

Young Apprentices

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INQUIRY SESSION: THE HOLY SPIRIT



My Story

You have to write a report for class. You think about it for a long time, and finally you come up with a great idea. Or maybe your family is dealing with something that is hard, and one family member comes up with a way to make things better. These ideas are called *inspiration*.



AND THINK

- *Where do you think inspiration comes from?*
- *Have you ever been inspired? When?*



God's Story

We believe in God the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is Three Persons in One God. God the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his Apostles after his Ascension. Jesus described the Holy Spirit as the Paraclete, Consoler, Advocate, and Spirit of Truth.

The Holy Spirit filled the Apostles at the first Pentecost. The Spirit gave them the strength and the skill to preach Good News to all nations. That same Holy Spirit continues to work today in the world and in the Church. Women, men, and children still witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ,



Our Response

A gift is given to be used. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to be used for our own good and for the good of others.



- *When have you been inspired to do good?*
- *How did that make you feel?*

Sharing God's Word

With your family, read one or more of the Scriptures listed below. They tell the story of the first Pentecost and the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Galatians 5:22-23

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

Faith Words

Holy Spirit

God the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, is the Advocate or Helper sent to us by the Father in the name of his Son, Jesus.

Holy Trinity

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is that God is One in Three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is the central belief of the Christian faith.

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Review with your family the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit listed below. Discuss the Gifts and Fruits you see present in each family member. Share what Gifts and Fruits you would like to have more of in your life.

The Gifts of the Spirit

Wisdom
 Understanding
 Counsel
 Fortitude
 Knowledge
 Piety
 Fear of the Lord
 (Wonder and Awe)

The Fruits of the Spirit

Love
 Joy
 Peace
 Patience
 Kindness
 Generosity
 Faithfulness
 Gentleness
 Self-Control



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