

WIND



The wind is invisible yet we can feel it as it blows. The only time we can “see” the wind is when it picks up things such as dust, leaves or small objects.

The wind can be gentle and cool us on a warm day or it can be powerful and cause great damage such as when it is a tornado or hurricane. The wind also does much good as it clears the air and helps plants to spread their pollen and seeds.

What can we learn from God's creation of the wind?

The Bible uses the wind as a word picture of the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us in John 3:8, "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." Our faith comes from God. We do not know where the Holy Spirit is or where He is going, we only know that He plants faith in everyone He touches. Like the wind, the Holy Spirit moves wherever He wants to as He brings faith to the world and His touch is wonderful like a cooling wind on a hot day.

In the book of Acts 2:2-3 we learn, "Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they (the

apostles) were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit." Both wind and fire are used as word pictures of the Holy Spirit.

God uses wind to show His great power. In Exodus 14:21-22 we learn of God's power, "Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground with a wall of water on their right and on their left." Only God could produce a wind that could split a sea so that His people could cross it on dry land.

God uses the wind to teach us that we can always trust in His power to protect us. We learn this lesson in Mark 4:37-41, "A furious squall came up and the waves broke over the boat so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?'

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?' They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!' We may think something terrible is happening but God is using this to teach us to have faith in Him.

God uses the wind to help us. In Job 37:21 we learn, "Now no one can look at the sun, bright as it is in the skies after the wind has swept them clean." God uses the wind to clean the air we breathe. In Exodus 10:19 we learn, "And the Lord changed the wind to a very strong west wind which caught up the locusts and carried them into the Red Sea." God saved the people from having all of their crops ruined by the locusts and He used to wind to do His will.

Next time you feel the wind blowing think of it as God gently touching you with His great love. God gives us faith and many gifts of His love even

though we cannot see them. God's love may be invisible but it is as real as anything you can see!

