

BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

Theme: *The Holy Spirit, invisible, but powerful*

Scripture: *Acts 1:8, Galatians 5:23, 24*

Props: *A pinwheel*



You've seen one of these before, haven't you? (*Show pinwheel.*) Do you know what it's called? It's called a pinwheel.

When I was a boy we used to make these with a piece of paper and a pin and a stick. Then I'd tape it to the handlebars of my bike and race down the road with it spinning like crazy.

Well, I got to thinking: it spins around, but there's no motor. So what makes it spin? Wind! Even though you can't see it, the wind makes it spin. And wind can do lots of other things, too. For instance, it can move a sailboat through the water. It can move trees around – and even knock them down if it's strong enough. They use wind to make electricity. And somehow it can keep an airplane that weighs tons and tons up in the sky!

So, although it's invisible, wind can be very powerful. And it's the same with God's Holy Spirit. It's invisible, but it's very powerful. Acts 1:8 says, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

The Holy Spirit can do lots of things. It connects us with God (1 Cor. 6:17), it can guide our thoughts and words (Acts 2:4), it can give us wisdom and understanding (1 Cor. 2:10), it can help us pray (1 Cor. 14:15), and it can help us bear all the fruits of the Spirit. And, by the way, the fruits of the Spirit aren't apples, oranges and pears! The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22, 23).

Those are just some of the things the Holy Spirit can do. Although it's invisible, it sure is powerful. Maybe we can think about that whenever we see the trees blowing around or a sailboat moving through the water or an airplane in the sky.

Maybe we should pray about that: Heavenly Father, thank you for your Holy Spirit, and thank you for all that it does for us. Help us to listen to what the Spirit tells us and to obey with all our heart. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Songs: *"Spirit Song" or "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"*