

THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST

1. Cut out the PENTECOST CENTERPIECE along the solid black lines.
2. Pray the PENTECOST PRAYER as you form a circular CENTERPIECE as shown in IMAGE A.
3. Press out each of the PENTECOST FLAMES.
4. Insert the slotted FLAMES into the slots on the CENTERPIECE as shown in IMAGE B.
5. On Pentecost and throughout coming days, choose a FLAME from the CENTERPIECE and talk about the many blessings we receive through the Holy Spirit.

IMAGE A

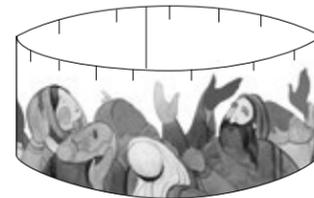
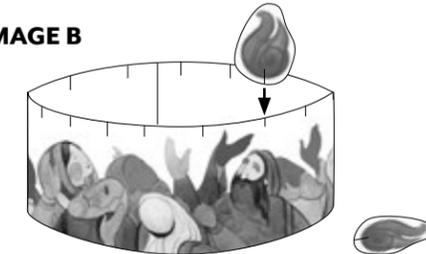


IMAGE B



When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.
John 15:26
Is talking about faith easy? Why or why not?

KINDNESS
Be kind to one another, ... forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32
Say 3 kind things about each family member.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us; let us use them: ... if service, in our serving; ... the one who contributes, in generosity; ... the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.
Romans 12:6-8
What gift do you have? How can you use that gift to help others?

FAITHFULNESS
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.
1 John 1:9
Talk about a time when someone kept a promise to you. How did that make you feel?

PEACE
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."
John 20:21
Is there a place where you feel the most at peace? Why?

SELF-CONTROL
God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
2 Timothy 1:7
Talk about a time when you lost your temper.

[We pray] that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.
Colossians 1:9
What is your favorite Bible passage? How did you first learn it?

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Galatians 5:22-23
Memorize the Fruit of the Spirit!

GENTLENESS
Be ready for every good work, speak evil of no one, avoid quarreling, be gentle, and show perfect courtesy toward all people.
Titus 3:1-2
Think of the last time you said "I'm sorry."

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
Isaiah 11:2
Pray: Holy Spirit, rest upon me! Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Say: Amen!

LOVE
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
1 Corinthians 13:7
Think of a loved one. What makes that person lovable?

They were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
Acts 2:1-2
Talk about your favorite worship experience.

JOY
[Jesus said,] I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.
John 16:22
What would you do or say if Jesus sat at your table right now!

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ... and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.
1 Corinth. 12:4, 6
Pray: Lord, help me use my gifts for you.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Psalms 51:10-11
Talk about a time when you truly felt that God was present.

When Jesus was baptized ... he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove coming to rest on him.
Mt. 3:16
Who was at your baptism?

Tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues.
Acts 2:3-4
What is the most exciting news you've shared?

GOODNESS
When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us ... by the renewal of the Holy Spirit.
Titus 3:4-5
Talk about a person who you think is "good."

PATIENCE
Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Romans 12:12
List three things you are waiting for right now.

A Pentecost Prayer

O Holy Spirit, you entered into the world with tongues of flame, enter into our lives with the fire of your love.
O Holy Spirit, you came to the disciples awaiting your arrival in the sound of a mighty wind. Sweep into our souls with your powerful presence.
O Holy Spirit, when Jesus was baptized, you descended to earth in the form of a dove. Glide into our minds with your inspiring words of grace.
O Holy Spirit, you fill the land with your great gifts. Fill our hearts with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
O Holy Spirit, you nourish our faith with your bountiful fruit. Provide us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. **AMEN.**