Holy Spirit Spinners

The Christian feast of Pentecost occurs on the seventh Sunday after Christ's resurrection and concludes the great season of Easter. At Pentecost, God's Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, enabling them to go out and spread the Good News of Christ with the world. In scripture (Acts 2:1-4) we hear how the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles as flames of fire and in the sound of a powerful wind - both symbols of God's Spirit in the Old Testament. As a visual reminder of the significance of these symbols and the feast of Pentecost, children are invited to create their own Spirit Spinner.

For this activity you will need:

- Coloured crayons or pencils.
- Copies of appendix one or two, preferably on thin card.
- Scissors.
- String.
- Sticky tape.

How to make Holy Spirit Spinners

1. Print for each pupil a copy of appendix one. Or for less confident writers, print copies of appendix two which contains traceable letters.
2. Ask pupils to write a message on the dotted line which will help to pass on the Good News to others. This message could be a short piece of scripture, e.g. 'Love one another' (John 3:23), or simply a message chosen by the children for example, 'Be like Jesus'. We've added scripture suggestions at the bottom of this page.
3. Using the colours of a flame, ask pupils to decorate the spiral - colouring the front and back is most effective.
4. When the children have finished decorating their spinners, cut along the thick guide line.
5. Attach a length of string - about 30 cm - to the small end of the spinner (marked by a black dot) then hang near a window or door if possible.
6. Watch and enjoy as the children's creations spin in the breeze/wind!

