

Messy Church @ Home No 11



Jesus sends a helper and a comforter. *First Session*

Jesus says, "The Helper will teach you everything. He will cause you to remember all the things I told you. This Helper is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name". *John 14 Verse 26 ICB*

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The Holy Spirit came to Christians after Jesus died.

"When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them." *Act's 2 verse 1-4 MSG*

Long ago God said to the prophet Joel.

"I will pour out my Spirit
on every kind of people:
Your sons will prophesy,
also your daughters;
Your young men will see visions,
your old men dream dreams..... *Acts 2 verse 17 MSG*

So, I believe that the Holy Spirit is for everyone not just the kings and the prophets of the old Testament. He is my helper, and this is worth celebrating every day.

The theme for the next two Messy Churches @ Home No 11 and 12 is the Holy Spirit our Helper and Comforter. Please read the Bible passages above carefully. They are quite a challenge: gale force winds indoors, a wildfire spreading and the Christians being able to talk in many different languages. This is all a little difficult to believe and they were accused of being drunk...what do you think happened?

1. Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4eW2Hvizul> by Ayi and her friends-Christian Songs for Kids
Holy Spirit for Children by Ayi the Cow *Please copy and paste the webpage and sing along with the cow.*

2. Prayer
Dear Jesus, whom I cannot see, *(Point to the sky and put your hands in front of your eyes)*
I know that you are near me, *(Keep hands in front of your eyes)*
Quite quietly I speak to you. *(Finger in front of your mouth in the hush sign)*
Please show me what you want me to do. *(Hands turned up and shrug)*

Send the Holy Spirit to inspire me, *(Spiral you finger above your head end pointing to yourself.)*
Let me plan kind things to do *(Arms open above your head spread out)*
For you, the world, and people near to me. *(Lower hands in a round world ending up with your hands face up)*
Let the Spirit lead me and give me peace. *(Turn the hands face down and ripple like trickling water in front of you.)*

I cannot see your helper Jesus, *(Hands in front of your eyes)*
But deep inside I feel the Spirit's touch. *(Touch your shoulder)*
It inspires and helps me do your will. *(Hands up in an open gesture)*
Dearest Jesus, whom I cannot see. Amen. *(Close your eyes and think of Jesus) (Clap above your head for 'Amen')*

3. Story and Dance Time This song has the actions for the dance (show as pin men) and the words. It is slow enough for everyone to join in. Ask all of your family, who like dancing and singing, to have a go and join in? Please have fun; the Holy Spirit's presence here with us is well worth celebrating.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDlodiImwO64> by Rodney Huckey

Just Dance Christian - **Holy Spirit to the Rescue** (Kids Fun Praise Song)

4. Crafts

- **Craft One - Foaming paint craft**



How to. Take a can of shaving foam (*ask permission from Dad*). Spray some in a tray carefully as it can come out in a rush. Then take some paint; I used some orange and red paint. I dribbled it on the foam and then stirred swirling the paint around creating a pattern. Take a piece of paper and lower it onto the coloured foam. Then lift. Take a spatula and scoop off the excess and see the picture you have made.



Now let it dry.

Take a piece of white paper and draw a dove on it. A template (free of copyright) can be seen on this PDF at the bottom. Or, you can enjoy trying to draw a dove as I did. Checking you have the right sized dove for your painting, then cut your dove out.

When the painting is dry stick the dove down at the top of the painting in the middle. The dove represents the Holy Spirit. **Can you think up a title for your Painting?**

Why; Fire and the Dove are symbols of the Holy Spirit. They are there and then they are not; they are ethereal just like the Holy Spirit. When I was in Iona, the doves would come into the dove cot, hover, look at you in the eye and disappear into their home, quite magical with the sun setting behind the birds giving them a pink and red glow behind. The Holy Spirit when it touches you is warm inside and sets you on fire with inspiration. This is an artistic impression of that fluttering warm feeling.



