

## Children's Worship Lesson for May 24, 2020

**Focus Scripture: Acts 1:6-14**

**Purpose:** To understand what gives strength to continue Christ's mission.

### Preparation

Worship Table – yellow cloth  
2 streamers

2 balloons and a straw  
Pictures of "Jesus" and "Crowd"

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** *"We light this candle to remind us that God is always with us."*

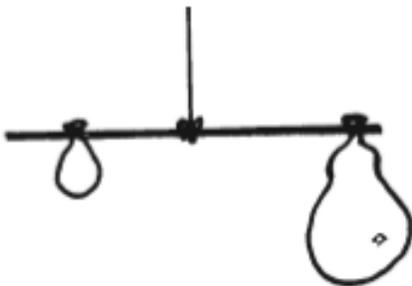
### Song: Come Spirit (Tune of 3 Blind Mice)

Come Spirit come (repeat)  
See the wind blow (repeat)  
Help will come so you're not alone  
And we are with God, He is always here  
To help us through troubles and with our fears  
Come spirit, come (repeat)

### Poem

*We can't see the wind but we know it's there  
'cause it rustles the leaves and blows our hair.  
God's Spirit is with us, we know that's true,  
And people can see it in the things that we do.*

### Introducing the Theme - Balloon Balance



Tie a string in the middle of the straw or stick. Tape 2 deflated balloons to the straw or stick at both ends so that the stick or straw will be balanced. What will happen when air is blown into one of the balloons and taped back on the stick or straw in the same place?

## Exploring the Theme - A Helper Will Come



The disciples were Jesus' friends. **(show the picture of disciples.)** They hoped Jesus would always be with them. One day Jesus said to them, "The time is coming for me to leave and be with God."

"What will we do without you?" the disciples asked. **(With each question move the disciples a little closer to Jesus.)** "How will we know what to do without a teacher? Who will help us to know what to say? We will feel alone and unsure of ourselves." The disciples were afraid. They didn't want Jesus to leave.

"My dear friends, do not worry. God will be sending you a helper, the Holy Spirit. You will not be able to see the Spirit but you will know the Spirit has come because you will be filled with the Spirit's power."

"You will be able to do all the things you have done with me, and even more. You will be strong. You will know what to do because the Spirit will guide you. You will be so strong that you will have the courage to go all over the world telling others about my love. Don't worry. You will not be alone. I will be with you through the Spirit. You will be strong and do great things with the help of the Spirit." The disciples still had a lot of questions.

After Jesus died and God had raised him from the dead, he appeared to the disciples many times. But eventually the day came when he had to go to be with God. As the disciples watched, Jesus was hidden by a cloud and was with them no more. Jesus went to be with God. **(Cover Jesus with construction paper cloud.)** As the disciples walked away, wondering what they would do next, they thought about what Jesus had told them. "He said not to worry. We will be strong. The Spirit will come like the wind. The Spirit will be as close to us as the air we breathe." They remembered what Jesus had promised and they knew they would be strong.



## Movement and Chant:

**Come, Spirit Come** (have the child(ren) echo you)

(Hand out wind streamers to each child. Each time they say "**Come, Spirit, come**" have them wave their streamers standing on the spot. On the other lines invite them to move about freely as they wave their streamers.)



**Come, Spirit, come.  
Like the wind a helper will come.  
Come, Spirit, come.  
Like the wind a helper will come.  
Come, Spirit, come.  
Like the wind a helper will come.  
A helper, a helper will come.**

## Activity or Craft - Finger Painting

**Materials:** paper, blue finger paint, smocks and water for cleanup

Invite the children to finger paint with blue paint and think about the poem as they move their fingers around the paper to make cool designs around the poem.



## Closing Song

**May the road rise up to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
And the rain fall soft upon your fields  
Till we meet again, we meet again  
May God hold you in His hands.**