Suggested scripture messages

Love one another - *1 John 3:23*

God's Spirit lives in us - *1 Corinthians 3:16*

God's Spirit is in my heart - *2 Corinthians 1:22*

God's Spirit helps me - *Romans 8:26*

God's Spirit leads me - *Psalm 143:10*

We are one in the Spirit - *Ephesians 4:4*

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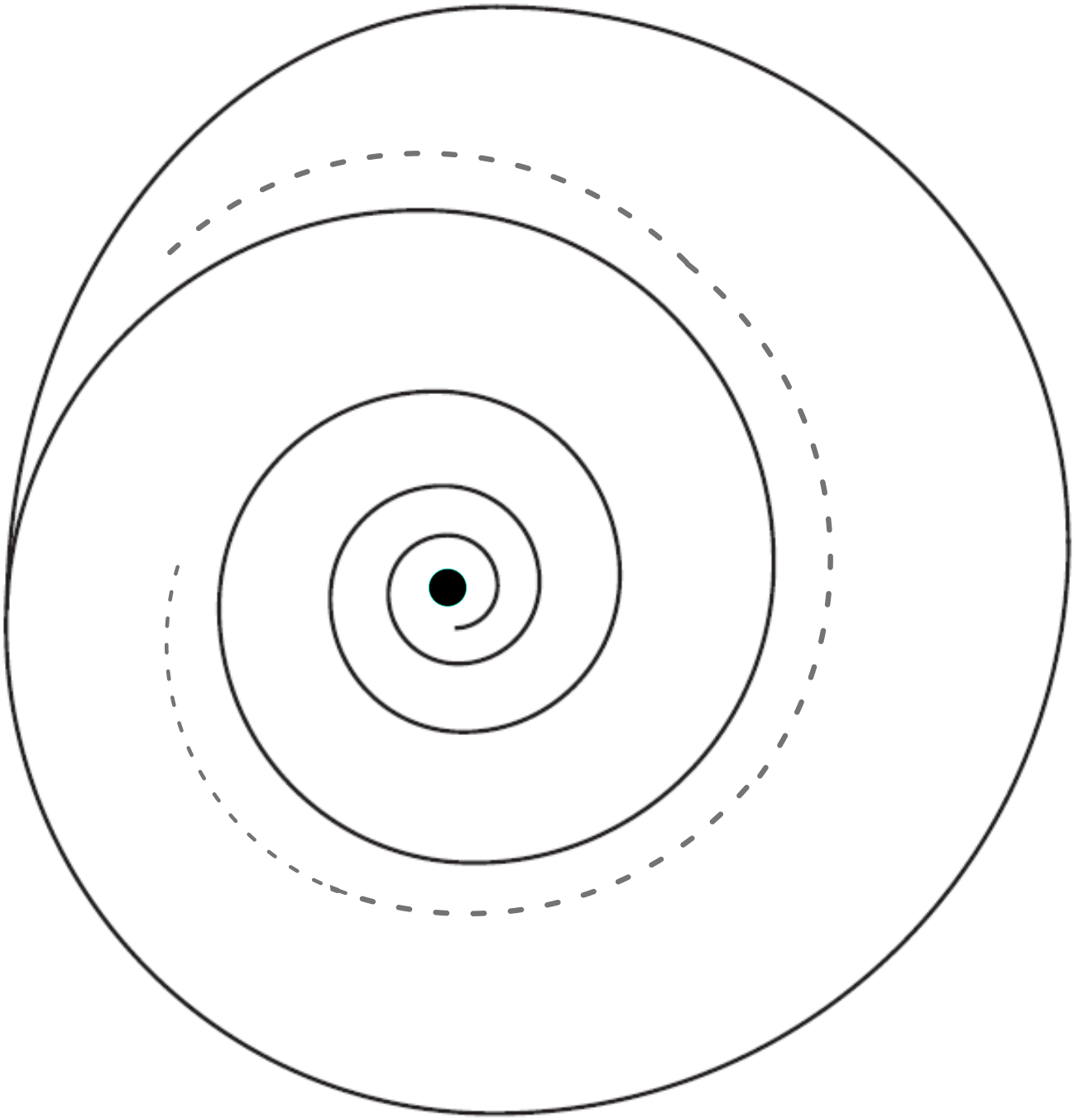
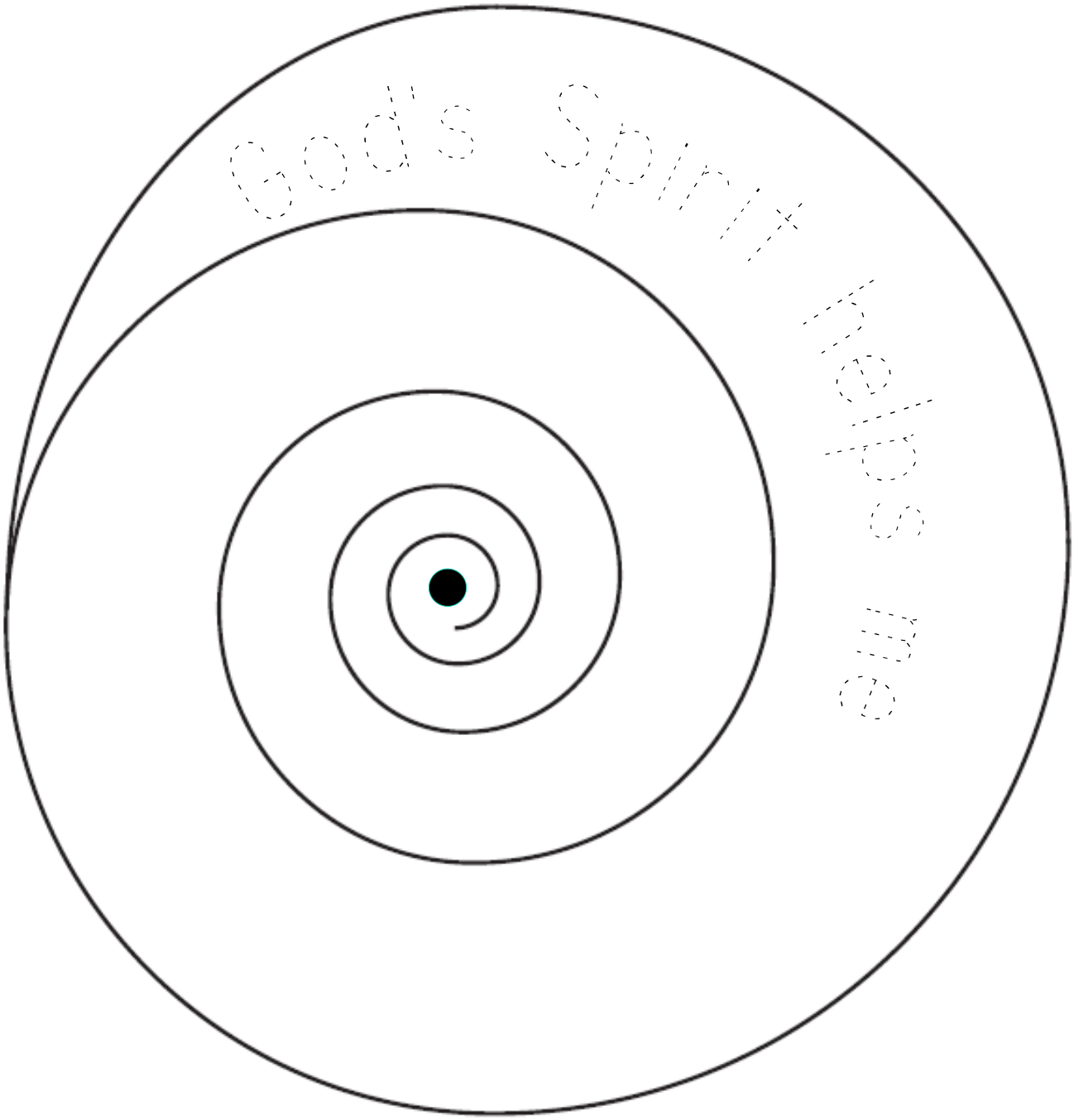
Appendix One: Holy Spirit Spinners



Appendix two: Holy Spirit Spinners - with traceable letters