

5.4.2 COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Unit Focus: To develop students' appreciation of Saints (Peter and Paul) and the life and faith of Christians in the Early Church. Students will gain an appreciation of how the Church is led by the Holy Spirit and the importance of ministry in the Catholic faith.

Lesson Focus/Aim: To help students become familiar with the story of the first Pentecost.

Students are challenged to:

- Make choices in response to God's call.
- Be involved in their local faith community.

In class: Students imagine and role play they are the Christians at the first Pentecost. Students recognise the gifts the disciples received and explain the meaning of the symbols.

Family supplement activity: To reinforce the meaning of the symbols as an important part of the Catholic faith.

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Holy Spirit

Often symbolised as a dove bringing peace.

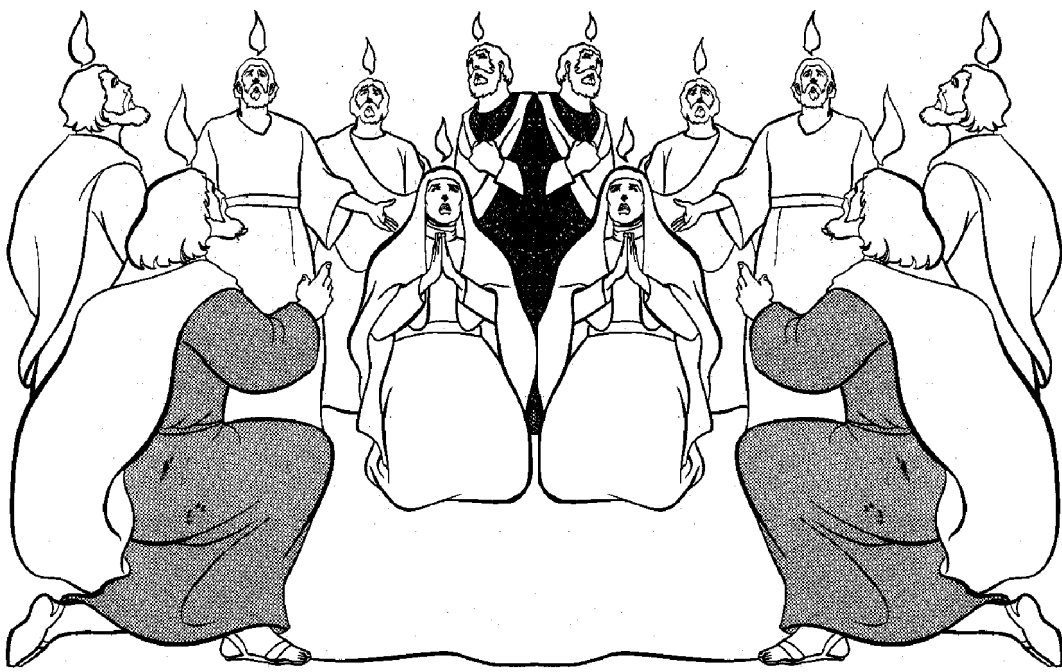
Wind

A spirit cannot be seen, but the effects are known by what happens (think of team spirit). After Pentecost, the strong wind was a sign of the Holy Spirit coming.

Fire

Symbolic of the Spirit of God burning in our hearts strengthening us with faith.

Symbols of Pentecost



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Lesson Focus/Aim: To help students understand how the Holy Spirit was actively involved with the people of the early Catholic Church and in the Church today.

Students are challenged to:

- Make choices in response to God's call.
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In class: Students identify the influence of the Holy Spirit in the Early Church by reading about the healing by Peter of the crippled beggar (Acts 3:1-10). Students then relate it in their own lives and discuss ways in which the Holy Spirit gives them gifts to use.

Family supplement activity: Circle the actions which are Spirit-filled, and put a large cross through those that are not, and decide which gifts each family member has been given, and ways in which you can use them.

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Imagine you're a windsurfer skimming through the water. You know the wind is in your sail - you cannot see the wind - you can only feel the effects of the wind. With practice, you learn to use the wind to steer the windsurfer in the right direction.



'Dove & Flame' Linda Gregor.

It's the same with being a follower of Jesus. With practice, you learn to use the gifts you have been given and to trust that the Holy Spirit will inspire you to use these gifts. We are all called to be Spirit-filled people.

Circle the following actions which are Spirit-filled and put a large cross through those that are not.



As a family, decide what gifts you share with each other and name them. Ensure that each family member has at least one gift identified.



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