



*Nurturing Faith . . .
Every Day in Every Way*

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Day of Pentecost

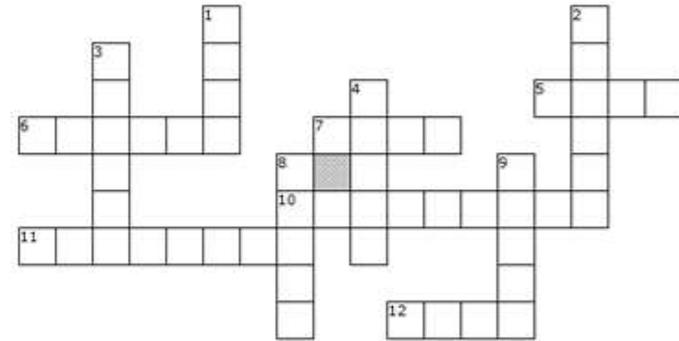
Acts 2:1-21, Ezekiel 37:1-14,
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Hi friends! 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.

Prayer: 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

- 5. Make something to be full
- 6. To be totally surprised
- 7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
- 10. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
- 11. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
- 12. A destructive burning

DOWN

- 1. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
- 2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
- 3. The place where God lives
- 4. Something that can be heard
- 8. To say words, to use the voice
- 9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED

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.

Table prayer for May: God, help my light to shine as bright as the noonday sun. To walk in your ways, to bring others hope, and share your love with everyone. Amen.

Memory verse for May: Proverbs 4:23- Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

