

Activities based on "Jesus promises the Holy Spirit" (John 14:15-21)

There is one God but three persons in the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that after he'd died, risen, and ascended to heaven, his Father would send the Holy Spirit to all his followers to be with them forever, helping them, guiding them, and comforting them. (John 14:16-18, Acts 1:8, John 16:7)

It is quite hard to explain the Holy Spirit to children but these illustrations of what He is like (some more biblical than others!) may help them to understand.

The Holy Spirit is a bit like a dove

Use the attached template to make a dove with concertina wings. When Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove of peace. (Luke 3:22)

The Holy Spirit is a bit like wind

Make a fan by folding some paper like a concertina. You can follow instructions at: <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Fan> You could also switch on an electric fan, blow up a balloon, or blow a windmill. Like the wind, you can't see the Holy Spirit, but you can listen to Him, feel Him, and see his actions. (John 3:8, Acts 2:2)

The Holy Spirit is a bit like a hot water bottle(!)

Fill a hot water bottle with hot water for your child to hold and cuddle. You can't see the water inside, but you can feel the heat. The Holy Spirit warms our hearts with His love. Sometimes we can experience Him as a physical warmth. (Acts 2:3)

The Holy Spirit is a bit like a teddy bear(!)

The Holy Spirit is sometimes called the Comforter. He can comfort us when we feel scared or sad (cuddle a teddy bear), but He can also challenge us and remind us to follow God's ways. (John 14:26 in some translations, John 16:8)

The Holy Spirit is like a teapot(!)

Fill a (children's) teapot with cold water. Then pour the water into some cups. The Holy Spirit fills us with life and love (like the water) but then we need to share it (like pouring it out) with others. We need to keep coming back to God, asking Him to refill us with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:4, Acts 4:31, Acts 13:52)