

Christ Church Kid's Lesson

Pentecost Sunday



On a hot summer day, an electric fan can really help to keep us cool. How does a fan help to keep us cool? That's right, it keeps us cool by blowing air. If you have a small fan, turn it on now. You could also make a paper fan and wave it in front of your face. Do you see any air coming out of the fan? Well, if we can't see the air, how do you know the fan is working? There are several ways we can tell that this fan is working.

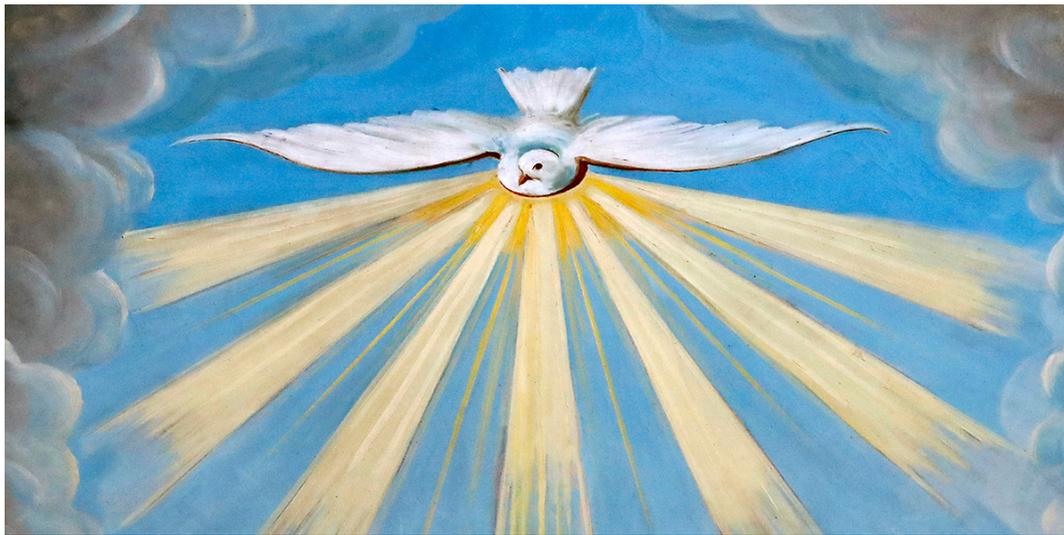
One way that we can tell that the fan is working is to tie some streamers on the front of the fan. Even though we can't see the air, we can see the air blowing those streamers. That is one way we know the fan is working.

Another way we can know that the fan is working is that we can feel the air from the fan blowing against our faces. We can't see the air, but we can feel it.

Finally, we know that the fan is working because we can hear the sound of the air and the rattling sound of the streamers as they blow. We can't see it, but we can hear it.

Today is a special day which many churches celebrate. It is called the day of Pentecost. Here is the story of how it all began.

When Jesus told his disciples that he was going to return to heaven, he promised them that he would ask the Father to send another helper.



That was a wonderful promise that Jesus gave his followers, but Peter, James, John, Andrew, and the rest of the disciples weren't really sure exactly what that meant.

After Jesus had ascended into heaven,



the Bible tells us that his followers were gathered together in one place. They were gathered to celebrate a festival called Pentecost when they gave an offering to God of the firstfruits of their harvest.

Suddenly, they heard a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind. The Bible says that they knew the Holy Spirit was there because they could hear the sound of a mighty rushing wind coming from heaven. They couldn't see the Holy Spirit, but they could hear the sound of the wind just as we can hear the air blowing from this fan.

Next, they saw what appeared to be tongues of fire that came to rest upon the heads of each one of them.



They couldn't see the Holy Spirit, but they knew that the Holy Spirit was there because they could see the flaming tongues of fire just as we can see these red ribbons on our fan.

That would have been pretty amazing if that had been all that happened, but it wasn't. Finally, the Bible tells us that they knew the Holy Spirit was there because they could feel his power. When they were filled with the Holy Spirit, he gave them the ability to speak in languages that they didn't even know, so that they could tell everyone about Jesus. They couldn't see the Holy Spirit, but they could feel his power in their life just as we can feel the air from this fan.

That is an amazing story about God sending the Holy Spirit. What is really amazing is that the Holy Spirit didn't come that one time and then go away. The Spirit still lives in the hearts of Christ's followers and the Spirit is with us here today. The Holy Spirit guides us in the decisions we make each day. He is the comforter who calms our fears and fills us with hope. The Holy Spirit speaks to us through the Scripture and helps us to understand what we read. The Holy Spirit is to help us, so let us listen to Him and do what he leads us to do.



Dear Father,

Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit

to be our teacher and guide.

Help us to listen and obey

as he teaches us how to tell others about Jesus.

Amen.