

Pentecost Pinwheels

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At Pentecost, we remember and celebrate the Holy Spirit. In the Pentecost story, the Spirit comes to the disciples and the community of believers expands to include people from many nations. That same Spirit is still present with us today, guiding us, comforting us, and making us one with Christ and with each other.

Make a pinwheel as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence among us. Though we cannot see the wind or air, we can feel it and see it make the pinwheel turn! The same is true of the Holy Spirit. We may not physically see the Spirit, but we can feel it and know it is there.

READ: Acts 2:1-21 (For younger children, you may want to read the story of Pentecost in a story Bible.)

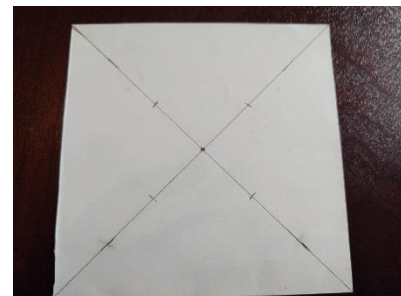
FOR EACH PINWHEEL, YOU WILL NEED:

- Paper (something lightweight; printer paper works just fine)
- Pencil with eraser (unsharpened works best)
- Straight pin or push pin
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil for writing
- Markers and crayons (optional)

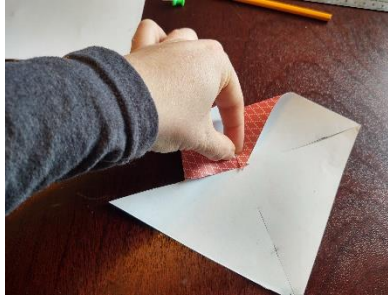


TO MAKE THE PINWHEEL:

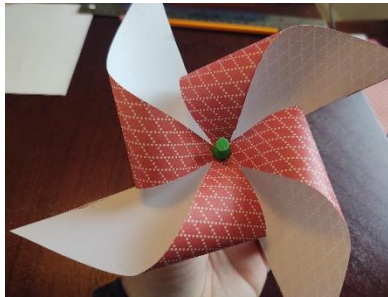
1. Cut a 6" square of paper.
2. If you'd like, color one (or both!) sides of the paper. Use red, yellow, and orange colors to make reminders of Pentecost flames and the Holy Spirit!
3. Use the pencil and ruler to draw two diagonal lines, corner-to-corner, that cross at the square's center. Mark the center point and mark a point $2\frac{3}{4}$ " (7 cm) from each corner on the diagonal line.
4. Cut on the diagonal line from each corner up to the marked point. Erase pencil marks, except for the center point.



5. Using the straight pin, punch a hole in the center and at every other point (about 1/4" from the tip.)
6. Poke the pin through one of the point holes and curl the point toward the center. Don't fold!



7. Curl each pierced point, in turn, toward the center and poke the pin through the holes.
8. Push the pin through the center hole of the pinwheel.



9. Holding the pencil on a flat surface with one hand, push the pin into the **side** of the eraser.



10. You now have a pinwheel! Hold the pinwheel in your hand and swish it around. The pinwheel should rotate on the pin. Take the pinwheel outside on a breezy day and see it whirl like crazy!

Tip: If your pinwheel does not rotate freely, it is probably rubbing against the pencil. You can fix this problem by inserting the pin into the eraser at a slight upward angle, or by slipping a small bead onto the pin before inserting it into the eraser.

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for filling our lives with your love and with your Spirit. Help us bring that joy to others every day. Amen.