

*Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way*

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Day of Pentecost

**Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (30)**

**Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**



**The Wind in Your Socks** Object: A windsock.

How many of you know what this is? It is a windsock. A windsock is a type of kite. The windsock was invented many years ago in Japan and was flown on "Boys Day." The family would hang one windsock for each son in the family on the end of a pole outside of their house and let it blow in the wind.

Where else would you possibly see a windsock? You may have seen a windsock at an airport. Windsocks are used at airports to show which way the wind is blowing to help pilots to take off and land safely. Windsocks are also used to help predict the weather and they are also used to help guide to Space Shuttle pilots to a safe landing upon their return from space.

No one can see the wind, but we know the wind is there because the windsock shows us that it is there. The wind is very important to us. What are some of the ways that the wind helps us?

- \* It helps to cool us off when we get too hot.
- \* It helps to clean the air we breathe of smoke and smog.
- \* It can be converted to electrical power to light our homes.

Today, many churches celebrate a special day called Pentecost. It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent his Holy Spirit to the church. The Bible tells us that the apostles were all gathered together in one place when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. They saw what looked like tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

God's Holy Spirit is somewhat like the wind. We can't see him, but we know that he is there because we can see the effects of his power in our lives. The Holy Spirit is very important to us. What are some of the ways that the Holy Spirit helps us?

- \* He comforts us when we are sad and alone. (John 15:26)
- \* He guides us in the way of truth. (John 16:13)
- \* He helps us when we don't know how to pray. (Romans 8:27)
- \* He lives inside us and gives us life. (Ezekiel 37:14)
- \* He shows us the good things God has for us. (1 Corinthians 2:9-11)

We are thankful for all of the ways that the wind helps us, but we are even more thankful for all of the ways the Holy Spirit helps us every day. You might say, "He is the wind in your socks!"



**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia

Dear Father, we thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to comfort, guide us, and live within us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. -Used by permission, Sermons4kids

## Word Search Puzzle

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X T O B P P H W G H X U E X I
T G T F Z J V J Y I O C G M B
Y B H J P X I L P F F U Z Z X
L L E L E J O Z J M D E S I W
I W R Y N H L A N G U A G E L
S Q Z I T E Z F I L L E D A L
J C C E E L J W H K K A Q D J
R E G G C S F V Q A T L Q W X
T Q S G O R W I E S O W H J M
M D P I S H G P B O N J I V J
F A I M T E S K J U G A R N H
I Y R J N A B Y N N U H X K D
R N I A E V W Q K D E E R L Z
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PENTECOST	FILLED	HEAR	HOUSE	WIND
HEAVEN	FIRE	TONGUES	LANGUAGE	OTHER
DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK

**WINDSOCK ART:** Provide children with construction paper of two different colors. One piece of construction paper will be rectangular that the children will write words from today's Bible lesson, such as Holy Spirit, God, comfort, guide, wind, etc. Then glue another piece and color of paper along the long side of the rectangle paper and cut slits in that paper. Bring the two sides of the first sheet of paper around and tape or glue it together to form a wind sock. Let the children tie a string or ribbon to the top and run around a designated area with their windsocks to see what the AIR does holding them up.

**HOLY SPIRIT BANNER:** Let children work together as a class or make individual banners. Children can be given a long piece of butcher paper, or something similar, and write each thing that the Holy Spirit does, in a different bright colored marker. Let children see the list from our lesson today as they work on this project. If children work together on a larger classroom banner, then each child or group of children could draw and decorate ONE of the things that the Holy Spirit does and tape their part of the project to the classroom poster board banner. Some children could draw a dove or oil for the banner as well, as symbols of the Holy Spirit.

# DAY OF PENTECOST

## ACTS 2



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