

Guided by the Holy Spirit

Kids create original artwork while blindfolded as they remember that God's Spirit guides us.

Resource Type: Art

Story Name: The Holy Spirit

Learner Level: PreK-K

Supplies:

Newspaper

Crayons

Paper

Blindfolds, one per kid

Set Up:

Cover the worktable with newspaper. Place supplies in a central location.

Instructions:

Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will always be with us. It guides our decisions and our actions. The Holy Spirit guides our sense of right and wrong. Imagine how hard it would be to do what is right without the Holy Spirit's guidance. Today, we will discover how hard it is to create a drawing without one of our senses to guide us—our sense of sight!

1. Give each kid a piece of paper and a marker.
2. Help to secure a blindfold over each kid's eyes.
3. When kids are blindfolded and situated in their seats, invite each of them to pick up a crayon and try to draw a picture of a house, a tree, and a person standing next to it.
4. After 5-7 minutes of drawing, invite the kids to remove their blindfolds and take a look at their blind-art creations.
5. **How do you feel about your artwork? Do you think you could have done a better job if you wouldn't have been blindfolded?**

Just as you need your sight to create your best artwork, you need the Holy Spirit to be your best self. I hope you'll put this artwork somewhere special. Each time you look at it, you can remember that God's Spirit guides us!

If you have less time . . .

Shorten the drawing time.

If you have more time . . .

Invite kids to draw the scene without blindfolds before drawing it as above. When kids are finished with both drawings, invite them to compare the different pieces of art.

Windy Relay

Kids participate in a relay race using their own wind power as they remember that God's Spirit guides us.

Resource Type: Activity

Story Name: The Holy Spirit

Learner Level: PreK-K

Supplies:

Balloons

Permanent marker

Masking tape

Racecourse obstacles

Set Up:

Blow up one balloon per team of 2-4 kids. Use a permanent marker to draw a smiling face on each balloon. Determine the starting line and finish line for your relay and mark them with tape.

Instructions:

We know that wind is powerful, even if we can't see it. In our Bible story today, we saw just how powerful God's Spirit could be, even though we can't see that either. The people in our story were able to speak in languages they had never learned! And a great and powerful wind swept through their whole room. Whoosh! Today, we are going to pretend that these balloons are people like us and our breath is the Holy Spirit.

1. Divide the group into teams of 2-4 kids.
2. Explain that the goal today will be to move a balloon from the starting to the finish line using nothing but breath.
3. **When I say "go," the first person in your line will begin blowing your team's balloon from the starting line to the finish line. Then he or she will pick up the balloon, carry it back to the starting line, and give it to the next teammate. When every member of your team has completed one turn, sit down so I can tell that you are finished. Ready, set go!**

Nice work! Your breath sure was powerful and moved those balloons really well. Just like your breath helped guide the balloons around our room today, we can be sure that God's Spirit guides us!

If you have less time . . .

Give a balloon to each kid. Instead of a doing a relay, simply invite kids to experiment with blowing the balloons up in the air and around your room.

If you have more time . . .

Mix up the teams and repeat the relay and/or make the racecourse longer and create obstacles for kids to clear.

Prayer:

For our closing prayer today, we are going to thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to be with us, and we're going to make it sound like the Pentecost story in our room! When the disciples all spoke in different languages, they all spoke at once and it was noisy! I'll start our prayer, then—when I ring the bell—I'd like each of you to start offering prayers at the same time. When I ring the bell again, I'd like all of you to stop saying your prayers aloud. Then we'll finish the prayer together. Please pray with me:

Dear Jesus,

We thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to be there with us when we need it most.

Ring bell. (Children pray aloud individually, all at once.)

Ring bell. (Children stop praying aloud.)

Thank you for the Holy Spirit.

Amen!