

Come Holy Spirit



FOCUS

1. The Easter Vigil is the most important liturgy of the Church calendar.
2. The Easter message is that Jesus rose from the dead and is still alive, and is with us now.
3. We draw strength from the experiences of the disciples as they came to fully understand the resurrection of Jesus.
4. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist Jesus' death and resurrection is mysteriously made present to us.
5. The Holy Spirit gives us the grace to help our faith to grow.

During these lessons your child may have:

- identified the key symbols of water, light and Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil;
- listed ways they could show the Light of Christ to others;
- reflected upon and discussed the reaction of Thomas to Jesus' resurrection;
- discussed what Jesus meant by "Blessed are those who have not yet seen but believe";
- explored how the Eucharist is the memorial of Jesus' death and resurrection;
- explored how the friends of Jesus were changed by the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost;
- identified times when they have experienced the presence of God's Holy Spirit through people, places or events.

John 20: 24-29

... Eight days later ... The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you" he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him: "You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

1 Corinthians 11: 23-27

For this is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial for me." In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me." Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death ...

Acts 2: 1-4

When Pentecost day came around, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded

like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Discuss with your child why Easter Sunday is the most important event in the Christian calendar.
2. Discuss with your child the expressions; 'A doubting Thomas' and 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
3. Ask your child how the Apostles were changed by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
4. Encourage your child to complete the activity page on the reverse of this sheet.
5. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on Home Activities.

TO REMEMBER:

The Spirit of Jesus is always with us.

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On the day of Pentecost the followers of Jesus were all together in a _____ where they were staying. Suddenly, it was as if a strong _____ had burst upon them, and they were all filled with God's _____. They began talking in different _____.

There were Jewish pilgrims from many _____ staying in Jerusalem. A _____ gathered to see what was happening. They didn't know what to think! "What's all this about?" they asked. Peter told them about _____ who died and came alive again.

The friends of _____ were changed _____ and _____. They were strong in their belief in _____ and they lived as members of God's _____. They had the courage to stand up for God's _____ of living, and they went out to tell _____ everywhere the Good News that the Spirit of _____ is with us forever.

• Use the words in the word bank to complete the passage.

people way women Jesus family wind men house Jesus
Spirit languages God Jesus cities crowd



Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!
Come and fill our hearts and minds.
Guide us in the way of your love! Amen.