



Religious Education Home Learning Nursery/Reception



Concept: Holy Spirit - What do Christians say the Holy Spirit is like?

Adults & Children: Go outside on a windy day. Have fun with toys you might use on a windy day eg kite, flag, material, windmill, ribbons. Talk about what is happening to the toys. Discuss how they feel in the wind?

Collect words associated with wind by asking the children to remember what the wind is like. Watch the story about a windy day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yayq7VgQPxY> You can find 2 other windy day stories on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJIT9y_X7iE and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-RaNs_vUTU

Collect ideas from these stories about what the wind can do. Using ribbon or paper streamers to music ask the children to dance to music and make movements that represent the wind.

Adults & Explain there is a Bible story which has wind in it. Read the Pentecost story Acts 2:1-13 Watch a video <https://request.org.uk/restart/2017/07/12/pentecost-2/>

Adults & Children: Ask: What happened to the disciples in the story? Discuss.

Using a birthday prop balloon, adults blow up the balloon and holding the end let it go. Ask: What happened to the balloon? Do this several times with different balloons. Each time an adult asks: What happens? Discuss this with the children.

Adults: Explain that air is coming out of the balloon and forcing the balloon to move as it comes out of the balloons. Explain this is like the wind this air you can feel it but not see it.

Adults & Children: Makes links together back to the Pentecost story and how the Holy Spirit affected the disciples. Ie They felt something, and they could hear something but could not see anything.

Adults: Explain this story has become the birthday of the church which is a day remembered every year when God gave the disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. Explain this happened at the end of May (31st) this year.

Adults & Children: Think about what we usually need to hold a birthday party. Plan a birthday party for the church using toys and family at home eg make hats with flames on; invitations; make a cake/feelings biscuits as if they were there as disciples, eg I felt..... Have flameless candles on table. Light the candles. Sing 'Happy Birthday' to the church. Blow out candles and eat the cake. Imagine how the disciples felt on that day.