

Art Extra - The Holy Spirit Comes Down

Scripture Reference: Acts 10:44–48

A Dove and Beyond

Kids make doves as they remember that Peter was God's strong leader.

Supplies:

- Cardboard
- Cardstock
- Printer paper
- Yellow and black markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Stickers
- Glitter glue
- Fishing line, yarn, string (optional)

Set Up:

Before class, use a stencil, printout, or your own artistic skills to trace a few dove shapes onto cardboard, leaving out any special details that create wings. Cut the shapes out to create templates kids can use for tracing. Cut sheets of printer paper in half, one half-sheet per kid. Place the template, half-sheets of paper, and other supplies in a central location.

Instructions:

In today's story, God sent the Holy Spirit down to touch and fill the people that Peter was speaking to. Peter was God's strong leader, and he was called to share God's love with all the people. Let's make some special dove artwork to help us remember this story: Peter and God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

1. Give each kid a piece of cardstock and a half-sheet of printer paper.
2. Invite kids to trace a dove (without wings) onto their cardstock sheet.
3. Have kids decorate their doves, using the supplies to add details like eyes, beaks, or special markings.
4. Near the midsection of their wingless dove, have kids make a slit about ½" long.
5. Have kids then make half-inch folds lengthwise across their half-sheets of printer paper. When kids are finished folding, the paper should have eight folds.
6. Have kids slide the folded paper through the slit in their dove's body and fan out the folds to make wings.

Those doves look great! I hope they help you remember today's story, the Holy Spirit, and that Peter was God's strong leader.

If you have less time...

Cut out one cardstock dove shape per kid prior to class.

If you have more time...

Use fishing line, yarn, or string to hang your doves in the classroom or fellowship hall.