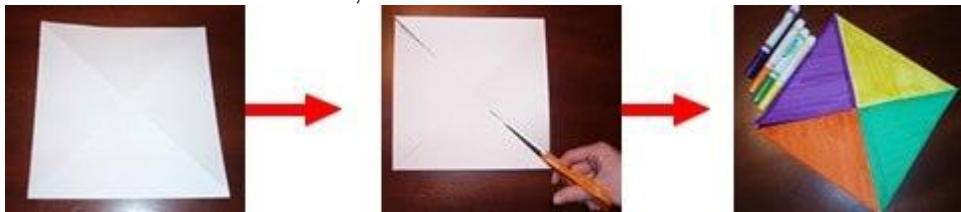
- One square piece of heavy construction paper
- One pair of scissors

- One drawing pin
- One pencil (with an eraser)
- Crayons, colored pencils, and stickers for decorating the pinwheels

Procedure:

1. Fold the construction paper on the diagonal from corner to corner. Open the paper up and fold on the second diagonal across the other two corners. When the paper is opened flat, the folds make an "X" across the square.
2. Make one cut along each fold beginning at the corner and cutting toward the centre. The cut should stop about halfway toward the centre. The cut **should not** go all the way to the centre of the square.
3. Decorate each section of the square on both sides of the heavy construction paper using the materials provided.
4. Take every other corner, one at a time and gently pull it up to the centre of the square.
5. When all four corners meet at the center, take the drawing pin and push it through all four corners through the centre of the square.
6. Push the drawing pin through the eraser of the pencil.
7. Blow on the pinwheel and watch it spin!

Use this craft to learn about how we can hear and feel the wind, but we cannot see it. We can see the results of the wind, but we cannot see the wind itself. Relate this to God. We can hear His voice through His Word and feel His peace, comfort, joy, etc. We cannot see Him, but we can see the results of His work.



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- Suggest using a square which is 6 inches or smaller in diameter. You want the length from one corner to the center of the square to be shorter than the pencil.
- The thicker the paper you choose to use, the more sturdy the pinwheel will be. Thick paper will better withstand to the wind and blowing by a child.
- Do not push the drawing pin all the way through the pencil eraser causing the pinwheel to attach tightly to the pencil. If pushed in too tightly the pinwheel will not turn.



See on the next page a colouring sheet on Pentecost.

Do send us photos of your pinwheels and colouring.

