Preschool–Grade 5

Pentecost Craft

The sound from heaven and the cloven tongues · Acts 2:1–4 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



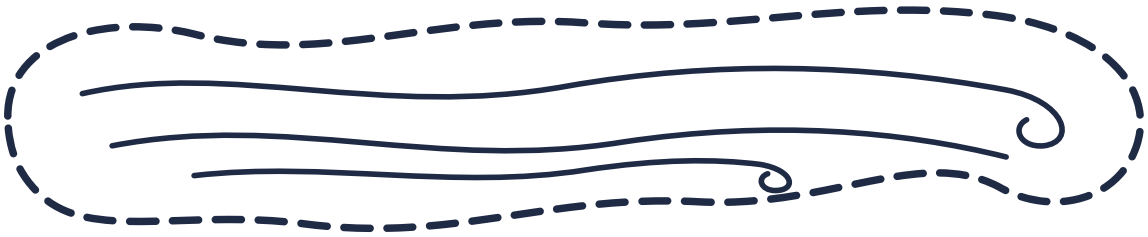
Harder

Both levels are a paper house on dark blue paper. The sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, sweeps across the top (Acts 2:2), and a flame like fire sits above each window, where kids draw the believers (Acts 2:3). Medium (left): the house. Harder (right): an answer card below the house, with three flaps that lift to show Peter's answer (Acts 2:38).

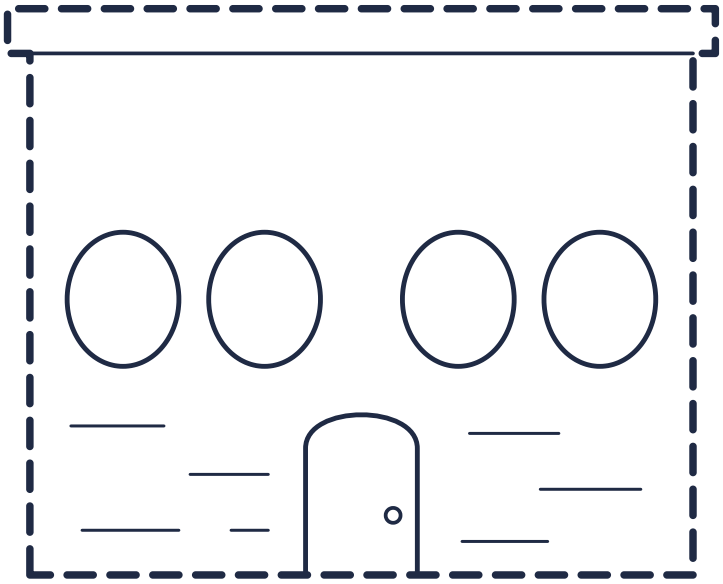
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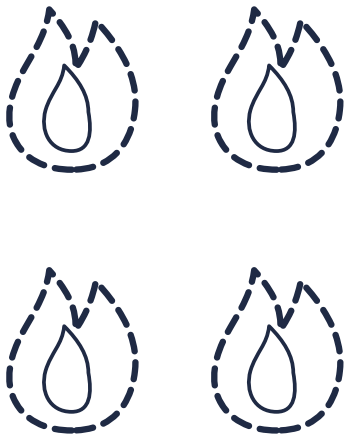
✂ Cut on the dashed lines



the sound from heaven: color it light blue



house tan, door brown; draw a face in each window



4 flames: red, orange and yellow

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:
and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,
and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
Acts 1:8 (KJV)

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the wind piece, the house, the four flames and the verse strip.

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level

Peter's answer card (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines. Fold the flaps on the dotted lines.



flaps: arrow green, water blue, flame red, orange and yellow

glue flap here	glue flap here	glue flap here
Repent,	**and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,**	**and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.** Acts 2:38 (KJV)

answer card: glue it below the house

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
Acts 2:39 (KJV)

How to make the answer card

1. Make the house craft from page 2 first, but glue the house in the middle of the paper so there is room below it.
2. Color the arrow green, the water blue and the flame red, orange and yellow. Cut out the three flaps, the answer card and the promise strip on the dashed lines.
3. Fold each flap on its dotted line. Glue the answer card below the house, words facing up.
4. Put glue only on the small strip above each flap's fold. Press the flaps on the "glue flap here" strips in order, left to right: the arrow, the water, the flame.
5. Glue the promise strip on the back next to the verse strip. Ask, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Then lift the flaps to read Peter's answer.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/pentecost-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), one sheet of dark blue construction paper per child (9 by 12 inches), light blue, tan, brown, red, orange and yellow crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, and green and blue crayons.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out all the pieces ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces. Kids color the wind piece, the house and the flames, and draw faces in the windows if they like. Then they glue them on the dark blue paper with your help: the wind across the top, the house near the bottom and one flame above each window. You glue the verse strip on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out the pieces, draw the believers in the windows and glue the house scene together. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the house scene like the medium level, with the house in the middle of the paper. Then add the answer card from page 3 below it, with three flaps that lift to show Peter's answer: "Repent," "and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins," "and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). Glue Acts 2:39 on the back. This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the wind piece light blue, the house tan and the door brown, and the four flames red, orange and yellow. Draw one face in each window for the believers in the house.
2. **Cut:** cut out the wind piece, the house, the four flames and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
3. **Wind:** hold the dark blue paper the tall way. Glue the wind piece across the top: the sound came from heaven (Acts 2:2).
4. **House:** glue the house near the bottom of the paper.
5. **Flames:** glue one flame on the wall just above each window (Acts 2:3).
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back and read it together.

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the wind piece. What came from heaven? *(A sound as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting, Acts 2:2)*
- Point to a flame. What sat upon each of them? *(Cloven tongues like as of fire, 2:3)*
- What happened when they were filled with the Holy Ghost? *(They began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance, 2:4)*
- What did the people from every nation hear? *(Every man heard them speak in his own language, 2:6)*
- What did Peter tell the people to do? *(Repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, 2:38)* How many souls were added that day? *(About three thousand, 2:41)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: cloven** means split; **like as of fire** means they looked like fire; **utterance** means the words to speak; the **Holy Ghost** is God's own Spirit; **witnesses** are people who tell what they know about Jesus; **the uttermost part of the earth** means the farthest places in the world.
- **What the Bible says:** a sound came from heaven "as of a rushing mighty wind" and filled the house (Acts 2:2), and the cloven tongues like as of fire "sat upon each of them" (2:3). That is why the wind sweeps across the top and a flame sits above each window. The Bible does not say how many were in the house; the four windows are just the windows on this house.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** kids draw the believers in the windows. Jesus was not in the house that day: He had been taken up into heaven (Acts 1:9).
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Pentecost lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/pentecost.

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