

Filled With the Holy Spirit



Theme: God sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Object: Balloon – if you have one

Scripture: Acts 2:4

You can have a lot of fun with a balloon. I've seen some people who can take a long, skinny balloon and make it into the shape of different animals. Have you ever tried that? Check out the one I found:



We also play a game where we toss round balloons up into the air to see how long we can keep it up without it hitting the ground. That's a lot of fun.

Know it's your turn, grab your balloon and have a look at it. Do you like the colour? Is it a round one or do you have one that you can turn into a balloon animal? There seems to be something lacking in the balloon. What does your balloon needs? That's right, it needs to be filled with air! Before a balloon can fulfill its purpose, someone must breathe some life into it.

I think your balloon can help us learn something about the church. Today is a very special day we call Pentecost. It was the day that God sent His Holy Spirit to breathe life into His church so the church would be all that God intended for it to be.

(Inflate your balloon a little and stop.)

Before God sent His Holy Spirit, the church was lifeless--like your balloon. The church was not witnessing and telling people about Jesus. After the Holy Spirit breathed life into the church, people began telling everyone they saw about Jesus.

(Inflate your balloon a little and stop.)

It didn't even matter if they spoke the same language.

(Inflate your balloon a little and stop.)

Everyone they told about Jesus understood what they were saying. Thousands of people were added to the church.
(Inflate your balloon a little and stop.)

The church became alive and was doing the things God had commanded.

(Finish inflating your balloon and tie it off.)

Breathe life into your balloon, and remember that just as the balloon needs to be filled to be what it was intended to be, you and I need the Holy Spirit to fill us so we can be all that God wants us to be.

We thank You, God, for sending Your Holy Spirit. We thank You for breathing life into our church and into us. Thank You for giving Your Holy Spirit to all who believe in Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.