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Symbols of the Holy Spirit

"This is the work of the Holy Spirit: he brings us the new things of God. He comes to us and makes all things new; he changes us. The Spirit changes us!" (Pope Francis)

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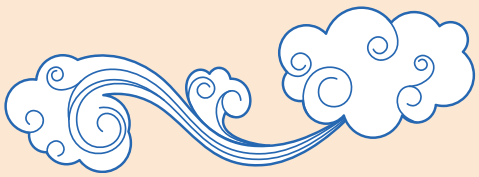
Symbols are more than just the things we see. Symbols try and help us to understand a much deeper meaning. Symbols are an important part of our lives. Flags or colours worn by sporting teams all have a much deeper meaning. Take a look again at your school crest or your family court of arms. They all have symbols which are much more than just an image or design.

Christian symbols speak to us of the presence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In trying to understand what the Holy Spirit of God is like, we use three main symbols.

"So Jesus was baptised. And as soon as he came out of the water, the sky opened, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove. Then a voice from heaven said, 'This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him." (Luke 3:21-22)

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled." (Luke 12:49)



"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.'"(Acts 2:2)

The Spirit of God is like……

Talk about each of the symbols.
In what way can we see the Holy Spirit at work in our lives like...

The Holy Spirit is like a dove when

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The Holy Spirit is like fire when

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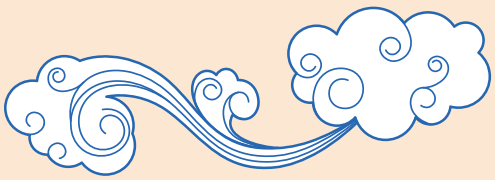

The Holy Spirit is like the wind when

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