

Pinwheel Craft for Teaching about the Holy Spirit

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This craft activity is great for a windy, spring day. The children will make a pinwheel to teach them about how God is a spirit. A lesson can be taught, followed by making the craft and the children will finish by playing with their pinwheels outside.

Blow on the pinwheel and watch it spin!

Use this craft to teach the children about how we can hear and feel the wind, but we cannot see it. We can see the results of the wind, but we cannot see the wind itself. Relate this to God. We can hear His voice through His Word and feel His peace, comfort, joy, etc. We cannot see Him, but we can see the results of His work.

Key Verse: John 3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Time Needed: 20 minutes for the craft only (The children may spend a long time decorating their pinwheel. The length of craft depends on how detailed your children will want to decorate. You know your children best and can judge how long this craft will take.)

Materials Needed:


One square piece of heavy construction paper per child
One pair of scissors per child
One thumb tack per child
One pencil (with an eraser) per child, preferably brand new
Crayons, colored pencils, and stickers for decorating the pinwheels

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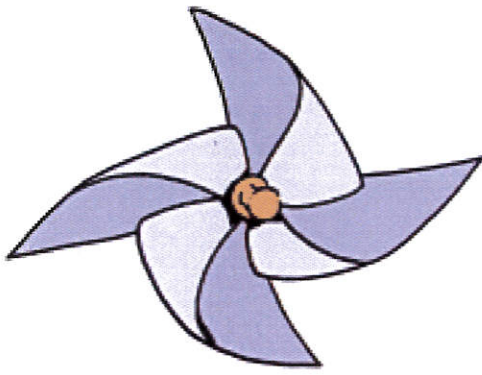
I recommend using a square which is 6 inches or smaller in diameter. You want the length from one corner to the center of the square to be shorter than the pencil.

The thicker the paper you choose to use, the more sturdy the pinwheel will be. Thick paper will better withstand to the wind and blowing by a child.

Do not push the thumb tack all the way through the pencil eraser causing the pinwheel to attach tightly to the pencil. If pushed in too tightly the pinwheel will not turn.

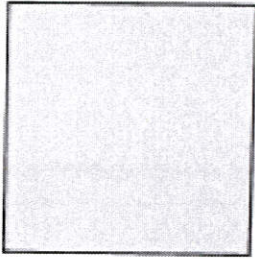
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Pinwheel Instructions

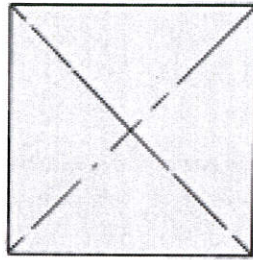


March is a great time to make pinwheels. Pinwheels are easy to make. As long as you begin with a square, the size of your pinwheel is up to you. If you decide to make a big pinwheel, be sure your dowel is longer.

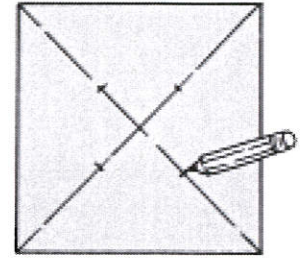
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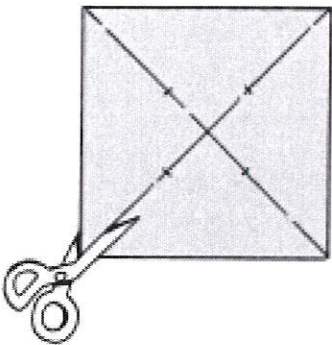
1. Begin with a square of paper.



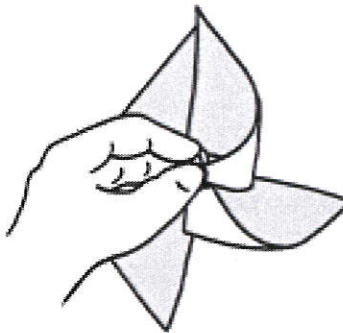
2. Fold your square, corner to corner, then unfold.



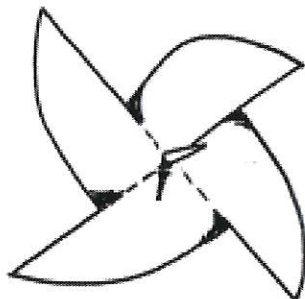
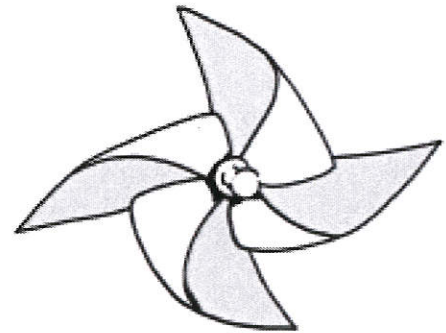
3. Make a pencil mark about 1/3 of the way from center.



4. Cut along fold lines. Stop at your pencil mark.



5. Bring every other point into the center and stick a pin through all four points.



6. Turn your pinwheel over - make sure the pin pokes through in the exact center.

7. Roll the pin around in little circles to enlarge the hole a little. This guarantees your pinwheel will spin freely

8. Stick the pin into a thin dowel.

Hint:
Separate your pinwheel from the dowel with two or three beads. Stick the pin through the beads first then - into the dowel.

