

Activity Instructions

Today we are looking at Acts 2 and thinking about Pentecost

Activity 1 Game

You will need: newspapers or magazines and scissors

Cut some fish shapes, at least one per person, from some newspaper or magazine paper. Then flap folded newspapers or magazines up and down to move the fish across the floor of the room. You could have a race to see who can move their fish across the room first.

Talk about the noise the wind makes during a storm? How loud is it? What does it do?

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Activity 2 Balloon rocket

You will need: 3-4m string, straw, balloon, sticky tape, scissors, balloon pump (optional)

Thread the string through the straw. Tie each end of the string to a chair or door handle and make sure it is taut. Inflate the balloon, but do not tie it, then attach it to the straw using sticky tape. Then let go the end of the balloon and watch it travel along the string.

Talk about things that use the energy from the air or wind. Have you seen wind turbines in the countryside? Do you know what they are used for?

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Activity 3 Dove light switch cover

You will need: card, the dove light switch template, markers or crayons, stickers or other crafty bits for decorations (optional), scissors, some blutac.

Trace around the template onto card or print the template directly onto card. Cut around the dove shape and cut out the space for the light switch and then decorate it in whatever way you would like. Attach to the light switch with a little blutac.

Talk about what it would be like if you travelled to a foreign country where they don't speak English and as you went around listening you could understand everything as all you were hearing was being spoken in English? Would you be surprised? Would you think it was all a bit weird and wonder what was happening?

And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. Acts 2:4

Activity 4 Languages

You will need: a device and access to the internet

Learn to say a phrase in some different languages. Maybe you could learn to say 'Thank you God' or 'Praise the Lord' or another phrase of your choice in 2 or 3 different languages. You can do this by going to <https://translate.google.com/?sl=en&tl=it&op=translate> and typing

in your chosen phrase and then clicking on the different languages. You can hear a speaker saying the phrase which is really helpful.

I wonder what phrase and languages you will choose ...

Godly Jews from many nations were living in Jerusalem at that time. When they heard this sound, they came running to see what it was all about, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. Acts 2: 5-6

Activity 5 Science

You will need: a candle or night-light, water, food colouring (optional flat dish and a glass jar.

Add a little food colouring to your water if using it. Then pour a shallow layer of water into your dish. Place the candle in the middle of the dish of water and light it. Then place the glass jar over the candle and watch what happens.

In today's story flames came to rest on the people's heads but they didn't burn them. Instead, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave the people the power to speak in other languages so that all the people visiting from foreign countries would be able to understand the wonderful news about Jesus and all he had done. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts and abilities so we can share God's love and the good news of Jesus with other people.

Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. Acts 2:3

Activity 6 Bubbles

You will need: a glass and a straw for each person, water, washing-up liquid.

Pour about 2cm of water into each glass. Then add a few drops of washing-up liquid into each glass. Now take the straw and blow into the water and see what happens.

How many bubbles can you make? Can you get them to move up and over the top of the glass? Have a competition to see who can make the most bubbles. And most of all have fun.

On that day when the Holy Spirit came on all the disciples who had been waiting just like Jesus had told them to do, there was a noise like the wind in a storm. That is many times louder than the noise we can make when blowing bubbles. But the Holy Spirit didn't just come way back then, the Holy Spirit comes to us too. Just like the power of our breath makes lots of bubbles, the power of the Holy Spirit does amazing things. The Holy Spirit might give us the courage to speak out when we are afraid, or give us a deep sense of joy that bubbles up from inside us and helps us experience even more of God's presence with us. There are so many ways we can experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

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