



The Cornerstone Messy Church 2nd June 2020

The Christian Church celebrates Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples, seven weeks after Easter.

You can read this story in the bible in the book of Acts chapter 2

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2&version=ICB>

Or pages 208-209 The Barnabas Family Bible

And here is a cartoon version. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M>

The church has three main symbols for the Holy Spirit WIND, FLAMES and DOVE (the dove reminds us of the Holy Spirit coming from heaven when Jesus got baptised Matthew 3: 13-17, but for the Pentecost story we will think about wind and flames)

In your bag you will find the materials you need to make these crafts, except for basic stuff you should have at home. There are also various puzzles and activity sheets.

STREAMER. You will need kitchen roll tube, strips of crepe paper and glue



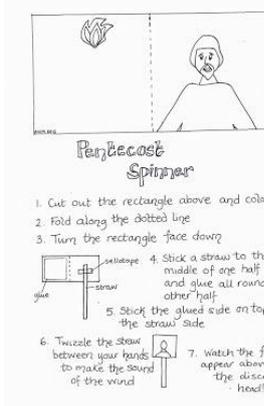
You can decorate the tube if you wish

Glue the strips into one end of the tube.

When dry wave it around to create a breeze, or go outside if it is a breezy day and the wind will make the paper 'fly'

Talk about: you can't see wind but we know it is there because we see the effects, like washing on the line on a windy day. We can't see the Holy Spirit but we know it's there when people are empowered to do extraordinary things for Jesus. Do you know anybody like this?

SPINNER (from Flame Creative Children's Ministry)



You will need the sheet from your bag, a straw, felt tips, glue and scissors

Instructions to make this are on the sheet. Have fun.

Optional extra: if you have a kite and can get to a park or open space on a breezy day, go fly the kite and think about the power of wind.

PAPER PLATE CROWN.



You will need a paper plate, scissors, red, yellow, orange felt tip pens and glue

Cut the centre circle from the plate, leaving the rim in tact.

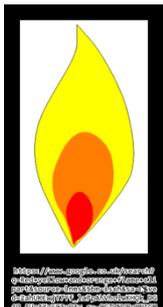
Decorate the rim if you wish.

From the centre, draw and cut out a flame shape (you can cut round the template provided for the next activity)

Colour in with flame colours and fix to the front edge of the rim. Wear. (alternatively glue on screwed up bits of tissue as in the illustration)

Think about: the disciples would have been scared and confused as Jesus was no longer with them. How do you think they must have felt once the Holy Spirit had come to them?

WATER BEAD FLAME



You will need three small bowls of cold water, red yellow and orange beads, a sheet of kitchen towel, paper with a flame drawn on it and glue
Soak the coloured beads in cold water until they have grown quite big. Drain excess water and lay out on kitchen towel to make sure no droplets remain
Apply glue to your picture of a flame and arrange the beads in the sections

Think About what it would be like to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and what kind of things God might want you to do.

PLASTIC FORK PAINTING



You will need plastic forks and sheet of black paper. Three empty yoghurt pots or similar, powder paint and water to make a thick mix of each red, yellow and orange.

Put a blob of each colour at the top of the paper and drag the fork down to spread it, swirling or random patterns, until the sheet is covered, Leave to dry

Talk about : did you feel powerful making the paint move like that? God's Holy Spirit can make you feel powerful too, to do extraordinary things like the first disciples did.

BUBBLE PRAYERS



You will need paper and pen, and your bubbles from the bag

Write down the names of people in your family, particularly any you are unable to see at the moment, and the friends you are missing.

Go outside to your balcony, garden, or just open a window, and blow bubbles, for each blow mention one of the names and ask God to keep that person safe and well

IDEA FOR OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE

Get permission to use the internet

Write down "God is Love" in as many languages as you can find.

Think about: Jesus disciples did not have lots of language A levels, yet foreign visitors to Jerusalem were able to hear them in their own languages. God's Holy Spirit was acting to 'translate' the words as they left the disciples' mouth, or reached the listeners' ears. And this was long before Google Translate. How awesome is that?

The message of God's love is the same the world over whatever language

Conclude by singing to the Tune "She'll be coming round the mountain"

Fill me up Holy Spirit, fill me up. (clap, clap, clap)

Fill me up Holy Spirit, fill me up. (clap, clap, clap)

Fill me up until I'm glowing,

Full of love and overflowing.

Fill me up Holy Spirit, fill me up. (clap, clap, clap)

Make me strong Holy Spirit, make me strong. (clap, clap, clap)

Make me strong Holy Spirit, make me strong. (clap, clap, clap)

Make me strong with quiet giving,

Strength in just and joyful living.

Make me strong Holy Spirit, make me strong. (clap, clap, clap)

Lead me on Holy Spirit, lead me on. (clap, clap, clap)

Lead me on Holy Spirit, lead me on. (clap, clap, clap)

Lead me on a brand new journey,

One of hope and constant learning.

Lead me on Holy Spirit, lead me on. (clap, clap, clap)

Messy Blessing

May...

God the Father watch over us - *hands reaching up high above the body*

God the Son walk with us - *hands reaching out wide either side of the body*

God the Spirit work through us - *hands crossed over the body*

Until we meet again - *shake hands or high-five each other*

Amen.

It would be lovely to see photos of your completed work, which can be uploaded to Facebook "Messy Church at The Cornerstone" group

If it is your birthday in June, do let us know via the Facebook Group so we can all sing