

# Faith at Home

PENTECOST EDITION



## Faith Practice Spotlight: Fly a Kite

Wind is a good reminder of the Holy Spirit: We can't see it, but we know it's there because of what it does. We feel the wind on our faces, or see it move trees and clouds.

A great way to see the wind move is with a kite! Fly a kite in the sky and watch how the wind makes it move and dance. Do you feel peaceful as you fly your kite? Peace is also a gift from the Holy Spirit!



**D**id you know the Church has a birthday? It does! The Church's birthday is called Pentecost. Pentecost is the day when the Holy Spirit came to the early believers. In Acts chapter two, the Bible describes it like this:

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability" (Acts 2:1-4).

What an exciting day that was! The people heard all the different languages being spoken, they felt the rush of the wind, and they saw a miracle that looked like fire.

Today, we experience the Holy Spirit as God's presence in our lives. Have you ever felt a strong idea about how to love or care for someone else? That's the Holy Spirit. Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as a *helper* in the book of John. He says, "The Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you" (John 14:26). Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, treat everyone fairly, and look out for those who need assistance. The Holy Spirit helps us do this. I wonder how the Holy Spirit helps you every day?

**Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?**

*(1 Corinthians 3:16)*



## PRAYER CORNER

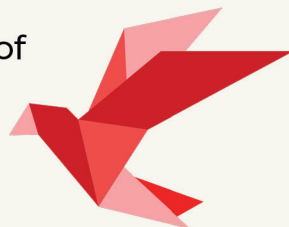
Here is a simple prayer of gratitude for the gifts of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit:

*“Thank you, God, for the gift of the Holy Spirit who is our helper, and a reminder of your presence wherever we go. Please help us to remember the Holy Spirit in the gifts of wind, fire, and doves. May we listen to the Holy Spirit’s voice in our lives. Amen.”*

## Activities at Home

Here are some fun Pentecost activities to try at home to remember the Holy Spirit. *Enjoy!*

- Make an origami dove. A dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
- Have a campfire. Fire is also a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
- Fly a kite or a windsock. Wind is a third symbol of the Holy Spirit.
- Make a birthday cake and sing happy birthday to the Church!
- Wear red or make a collage with red things. Red is the traditional color of Pentecost.
- Learn to say “I love you” or “Hello” in a new language, as a reminder of all the different languages spoken on Pentecost.



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