

MAY 17 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INCLUDED:

Dove Cutout Card Stock Strip
Blue Card Envelope
Tacky Glue (from previous craft)



USE YOUR OWN:

Markers or crayons



JOHN 14:15-21



Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

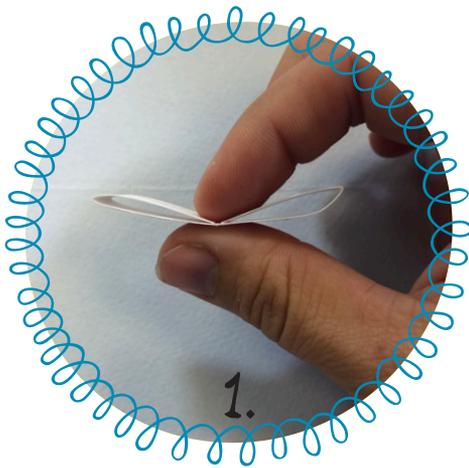
Discussion: Today’s readings are, in large part, about the Holy Spirit coming to those who love Jesus. In the reading from Acts, we also hear that the apostles sent Peter and John to Samaria to pray for the people there to receive the Holy Spirit.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8: 14-17).

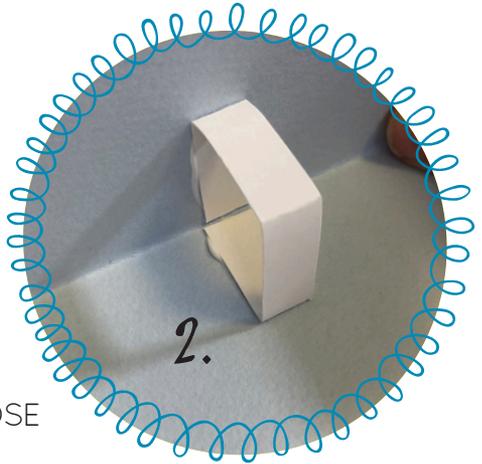
Jesus reminds us often through the gospels that, even when He is not so easy to see, the Holy Spirit will be an Advocate. Throughout the letters that comprise most of the rest of the New Testament, the church leaders send encouragement and advise always to pray for the Holy Spirit.

More resources at

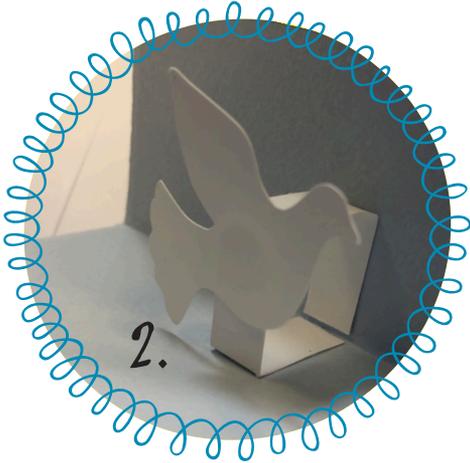
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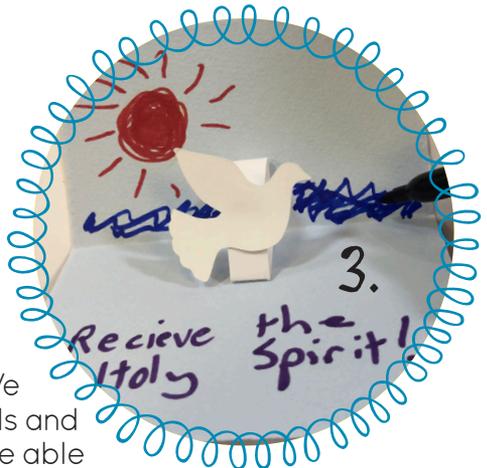
1. Fold the card stock strip in half. Fold each side again in half to the middle. This will be the pop up material to hold up the dove in the card.



2. In the center of the fold of the card, glue the card stock strip so that it forms a square. Glue the dove to the square. DO NOT CLOSE THE CARD UNTIL IT IS DRY.



3. Write a message and/or draw a picture on the inside of the card. You can mail this encouragement to a friend or family member, just like the early Christians sent letters in the New Testament.



Discussion: Who can you send your Holy Spirit card to? Who is someone who could use some encouragement in this season? We may not be able to visit our friends and family as much as we normally are able to during this time. But we can still stay connected, just like the early Christians! We can remind people that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate and God is with us always, even when we can't be together in person.