



BACKGROUND

In John 14:15–17, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit. The text reads:

“Jesus said to his disciples: If you love me, you will do as I command. Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true. The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit, because they don't see or know him. But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you.”

Here, Jesus assures His disciples that the Father will send an Advocate to be with them always. But, this promise was not only for the disciples so long ago! Jesus' promise is as real for us today and is fulfilled in our lives, and in the life of the Church, through Confirmation.

INTRODUCTION

In this activity, we reflect on the symbol of wind as one of the signs of the Holy Spirit's presence and action throughout scripture. As the children play with the kite, they can imagine the Holy Spirit's presence and action in their own lives.

Begin this activity by reading the scripture with the children. Then discuss some of these signs and symbols from scripture together. There are some questions below to get the conversation started. Then introduce the kite activity.

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - JOHN 14:15-17

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Question for discussion

- In this scripture Jesus says, that there are some people who don't see or know the Holy Spirit. What are some of the ways the people in the bible knew the Holy Spirit was working?
- How might we see the presence and action of the Holy Spirit today?



Water -
such as
Jesus
Baptism



Oil - such
as King
David's
anointing



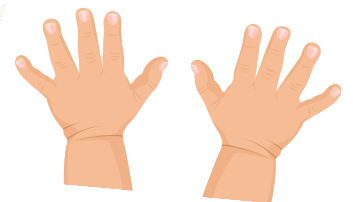
Wind -
such as at
Pentecost



Fire - such
as at
Pentecost



Dove -
such as
Jesus
Baptism



Laying on of hands
- such as in the
early Church



KITE

YOU WILL NEED:

- White paper plates
- Coloured ribbon or coloured crepe paper cut in various lengths
- Glue
- Scissors
- Colours

INSTRUCTIONS

At the session:

1. Children cut out the inner circle of the paper plate.
2. Decorate the outer circle, or write words about the spirit onto their plate.
3. Glue ribbon or crepe paper onto one side of their plate.
4. Run, or walk around (inside or outside) holding their plate (kite), so they can see the tails flying. The Holy Spirit is alive.

