

CHILDREN'S PENTECOST SERMON

LIKE A MIGHTY WIND

Acts 2: 1-4

Materials: Balloons on which you have painted a happy face

This is a story of how the Holy Spirit can make a sad moment into one that moves us into action

Scripture (John 3:8) The Greek for Spirit is the same as for wind. So God's spirit is compared to wind. It blows and nobody knows where it comes from or where it goes.

You might ask your children:

Have you ever heard the wind blow?

What does it sound like? Ask them to imitate the sound of the wind.

What can wind do? Wind moves trees, creates power (windmills), others?

Scripture tells us that the disciples were all together in a second-story room because Jesus had asked them to get together for something very special. Many of them were very sad; others felt afraid. **Do you know why?**

Many of them felt flat, empty, disappointed, almost like this shriveled up balloon. But despite their feelings, they had obeyed and done what Jesus had asked them to do.

Suddenly the room was filled with a noise like a mighty wind (**ask them to make the wind noise**).....

Who do you think it was? Yes, the Holy Spirit became present in the room and it was like the sound of a mighty roaring wind.

And as the disciples heard that mighty roar, something miraculous happened. (**Blow up the balloon**). They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and suddenly they were no longer afraid or sad! (**You might allude to the happy face and ask them why it is there if you wish**)

Now they were happy because they understood that they were not alone now they had the Holy Spirit to be with them and send them on their way.

So next time you are feeling sad or afraid, remember the Holy Spirit is always with you. Christ promised we would not be alone and therefore we can move ahead without fear. **As you are saying this you can let the balloon go if you so desire and remind your children that with God's spirit in each one of us we will always be able to move ahead no matter our circumstances.**