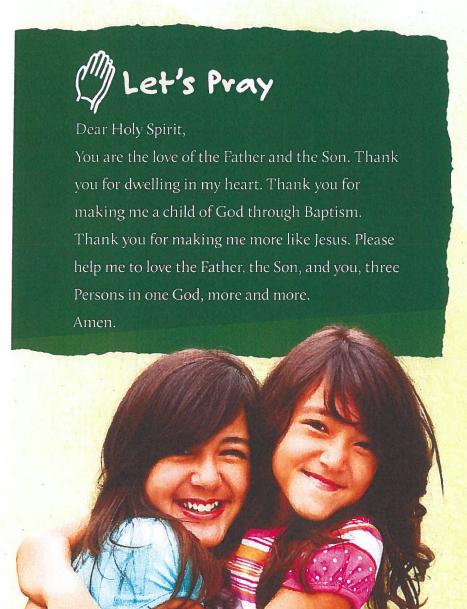
Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit



Introduction

Do you have a best friend?

Best friends are a wonderful gift. We love to spend time talking and playing with friends. Their company makes us happy, and they help us when something is hard. At Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be our best friend forever. We receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism, and he is always with us to help us and guide us and make us more like Jesus.

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Key Words

Holy Spirit

The third divine Person of the Holy Trinity, who is the love between the Father and the Son.

Pentecost

The day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, fifty days after Easter.



+ Let's Read God's Word

The Sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

From Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-13

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he promised his Apostles that he would send his own Spirit upon them, which the prophet Isaiah foretold would rest on him as the Messiah (Isaiah 11:2). The Holy Spirit will give them the power to be his witnesses throughout the

whole world and give them a share in his own mission. The Apostles went back to Jerusalem to pray and wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

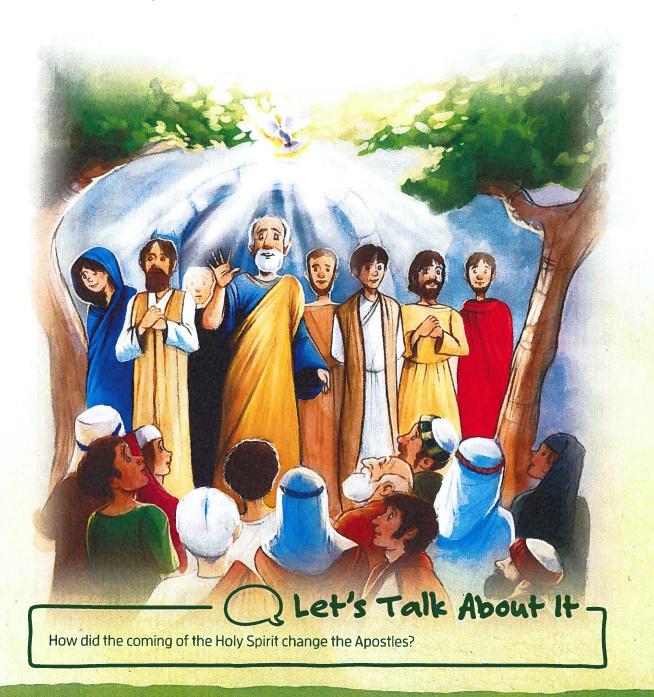
Soon the day of Pentecost came and the Apostles were gathered together in prayer with Mary and some of Jesus's other disciples.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us what happened next:

"And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:2-4).

The crowd heard all the noise and came to see what was happening. Saint Peter and the other Apostles told the people the Good News that God had sent his Son, Jesus, to forgive their sins. Over 3,000 people were baptized that day, so Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church.

Just as Jesus had promised, the Apostles received the power of the Holy Spirit and became his brave, bold witnesses.



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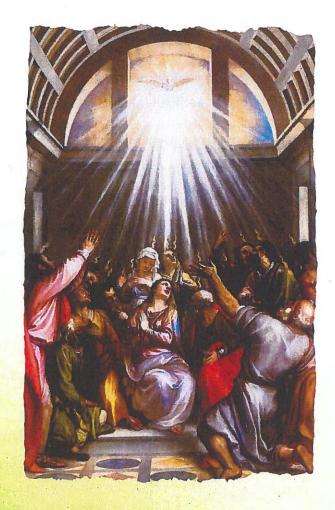
==== Let's Learn About Our Faith

The Holy Spirit Makes Us Holy

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity. He is the love of the Father and the Son that is poured out for us. This complete and perfect love is not just an idea or feeling—it is another Person. The Holy Spirit is not part of the Father or the Son. He is **consubstantial** with the Father and the Son, which means that he is fully and completely God, just as the Father and the Son are each fully and

After Jesus ascended into Heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost to continue his mission of reconciling the world to God. The Holy Spirit is God's gift of himself to us. He comes to dwell in our souls to sauctify us.

completely God.



