



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

May 31, 2020

Acts 2:1-21
Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23



Pentecost

How many of you like to fly kites? It is great fun to watch a kite soaring high into the sky. What is it that keeps the kite up there? It is the wind, isn't it? How many of you have ever seen the wind? That was a trick question! No one has seen the wind. We can't see the wind because it is invisible. Well, if we can't see the wind, how do we know that it is there?

One way we can know the wind is there is that we can hear it. We can hear it whistling through the trees, down the chimney, and around the windows and doors, we can hear it blowing our wind chimes. Another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can see it moving things. We can see it moving the leaves on the trees, or the flags on buildings.

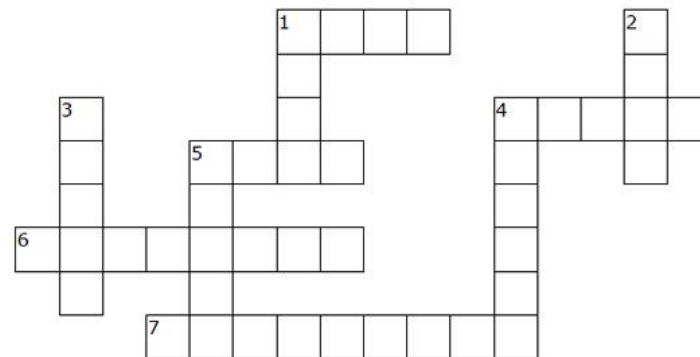
Still another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can feel it. Blow onto the back of your hand. Did you see anything? No, but you could feel something, couldn't you? We can't see the wind, but we can feel it blowing against our faces and blowing through our hair.

Today, we celebrate a special day called Pentecost. It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent the Holy Spirit to the church. The Bible tells us that the apostles were all gathered together when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. Then, it says, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit is like the wind, we can't see the Spirit, but we can know that she is there, just like we can know that the wind is there.

We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can hear her as she speaks to our hearts. And we can see the Holy Spirit as she works to move people to do God's will. We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can feel her presence in our lives.

Loving God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit. Your Spirit helps us to remember that you are always with us. Help us to listen so that we can hear her speak to our hearts. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A destructive burning
4. Something that can be heard
5. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
7. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles

DOWN

1. Make something to be full
2. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
3. To say words, to use the voice
4. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
5. A building which people live in

FILL	HOUSE	SPEAK	WIND	LANGUAGE
SOUND	SPIRIT	PENTECOST	HOLY	FIRE

Activity and Discussion: This week, pay special attention to the wind and how it moves, how it sounds, and how it feels. Remember, even though we cannot see God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit, they are always with us, surrounding us with love. Share with your family each day what you observed.

Family Table Prayer for May: Gracious God of stars so bright the sun you made brings warmth and light we give you thanks for creating all things as a family, your praises we sing. Amen

May Memory Verse: Numbers 6:24 The Lord bless you and keep you.

