

The unseen power of the wind

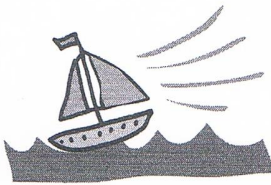
The Holy Spirit

Read Acts 2:1-17 and 5:32

Jesus told the disciples to wait until the Holy Spirit came. (Acts 1:4, 5)

Pentecost = 7 x 7 + 1 = ?

It is 50 days since the time of the crucifixion events. Perhaps the disciples feel dis-spirited. They obeyed Jesus and stayed together. (2:1)



The wind is a symbol of breath, life, the Spirit of God. (Unseen but there with us.) This is a sign of a mighty power. (2:2)



Fire is another sign of power. A symbol for light, warmth, the triumph over darkness. (2:3)

The disciples were filled, inspired by the Spirit. Spirit-driven and empowered. (2:4)

The God-filled go out in his name. (2:5-17)

Those who seek to do God's will are the most likely to know and receive the Spirit of God. (5:32)



Why do we think that wind or breath is a symbol of the hidden presence of the Spirit?



What are some of the properties of fire and light?

Why is this a good symbol for the Holy Spirit?



As the wind is only 'seen' by the way it moves things, how is the Spirit seen at work in your life?

Pray

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your power.

Inspire us and guide us.

Fill us with your light.

Warm us and fill us.

Give us courage to tell of you and to do your will.

Amen.