

Messy Church @ Home No 12



Jesus sends a helper and a comforter. *Second 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*

Please read aloud again the passages above which were sent out for the first session of Messy Church @ Home about the Holy Spirit, our helper and comforter. We looked at how light a touch the Spirit has and how we can feel the Spirit in our lives; just like we can feel the wind on our faces, but we can’t see the Holy Spirit. The Spirit helps us to understand and empathise with other people even if we don’t speak their language. Warm feelings inside ourselves and for other were illustrated last week with our Artwork.

This week we will try and illustrate how the Holy Spirit can work in our lives if we ask for the Spirit’s help.

1. Song and Story told by Children *Suggested by Saskia Hogbin*

This YouTube Video is nearly 6 minutes long which is longer than most videos I suggest, but the girls read, sing and play musical instruments. They illustrate how important the Holy Spirit is to all Ages and they play one of my favourite hymns.

Children’s Liturgy, Pentecost. *(A children’s service that celebrates the arrival of The Holy Spirit, which is called Pentecost)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9vOHoADXwc&feature=youtu.be> By Blessed Sacrament

2. Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH6suPFBt8> *(Copy and Paste into the search engine of your choice.)*

by Kid’s online channel **“We are the world “** with a young lady signing for those who are deaf or do not understand English. So, I like this song as children from around the world take part. The song encourages all the children in the world help to make the whole world a better place, little by little.

3. A Poem with actions to say together. Following the theme of “We are the world”, we are all little seeds and can add to the happiness of the world if we ask The Holy Spirit to help us.

I'm a little seed hiding deep in the ground,
(All squat down and covers your head with your hands and arms)
 And the sun shines, and the rain falls, and I pop up my head,
(quickly uncover your head and look up on "pop")
 I reach up my leaves,
(begin to stand and stretch arms up)
 And I stretch up to the sky,
(stand tall and reach up)
 Now I'm a beautiful flower,
(bring hands to side of face)
 Blowing in the breeze!
(gently sway from side to side)
 Ready for the Holy Spirit to blow me where I am needed.

By Anon

4. Crafts

- **Making a Windmill**



How to. Take a square of birthday wrapping paper and cut out two identical squares. Glue together so the pattern is on both sides. When it is dry draw dotted lines to an inch of the center. Cut along the line, do not cut into the centre. Then bend the corners into the centre and with a pin make a hole through the corners and the centre and then stick and use a clothes peg to secure while the glue dries. Patience is required!! Depending on the size of your windmill and availability, you can take a pencil with a rubber on the end and use a drawing pen to pierce the center and the rubber - this works but be careful with small people. My preferred option is to get a garden support stick, a cork, a dressmaker's pin with a head on it and a bead, see picture on the top right. This still needs supervision but is much more secure and therefore fun!! Just see how the windmill sings in fig 3.

Why. It is important to be open to The Holy Spirit so he or she can blow in your sails. He or she gives us power to do things that we might think are too difficult for us to do. I can feel him or her helping me and giving me ideas; it is with the Spirit's power that I write these Messy Church @ Home weekly circulars.

- **Making a comforter**

How to.

Print the template from the end of this session or draw a dove with wide open comforting arms. Cut out two pieces of material. This could be an old T-shirt or, even better, an old fleece.which is a nice and soft material. I was lucky and had some white felt. I used black material for the beak and the eyes, but these could be drawn on with pens.



With the two pieces of material pinned together, blanket stitch around the edge leaving a hole at the bottom. Then stuff with stuffing.

I have also enclosed a rough teddy template if this would be preferred.

Why.

The Holy Spirit comforts us as he helps us to work out what Jesus wants us to do during the day. This means that when we go to bed it is a comfort to us and we can sleep well with our favorite toy. This could be a dove with wide open arms to hug, but it does not need to be - it could be a teddy or a dog as pictured.

NB For people who find sewing difficult you could draw your favourite animal that comforts you and makes you feel safe and look at it to remind you of the Holy Spirit and the comfort he or she gives us.

5. Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODftYTD3Rbs> By Bearfoot books

He's got the Whole World in his or her hands. *A modern version of this old classic to sing to.*

6. Prayer

Take a bottle of bubbles (*bubbles float in the air like the Holy Spirit*) and now say a breathing prayer to make everyone calm.

As you breath in say

Holy Spirit
 Holy Spirit
 Holy Spirit
 Holy Spirit
 Holy Spirit
 Holy Spirit
 Holy Spirit
 Fill my bubbles and me with your love.

As you breath out say

Help me.
 Make me feel safe.
 Mould me.
 Show me how to be kind.
 Encourage me.
 Use me.

and then blow the bubbles.

Blow some bubbles
 Blow some bubbles
 Blow some bubbles
 Blow some bubbles
 Blow some bubbles
 Blow some bubbles

Amen

Challenge of the week: Why not invite the Holy Spirit to be your helper and comforter. When you curl up in bed with your favourite book or toy ask him or her to join you and give you a calm and peaceful night's sleep.

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.



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