

The Holy Spirit



FOCUS

1. As the Body of Christ we witness and recognise that the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are alive and working within us throughout life's journey.
2. St Paul is the extraordinary missionary figure of the early Church, as seen in the Acts of the Apostles and his New Testament letters.
3. All Christians are called individually to be missionaries to all those around them, especially through good example.
4. We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Most other Christians share in one baptism and one faith in Jesus. We pray and work for unity with them.
5. Christ himself wished to establish his own visible society on earth—the Church. Jesus wished for all people to belong to this visible society.

In these lessons your child may have:

- identified the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and appreciate that they are to be used for the good of all people;
- nominated people they know who use each gift of the Holy Spirit;
- listen and respond to the story of St Paul;
- know that, through Baptism, all Catholics are part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, with Jesus as the head of the Church;
- explored and discussed the symbols and rituals used in the Sacraments of Initiation. (Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist)

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Acts 9:18-20

For three days he was without his sight and took neither food nor drink . . . Then Ananias went . . . and laid his hands on Saul and . . . It was as though scales fell away from his eyes and immediately he was able to see again. So he got up and was baptised, . . . he began preaching in the synagogues, 'Jesus is the Son of God.'

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

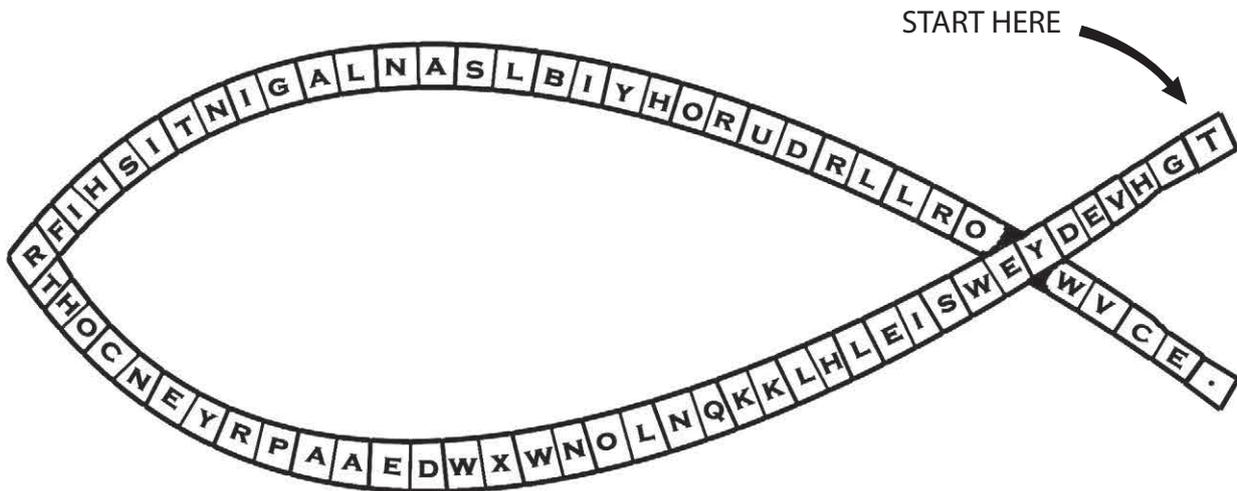
The following are suggested activities for you to do with your child.

1. Find pictures of family Baptisms, First Communion and Confirmation. Discuss these events with your child.
2. If appropriate, enrol your child in a sacramental program for Confirmation.
3. Discuss with your child ways in which you keep in touch with family members when they live some distance apart from us.
4. Encourage your child to research what missionary activities the Church engages in today. www.catholicmission.org.au
5. Encourage your child to complete the activity provided with this sheet.
6. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.

TO REMEMBER:

Through the Sacraments of Initiation we become members of the Church.

The fish was a symbol used by many of the early Christians to identify themselves to each other. Start at the arrow and write every second letter in the spaces provided and you will discover another way of identifying the early Christians. The first letter has been put in for you.



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God our Father, I am happy to live the Christian life as a member of the Church. I am happy to share with others as I come to know, love and serve you. Amen.