Pentecost: Diddy Disciples sample for home, schools, churches, toddler groups & more

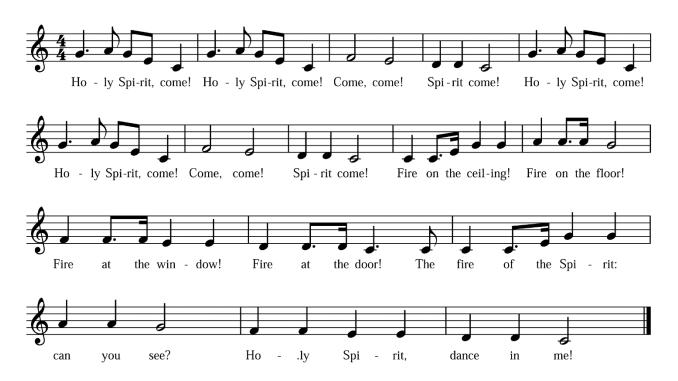
The Day of Pentecost

The Diddy Disciples Pentecost Song

The Day of Pentecost, Acts 2.1-4

Song: 'Holy Spirit, come!' Words: © Sharon Moughtin-Mumby

Tune: 'Wind the bobbin up' (traditional).



Storytelling: The Holy Spirit Comes Down!

Our story starts with Jesus leaving!

We're Jesus's friends, the disciples, and Jesus has gone!

He's gone up and up and up to heaven! Point up higher and higher

Before Jesus went up,

Jesus told his friends to go and wait!

Jesus said: 'Go, and wait for the Holy Spirit!'

So at the beginning of our story, the disciples are waiting.

But they're not just waiting. They're praying!

They're praying, 'Holy Spirit, come!'

Reverse winding action from 'Wind the bobbin up' with hands open: this will be the 'come' action for the song.

Let's be Jesus' friends, the disciples, and pray.

If appropriate: Some of us have been praying Holy Spirit, come all this week! Let's sing the Holy Spirit, come song together now. Let's be Jesus's friends, the disciples.

Holy Spirit, come! 'Come' action throughout Holy Spirit, come! Come, come! Spirit, come!

Lead the children in looking around. Can anyone see the Holy Spirit? Not yet . . .

Let's keep praying . . . Holy Spirit, come! 'Come' action throughout Holy Spirit, come! Come, come! Spirit, come!

Lead the children in looking around. Any sign of the Holy Spirit? Sigh Not yet . . . Let's keep praying . . .

Holy Spirit, come! 'Come' action throughout Holy Spirit, come! Come, come! Spirit, come!

The disciples prayed for nine whole days. Let's count to 9. Lead the children in counting on their fingers. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 . . . That's a long time to pray!

Holy Spirit, come! 'Come' action throughout Holy Spirit, come! Come, come! Spirit, come!

Lead the children in looking around. Is the Holy Spirit here yet? No! Shall we give up?! Nothing seems to be happening sigh But it's what Jesus TOLD us to do! Let's keep praying.

Holy Spirit, come! 'Come' action throughout Holy Spirit, come! Come, come! Spirit, come!



Ssssssssshhhh! What's that?

Look around and upwards and put hand to your ear.

Blow into the air.

Can you hear that?

There's a sound like wind blowing!

Blow, and encourage the children to join in blowing.

Louder . . . Blow louder and louder . . . Blow even louder . . .

Then lead the children in banging hands on the floor, louder and louder . . .

And look! Point What's that?

Fire! There's fire everywhere!

Let's show the fire with our bodies:

Lead the children in swaying your whole body to look like a fiery flame.

It's waving and swaying everywhere!

Look! The whole room is filled with fire!

Lead the group in singing:

Fire on the ceiling! Point up in shock

Fire on the floor! Point down

Fire at the window! Point to window in shock

Fire at the door! Point to door

The fire of the Spirit: can you see? Point all around

Holy Spirit, dance in me! Sway like a flame

And look! Point in surprise at a child (or at the camera!)

Now the fire is dancing on your head!

And your head! Point to another child

On all our heads!

Put hands together above head and wave them side to side to show a flame dancing on your head.

Let's show the fire dancing on our head.

The fire danced on the disciples' heads!

I wonder how the disciples are feeling now?

Can you show me with your face?.

Then all of a sudden the fire was gone!

Even the flames on the disciples' heads had gone!

Quick! Let's hide the flames behind our back. Lead the children in placing hands behind back.

Let's sit down for a moment.

When the group is ready:

The flames had gone!

But the FIRE hadn't gone away!

The fire had gone INSIDE the disciples! Trace circle on heart

All the power and light and dancing of the fire had gone INSIDE them!

Making them feel strong and not afraid: full of fire and life!

The fire was the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit had come! And the disciples weren't afraid or lonely or sad any more, because the Spirit was inside them!

Shall we tell the story again with our song. Let's be the disciples, praying and waiting.

Lead the children in singing:

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Lead the children in looking around.

Any sign of the Holy Spirit? Sigh Not yet . . . Let's keep praying . . .

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Lead the children in looking around. Is the Holy Spirit here yet? No! Shall we give up?!

Jesus told us to wait! Let's keep praying.

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Let's sit down for a moment.

In our story, the Holy Spirit came on the disciples like fire!

The Holy Spirit made them feel strong and not afraid.

I wonder if you ever feel like the Holy Spirit is in you?

Dancing and making you strong?

I wonder if you ever feel afraid?

Lots of us are feeling afraid and not very strong at the moment in lockdown?

The Good News is that Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to ALL his disciples.

Including us!

I wonder if you'd like to pray for the Holy Spirit to come and help you feel less afraid?

I'm going to pray our song now as a prayer.

If you like, you can join in and ask the Holy Spirit to come inside you.

We can't always SEE the Holy Spirit.

But the Spirit is like God's fire, dancing around us and inside us.

And if we learn to see with God's eyes, point to eyes

we might learn to see it!

Let's sing our song again.

This time, let's sing it for ourselves.

Let's make Jesus' friends' song into our song.

Sing quietly and reflectively

Holy Spirit, come! 'Come' action throughout

Holy Spirit, come!

Come, come! Spirit, come!

Holy Spirit, come!

Holy Spirit, come!

Come, come! Spirit, come . . .

We can't always SEE the Holy Spirit. But the Spirit is like God's fire dancing INSIDE us. I wonder if you can feel the Spirit dancing inside YOU?

This week people across the world have been praying for the Holy Spirit to come:

- among our friends and family
- in schools and hospitals
- in villages, and towns, and cities, and countries.

Let's join those people across the world now, praying one more time for the Holy Spirit to come and make all of us feel strong and less afraid.

Holy Spirit, come! Holy Spirit, come! Come, come! Spirit, come! Holy Spirit, come! Holy Spirit, come! Come, come! Spirit, come . . .

If appropriate: Today's the Day of Pentecost! It's the day that all around the world we remember the day the Holy Spirit came in fire and we pray for the Holy Spirit to dance in us and in the world around us!