



Aim: to see that the powerful Holy Spirit keeps us connected to God



The disciples, who became known as the Apostles, waited, just as Jesus had instructed them, in an upper room in Jerusalem for the arrival of the Helper (God's Holy Spirit). They had no idea how this helper would appear but they trusted Jesus and they weren't disappointed. In Acts chapter 2, we read that one morning, they suddenly heard what sounded like a violent wind and saw what looked like flames of fire separate and come to settle on each of them. This was the baptism of a new kind... the baptism of the Holy Spirit. His help wasn't only on the exterior, but flowing through each one, powerfully and radically charging them with God's power. Something else happened. They began speaking in tongues. A delegation of Jews from all over the world was visiting Jerusalem at that time and they were so astonished to hear the apostles speaking in each of their own languages that it stopped them in their tracks and gave Peter the perfect opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel with them. The power of the Holy Spirit really did help. The scriptures tell us that around 3,000 were added to their number that day. The Church was born. When people come to faith the Holy Spirit of God comes to live within, bringing help, comfort and power to be more like Jesus.



Wait for me to show you a picture then shout what you see.

Leave a few seconds before you reveal each picture of the following: a room, a flame, a kite, a speech bubble

All these things are clues for our story. Let's hear it now.



Read Early one Morning, pg. 221. Show the images from the 'ready steady' activity again at the appropriate times during the story.

If you are making the flame headband and bracelet crafts during the session you might consider making them before the story so that the children can wear them during the story.

Jesus said he would send his friends the Helper, and that's what he did. Now his friends would never be alone and all that waiting had been worthwhile. They were very happy and excited to know that God was with them forever. When we are Jesus's friend he sends the Helper to be with us, too.



- *I wonder what it felt like waiting for Jesus' promise to happen?*
- *I wonder how Jesus's friends felt when they suddenly heard the loud sound of a mighty wind and saw flames of fire above their heads*
- *I wonder how the Holy Spirit can help us today*



Give out things that make blowing and crackling noises like kitchen roll tubes and crisp packets. Ask everyone to make their noise when you point at them. Conduct like an orchestra, starting slowly and with one or two noises, then adding pace and volume until the room is full of the noise of wind and fire.



- Make flame headband and then wear as fancy dress. <http://outuponthewaters.com/wearable-pentecost-crafts-headband-and-ribbon-bracelets/>
- Print copies of the Pentecost playdough mat and provide red and yellow playdough for the flames. <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/04/pentecost-play-dough-mat.html>



- Decorate fairy cakes with white buttercream then add slices of strawberries for flames.
- Make Holy Spirit handprint doves, by making white handprints on coloured card work. Add a googly eye and triangle beak to the thumb. You could offer small white feathers to add to each finger or turn this into a greeting card by folding the card in half.



Today we are going to ask God to fill us with his love and power and his peace. As we pray lets hold our arms out to receive from God.

Dear God,

*Thank you that with you we are never alone.
Thank you for being my helper,
My comforter and my forever friend.
Holy Spirit, fill me with your love,
your power and your peace.*

Amen



- Shine
- May the God of Hope (action song) <https://youtu.be/yXZYzXNjEY>
- Nothing's too big
- Bananaman



Read or watch the story of Teddy Horsley and the windy day by Leslie Francis and Nicola Slee
<https://youtu.be/TBlxRVyJN6A>

Stick streamers of crepe paper onto a short cardboard tube and run to see if you can get the streamers to blow in the wind