

Sunday School Lesson

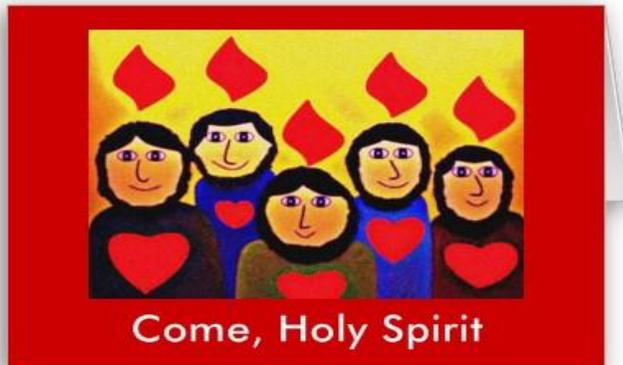
May 31, 2020

3rd grade through high school

Acts 2: 1-21

The Holy Spirit

Day Of Pentecost!



Materials needed:

Bible or Spark Story Bible

Pinwheel

Materials to make a pinwheel: paper, scissors, pencil, ruler, pencil with an eraser or a thin dowel, push pin

Items to add to your home altar: see below for ideas

Journal

1. Today we are celebrating the Day of Pentecost, an important event in the life of the Christian church. On this day we are reading the story of when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples. As you read the story look for three big signs that the Holy Spirit had visited and gifted the disciples. (wind, flames and the ability to speak and understand different languages)
2. Read the Story "The Holy Spirit" to your child or with your child found in Acts 2:1-21 and on page 502 of the Spark Story Bible. You can also hear Mrs. Schoch tell the story on our Light of Christ Lutheran Church Youth Facebook page.
3. Jesus promised his disciples the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit arrived in a great gust of wind and flames. No one was hurt in this experience. The flames appeared to be resting on the disciples, yet no one was hurt. Once the Holy Spirit had arrived the disciples could speak many different languages so that the people who were from different places could understand the disciples' words. They could understand all that they were saying about what Jesus taught them. We consider Pentecost Sunday as the beginning of the Christian Church. The Holy Spirit is with us today inspiring and helping us to share the news of God's great love for us.
4. Activities to support the story:
 - a. Sing Happy Birthday to the church!! Every year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the beginning of the Christian Church. Happy Birthday Church!!
 - b. Add something representative of Pentecost to your home altar. A battery-operated candle to represent the flames, a pinwheel or battery-operated hand-held fan to represent

the wind, a ceramic or stuffed bird to represent the Holy Spirit, something red to represent the color of Pentecost.

- c. Make a pinwheel: Search the internet for instructions for a simple pinwheel. One can be made with paper, a pencil with an eraser and a push pin.

5. Action Rhyme:

When Jesus' disciples met on Pentecost Day (sit down),

The Holy Spirit came right down (flutter hands like a dove).

And helped them spread God's Word around (cup hands to mouth and pretend to talk to someone).

6. Create a Journal Entry: Title it May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday, The Holy Spirit! Draw or write your ideas for this story. The signs of the Holy Spirit's arrival can be easily drawn: the rush of wind, the flames atop of the disciples' heads, a dove and the disciples speaking and understanding different languages. Can you think of a time that you felt powerful? Write about that time. What were you doing? What made you feel powerful? In the story of Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus receive power from the Holy Spirit to speak new languages to spread the Good News! Did you ever feel like the Holy Spirit helped you share God's love with others? Describe this time.

7. Sing together:

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine.

All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine,
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine,
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it
shine, let it shine.

Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

"Gracious Spirit" page 401 of the red hymnal ELW.

8. Close with a Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to us to encourage and help us to share the Good News of your great love for us and all people!! Make us, like Jesus' disciples, messengers of your Good News so that we may take the message of your love and share it with everyone wherever we may go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

God Bless Us and Keep Us Now and Evermore!! Amen.