- **Craft Two - Make a Windsock**

How to. Take an empty cereal packet. Cut out a piece of card big enough to make a 3.5 inch to 4-inch wide tube. Use masking tape to hold in place securely. Now take some plain paper and cut it out to the right size to cover the tube; and put on one side.

Cut out 10 or 12 one-inch strips of tissue paper or any other light paper or material. Now attach securely with masking tape to the bottom of the tube.

Punch two holes on opposite sides of the top of the tube. Take the coloured paper cover previously cut out and decorate it with stickers or draw some Christian pictures on it. Then cover the tube making sure you cover where the tissue paper has been attached to the tube at the bottom. Make a hole through the covering where the holes are. Attach string or I used pipe cleaners. Now hang outside or in your room and open the window letting the wind in to move the strips of paper – see photo.



Why. The Holy Spirit arrived in the life of the first Christians with the rushing of wind. The Holy Spirit can arrive in our lives if we ask Jesus into our lives in the same way. We may have a quiet recognition of his work in our lives or a massive thunderstorm of wind as we suddenly realise the impact that the Spirit is having on our lives for good. Hang the Windsock up to remind us to ask The Spirit to help us and remember we don't have to do everything alone.

5. Song Let it Shine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkblZtqhyQ> By Listening Kids,
This may be an old song, but the video is great fun. When we let the Holy Spirit into our lives we shine.

6. Prayers

Thank you God for sending your Holy Spirit to be our helper on the first Pentecost. *(this was last Sunday in the church calendar)*

“Peace be with you” or simple Peace is a much-used Christian greeting. When we say this, we are wishing that The Holy Spirit will help the person we are greeting and give them the peace that comes with knowing we don’t have to do everything on our own and we are trusting that The Holy Spirit will guide us.

Like the early Christians we can say “Peace be with you” and people will know what you mean even if you don’t know their language. **Here is a list of different languages for “Peace Be with You” or “Peace”**

Try to say the words for Peace be with you in different languages. Please think of different people you would like God to send The Holy Spirit to help as you try to say the different words for Peace.

Nation or language	What they say	Nation or language	What they say
Zulu	Sawubona	Hindi	Subh prahbat
Norwegian	God morgen	Greek	Kali mera
Swedish	God morgon	Polynesian	Ia ora na
Latvian	Labrit	Russian	Mir
Scots	Pace	Polish	Pokoj
Hebrew	Shalom	Danish	Fred
Manx	Shee	Spanish	Paz
English	Peace be with you	Bulgarian	Dorbro utro

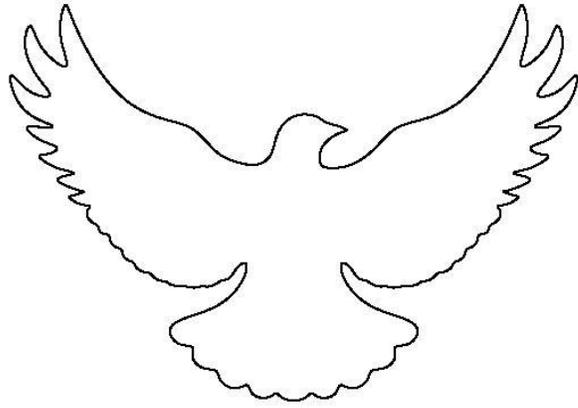
Challenge of the week .

Our Methodist Circuit Superintendent Kevin found this song on the Net. My challenge to you is to take an instrument of your choice - it can be our voice - and join in. This song has been compiled from lots of singers and musicians from all around the world. We can ALL understand each other. Can you join in the worldwide song in your home?

“Hosanna” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUxZpLm5Sa0> by radiomedjugorje
Mladifest Medugojri choir and orchestra ***Hosanna is a shout of joy, praise and thank you to God and anyone who comes in his name e.g. The Holy Spirit.***

I hope you will have time to have a meal together after this Messy Church @ Home session.

Messy Grace May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if expecting a present) And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart) And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands) be with us evermore. (Hands up in the air) Amen.



*This sized Dove is about the right size for
an A4 Foam Art picture*