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Holy Spirit PENTECOST WINDSOCK

Jesus once told his disciples,

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit."

Matthew 12:33

So which would you rather be, a good tree or a bad tree? If we want to be good we must bear good fruit, which means we must live in such a way that goodness comes forth from us, just as delicious fruits come forth from a good tree, so we can nourish all those who come our way! But what kind of fruits do we want to bear?

"So I say, walk by the Spirit, ...you are not to do whatever you want. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control..."

Galatians 5: 16-17:22-23

Do you remember the story of how the Holy Spirit came down upon the frightened disciples in order to give them courage so that they could go out and be fruitful? Let's make something to remind us of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, of the tongues of fire that landed upon the heads of the Apostles, of the driving wind and the peaceful dove which are symbols of that same Spirit, both gentle and powerful at the same time!

You will need:

- A photocopy of the following page onto some sturdy card-stock.
- Scissors
- A Hole Punch
- Transparent tape
- Two pieces of string or yarn, (each cut to 24 inches)
- 12 lengths of ribbon or crepe paper, (6 cut to about 12 inches, and 6 cut to about 18 inches)

Directions

Cut along the bold line in the center of the page to make the base of our wind-sock. Next, you may cut out the 12 tongues of fire. Notice that there is a "fruit" of the Holy Spirit noted on each one to help you remember them!

Then you may cut out the gentle doves, being very careful NOT to cut on the dotted line. Punch a hole on the black dot in the center of the dotted fold-line and then fold it in half so that His image is on both sides.

Run a length of transparent tape along the top and bottom of the base, on the reverse side of the wind sock, to give it some added support. Next, you may punch 5 holes in the top of the base, and 12 holes in the bottom of the base, (through the tape you just put down) each where you see a black dot.

Tape a tongue of fire to the bottom of each of the 12 lengths of ribbon or crepe paper and tie (or tape) them to the base, alternating the longer and shorter lengths of ribbon, where you see one of the dots. You should have a row of these along the bottom of your wind-sock!

Next, bring the sides of your base together to overlap where you see the dotted line, and tape this in place to make a tube. Make sure it is sturdy! You may want to add some staples to be sure.

To hang your windsock, you will take each of the two lengths of string or yarn and tie each end, criss-cross fashion, to the top of your base to form an X across the top. Now, slip each loop of the X into the hole in the base of your dove so that he sits atop the base, tape both sides of the dove together, then tie a knot above his head to make a loop for hanging.

Now you may hang up your Pentecost Wind-Sock and watch what the wind can do!

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