To sanctify means to make holy. The Holy Spirit makes us holy by restoring in us the divine likeness to God lost through sin. He makes us like Jesus.

We need the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts to make us holy because sin has separated us from God. Remember, God created Adam and Eve in his image and likeness and in a very close relationship with him. But Adam and Eve lost that likeness to God and that relationship through the Fall. The Holy Spirit restores that very close relationship with God and makes us like God by making us holy. He restores the divine likeness lost through sin.

At Baptism we receive the Holy Spirit. In this sacrament, the Holy Spirit makes us a new creation in Christ. It is

the gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts through Baptism that makes us adopted sons and daughters of God. Baptism begins our journey of sanctification, our journey of becoming holy like Christ and returning fully to the divine image—the journey that has its destination in Heaven.

This journey to holiness is a hard journey. We need to persevere in our journey to Heaven, with the help of God's grace. If we commit a mortal sin, we lose the gift of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and this can only be restored through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Holy Spirit guides us on this journey to Heaven and helps us to grow in holiness. He gives us the strength and courage to make the right choices and to grow in love of God and neighbor.

Let's Talk About It -

Discuss what you think it means to be holy and to be like Christ.

key Words

Consubstantial

Of the same substance or essence. When talking about the Persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial means that each Person is fully and completely God.

Sanctify

To make us holy and like Christ.

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The Symbols of the Holy Spirit

Water – In the waters of Baptism we receive the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts. Water reminds us that the Holy Spirit washes away sin, sanctifies us, and makes us sons and daughters of God.

Fire – At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire. Fire is a symbol of how the Holy Spirit transforms us and makes us holy and like Christ.

Dove – At Jesus's baptism, the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove. Just as the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus and remained with him after his baptism, so also the Spirit comes down and remains with us after our Baptism. The Holy Spirit is traditionally shown as a dove in Christian art.

Wind – In Hebrew, there is just one word to mean spirit, wind, and breath. The story of creation begins with the Holy Spirit moving over the waters like a wind. And when God created Adam, he breathed life into him. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with the sound of a strong wind. Wind reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit to create and give new life.

Did You Know?

The Holy Spirit Guides the Church

After Jesus ascended into Heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to guide his Church. With the guidance and

protection of the Holy Spirit, the Church can never go astray. The Holy Spirit guides the Church to know and teach the truth about God and what it means to be a human person created in the image and likeness of God. The authority of the Church to teach us is referred to as the Magisterium. The Magisterium is the Pope and all the bishops around the world who are united to him. The Holy Spirit will always guide the Pope and the bishops to teach us the truth and hand on all that Jesus taught us.

Key Words

Magisterium

Pope and all the bishops in union with him.



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Let's Do Activities -

The Story of Pentecost

Fill in the blanks to complete this paraphrase of the Pentecost story. Use the pictures as clues.
When the day of Pentecost had come, thewere all together in one
place. And suddenly, a sound came from Heaven like the rush of a mighty,
and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And tongues ofappeared
and rested on each of them. And they were all filled with the
and began to speak in other tongues.
There were many people in Jerusalem from every nation under
And when they heard these sounds, they all came together and were bewildered
because each one the Apostles speaking in his own language of the
mighty works of Over three thousand people heard the good news of
and were baptized that day!
The Apostles received the power of the Holy Spirit and received the gifts that they would
need to spread God's and good news to the whole
When we receive Confirmation, we receive the sameand mission as
they received on Pentecost.
Word Bank

Heaven world Jesus gifts Apostles fire heard love God Holy Spirit wind

What's in a Symbol?

Symbols help us to understand who the Holy Spirit is and how he works in our lives. Look at page IO in your Student Guide and then write in your own words the meaning of each of these symbols.









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Let's Recall and Reflect

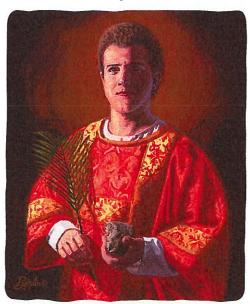
When do we first receive the Ho	oly Spirit? What does he do in us when we receive him?
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Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity. He is the love of the Father and the Son that is poured out for us. He is fully God.

What is the feast of Pentecost? Pentecost is when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, fifty days after Easter. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to tell everyone about Jesus, and over 3,000 were baptized that day.

The Holy Spirit sanctifies us. What does this mean? To sanctify means to make holy. The Holy Spirit makes us holy by restoring in us the divine likeness lost through sin and making us like Christ.

Story of a Saint



Saint Stephen, died c. 36

The book in the Bible called the Acts of the Apostles describes Saint Stephen as being full of the Holy Spirit. He was chosen to help the Apostles take care of the poor as one of the first deacons. He followed the Holy Spirit's guidance, and by the power of the Holy Spirit he performed many signs and wonders in the early Church. The Holy Spirit gave him the wisdom to understand and teach the truth about Jesus. And when this teaching about Jesus got him in trouble with the Jewish leaders of Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit gave Stephen the courage to bear witness to Christ and lay down his life as the first Christian warty.



Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..."

-Acts 1:8

Key Words

Martyr

Someone who bears witness to Christ and is killed for his or her faith.

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Let's Read a Story Short Cuts

It was the first afternoon at Camp W. Nick Perry and his twin sister, Sam, were excited to be there with their church friends. Nick and his friend Brad were part of the Fire Cabin. Sam and her friend Kim were in the Dove Cabin.

The campers gathered on the lawn outside a big log cabin. Trails and narrow roads cut through the forest to other, smaller log cabins and a large red barn.

A whistle blew. The kids turned toward Father Cliff Montgomery. "There's a lot to do here and plenty to learn," Father Cliff said. "Above all, we want you to be safe." He then covered the camp rules.

Father Cliff then introduced a tall, bearded man who was in charge of the camp activities. His name was Buck. He wore a red-and-black plaid shirt with jeans held up by black suspenders. Nick thought he looked like a lumberjack.

Buck held up four flags on short poles. Each flag had a symbol for the name of one cabin. Buck gave Nick a flag with a fire symbol. To Sam he gave a flag with the dove symbol. Then he handed out the other flags to the leaders of the Wind and Water Cabins.

Buck said the kids' first competition was to run up Holbrook Hill. "The first cabin to plant their flagpole at the top wins," he said.

Camp counselors gave a map to each of the flag bearers. The map showed different paths to get to Holbrook Hill. It had writing on the front and back. Buck called out, "Make sure to read *all* of the map's instructions before you take off."

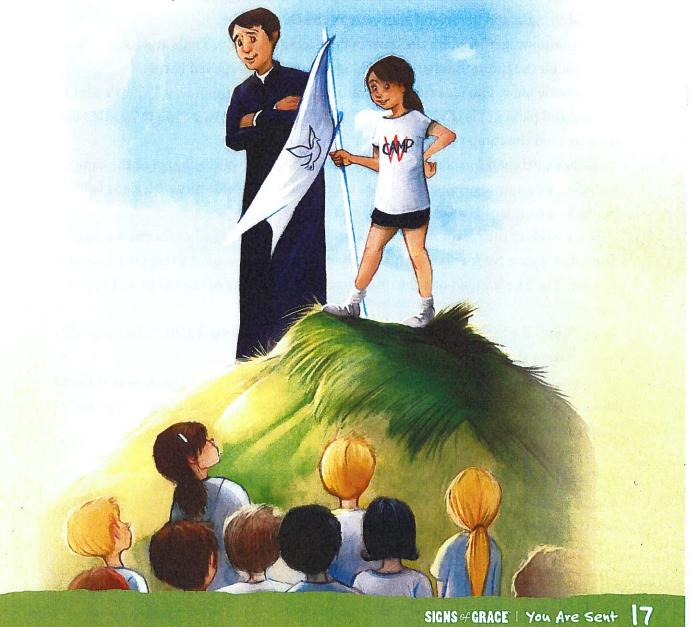
"Let's go!" Father Cliff shouted and blew the whistle.

The Fire Cabin boys gathered around Nick and the map. But Brad pointed to a nearby trailhead and said, "I did this last summer. That trail will get us there fast!" The Fire Cabin boys raced up the trail.

The Dove Cabin girls wanted to follow the shortest trail on the map. But Sam said, "Wait!"

"We're going to lose!" her friend Kim complained.

Sam read all of the instructions. The last line said: "Go back to your cabin and wait." Sam showed the instructions to the other girls. The girls grumbled. But Sam said, "We have to do what it says!"



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Sam turned and walked to the cabin. The Dove Cabin girls went with her unhappily.

A camp counselor named Holly was waiting for them. "Good job!" Holly said. "You're the only campers who read all of the instructions. Now, follow me."

Holly led the girls out a back door. A small van was parked there. "Get in," Holly said.

Sam, Kim, and the other girls climbed in. Holly started the engine and drove to a service road. "This goes straight up to the top of Holbrook Hill," she said.

The girls cheered as they drove to the top of the hill. Sam planted the Dove flag at the peak.

In another part of the woods, Nick and the other Fire Cabin campers were lost. They scowled at Brad. "Sorry," he said. "I thought this trail was faster."

The Fire Cabin boys were the last to reach the top of Holbrook Hill.

The campers in the other cabins learned that the Dove girls had ridden in a van. "That's not fair!" they whined.

Buck told them, "I said to read all the instructions first. The Dove Cabin obeyed. That's why they won."

Later that afternoon, Father Cliff talked about the race. "This is a good lesson," he said. "God has told us to follow the Holy Scriptures. And he has given us the Holy Spirit as our guide. We should obey them both to get to where we should be."

Nick asked, "Will God give us a van, too?"

The other kids giggled.

Q Let's Talk About It.

Why is it worth it to read all the directions, even if you think you know the best way to do something?