

Lesson 13: What does the Holy Spirit do for me? (Gifts for the Journey)

Opening Reflection

(Please read this over with your child to begin to think about what they are going to be learning today)

Today we begin to introduce the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are permanent dispositions that allow us to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are intended to help us grow in holiness and to empower us to help others grow well. We will be talking about two types of Gifts of the Holy Spirit that help us to grow in holiness and produce in us the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and the charismatic gifts that the Holy Spirit gives us to empower us to lead others to holiness and to build up the kingdom of God on earth

Opening Prayer

Veni Sancte Spiritus (as it is known from its title in Latin) is read or sung at Pentecost. This beautiful tribute to the Holy Spirit can inspire in us a stronger devotion to Christ as we seek His guidance and aid from the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives. Let us read it together now. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
From your bright and blissful Home
Rays of healing light impart.
Come, Father of the poor,
Source of gifts that will endure
Light of ev'ry human heart.
You, of all consolers best,
Of the soul, most kindly Guest,
Quick'ning courage do bestow.
In hard labor You are rest,
In the heat You refresh best,
And solace give in our woe.
O most blessed Light divine,
Let Your radiance in us shine,
And our inmost being fill.
Nothing good by man is thought,
Nothing right by him is wrought,
When he spurns Your gracious Will.
Cleanse our souls from sinful stain,
Lave our dryness with Your rain
Heal our wounds and mend our way.
Bend the stubborn heart and will,
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,
Guide the steps that go astray.
On the faithful who in You,
Trust with childlike piety,
Deign your sevenfold gift to send.
Give them virtue's rich increase,
Saving grace to die in peace,
Give them joys that never end. Amen.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Challenge of the Week

Talk about the challenge from last week that is found on page 111. Talk about how the experience was or how they could keep the challenge up every week of their lives.

Dive in Story

Read the story on page 116 together, and then talk about what you read.

Talking points:

- What was the gift that Imre found?
 - Antique Violin
- How is the violin compared to the Holy Spirit?
 - Both are hidden gifts that might not necessarily have brought millions right away but once you cash them in, they can become very fruitful.
- Are you cooperating with those gifts? Are you asking for them? Are you cashing in?
 - “The gifts from God” are ones that we each have and are all different. Talk about how you can use these gifts to help others and be the best person that you can be.

What does the Holy Spirit do for me? – with Chris Padgett

Video Segment 1: Gifts of the Spirit (Part 1)

Play video the following video.

https://youtu.be/qf4gtz_C9sc

Talking points after the video:

1. What was the most exciting gift you ever received?
2. What was the most helpful gift you ever received? How was it helpful to you?

Video Segment 2: Gifts of the Spirit (Part 2)

Play video the following video.

<https://youtu.be/M1rMwfUVzZc>

Talking points after the video:

1. What are the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and what are some examples of how they help us in our daily lives?
2. What are some of the gifts you see play out in your life, and how can you make better use of them?

Video Segment 3: The 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Play video the following video.

<https://youtu.be/lhuxBtuM3sA>

Talking points after the video:

1. Name the charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Which of these gifts would you most like to have, and why?
2. Name the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit. Give some examples of how they play out in everyday life.
3. Do you have a favourite Saint? How did that Saint show the fruits, gifts, and charisms of the Holy Spirit in his or her life?

****ANSWER KEY FOR ALL SEGMENTS IS BELOW**

To the Heart with Chris Padgett

Read the story on page 118 together, and then talk about what you read.

Talk points:

- What gift would you most like to focus on exercising? What gift do you think is least common or least used by people?
- Find It!
 - Where in the Bible do we find the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost?

Hero of the Week

Read the Saint story on page 120 together, and then talk about what you read.

Talk points:

- It is important to take note that this story of sainthood is not full of drama and bloodshed.
- This story of sainthood involves peace and faith in the gifts we can't see, how when we devote ourselves to these gifts, we are able to become better people that lead us to being saints.

Challenge of the Week

- Ask the confirmation student to read the challenges on page 121 and choose one of the three to complete this week. Remind them to write about their experiences in the space provided.
- Read over the “Wrap-up” and the “What’s the Word” sections of the workbook to review all the major words that have been mentioned throughout the lesson.

Closing Prayer

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord, you don't just demand holiness from us; you offer us spiritual treasures that help us get there. It's a great mystery to us that you delight in such weak creatures, pouring your graces out on us whenever we approach you in humility. Your life-changing gifts are there for the asking. Give us the grace to ask, so that we may receive. Amen

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LINK FOR KNOWLEDGE CHECK: <https://forms.gle/UjYKz7W6Ame9k6rY6>

Answer Key:

Segment 1:

1. Wisdom
2. True
3. A. missing a button

Segment 3:

1. Gifts
2. C. Judgement

Segment 2:

1. piety
2. True
3. B. wisdom

Find it! Acts 2