Learn by Doing

Choice Cloud & Fire Balloon Pillars



Frame a doorway with dramatic pillars of cloud and fire made from balloons. This project makes a great decoration to celebrate the final lesson!

This activity may require some advance planning depending on the size of your group. The balloons pictured in this photo took 3 adults an hour to inflate using 2 balloon pumps as well as their lungs. Larger groups could do this in less time. If you choose to do this with a small group, you might want to blow some of the balloons up ahead of time. (Putting the balloons into large trash bags will make them more manageable to move if you blow them up at home.)

1. Choose a doorway or wall space to decorate. Find a spot that allows you to secure string or yarn to the wall. These strings will serve as a framework for the balloons.
2. Blow up balloons. Note: long balloons will look more fire-like.
3. Attach 2 or more long strings to each side of the walls or doorway and tie the balloons on to the string. If using good quality balloons, you can also tape balloons directly to the wall or each other to shape the pillars.
4. Attaching the white or blue balloons to two or more strings will create more of a cluster for a cloud. (We knotted balloons on to 2 strings and then twined the strings of balloons around each other and taped the strings to the wall to create the cloud.)
5. ***Note***: *Remove the balloons from the wall the same day, after displaying them for a celebration. Promptly taking down tape reduces the possibility of the tape damaging paint or finish.*

Materials Needed

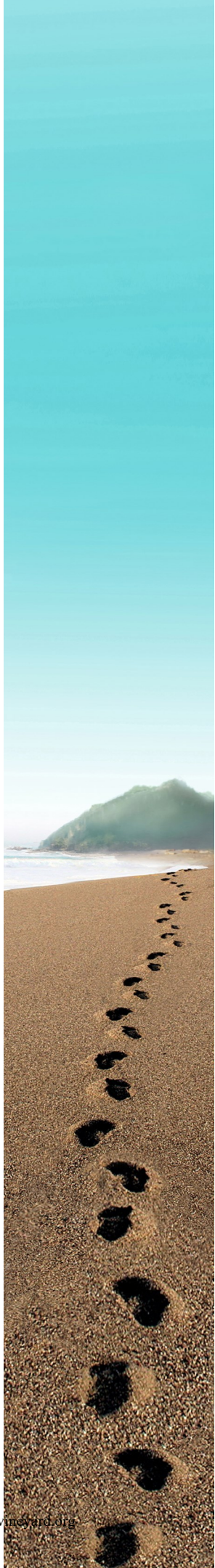
50-60 white and/or pale blue balloons; 50-60 red, yellow and orange balloons (some long-shaped if possible to look more like fire); heavy duty tape such as clear packing tape; several pieces of string 6'-8' (1.8m-2.4m)
optional: balloon pump(s)

Prepare in Advance

Purchase supplies. Choose a spot to set up the pillars.
Optional: inflate balloons before class to save time.

New Church Concept
Cloud and Fire

The "cloud appearing by day, and the fire by night," represented the Lord's protection of heaven and the church. For "the day..." signifies Divine truth in light, and the "night" signifies Divine truth in shade. Lest they might be hurt by too much light they were guarded by a cloud, and from being hurt by too much shade they were guarded by a shining fire. *Apocalypse Explained* 504.10



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