



Pentecost 2013 Ideas for Children and Youth Ministries

There are so many craft ideas for doves and flames that you could go crazy with it! I've also seen the flying doves made by children and processed in. Parishes have also celebrated Pentecost using the theme "Fruits of the Spirit" and as a large birthday party (as it is the birthday of the church). The following are some ideas to celebrate the day.

"Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them."



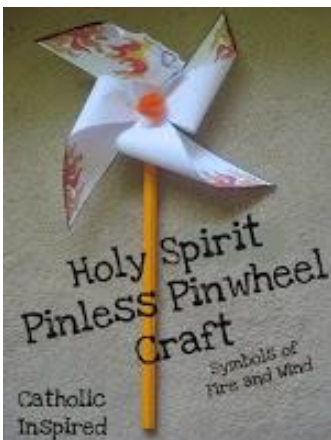
You can make flame shaped cookies or topped cupcakes. You can decorate the church in red, yellow and orange (with simple ribbons or banners). I've seen parishes pass out red bead necklaces (purchased from [Oriental Trading Company](#)) or tie balloons to chairs. [To see more ideas, you can click here to go to my Pinterest webpage.](#)



You could also go with the wind theme and make windsocks or pinwheels. The following is from the "Catholic Inspired" webpage.

For the Pinless Pinwheel You will need:

A new pencil
inch pipe cleaner
Paper Pinwheel and Fire dove- Printable
Scissors
Hole puncher
Glue (something fast drying...glue sticks work)



Instructions: Cut out the paper pinwheel square. [\(click here for the website and to download the template\)](#) Cut the diagonal lines. Glue the corners with the dots to the center, one on top of the other. Hold it in place until it's dry.

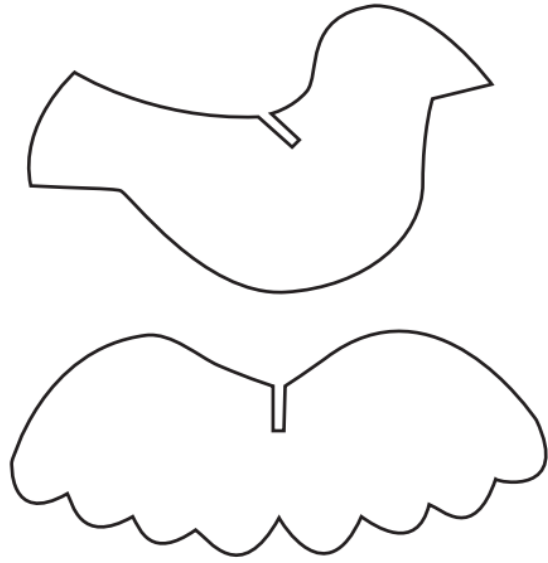
Cut out and glue the fire dove to one of the pinwheel peddles. Create one hole through the center of the pin wheel using a hole puncher. Be careful not to crush the pinwheel.

Twist the pipe cleaner around the pencil top. Make sure it's tight. Put the pipe cleaner through the pinwheel center. Wrap the end of the pipe cleaner around itself making a ball, but leave space to allow the pinwheel to spin.

Now give it a blow!

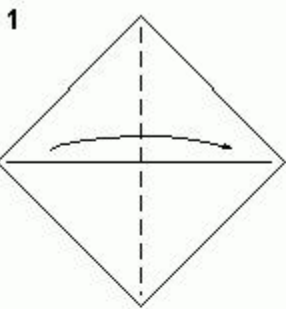
“and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove”

People can make doves ahead of time and hang them in a mobile in the church, or making doves on the day can be an activity. Here are two ideas, one simple and one more difficult.

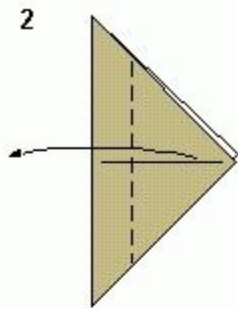


[Click here to download the .pdf of the template for this simple dove.](#)

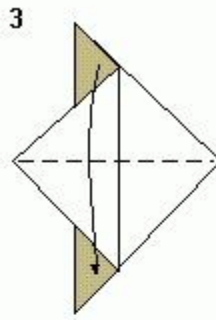
PIGEON/DOVE



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crease vertical centreline
then fold in half

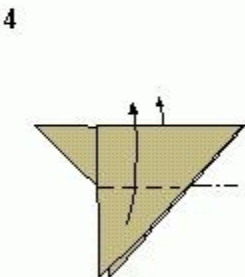


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fold approx. 2/3

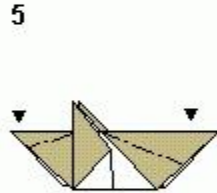


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fold in half

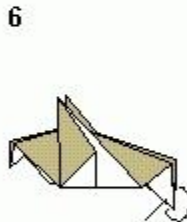
To the left are directions for an origami dove



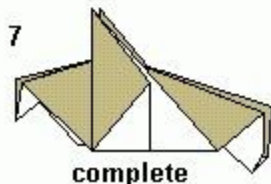
4
fold up wings,
front and back



5
inside reverse to form
beak and tail



6
fold tip of tail inside



7
complete

traditional model
diagrams © D.Petty



Weaving God's Promises ~ Pentecost 2013

Weaving God's Promises is one of the children's curricula that we've recommended. If you have not yet taken advantage of the *free Diocesan license*, please contact Gennie Callard (269-381-2710) to get signed up.

Below is the recommended lesson plans for the season. **You can decide for yourself which of the lessons you'd like to use.** You can find the entire chart here: <https://www.churchpublishing.org/media/custom/WeavingGodsPromises/Year%20C.pdf>

May 19 [Pentecost](#) (click to go to readings)

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Year 1: Lessons 3 or 7 or 12 or

Year 1: Lesson 30

May 26 [Trinity Sunday - 1st Sunday after Pentecost](#) (click to go to readings)

Gospel: **John 16:12-15**

Nothing specified for this day

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