

FAITH IN 5

Easter: Week 8

Ages 3-8

- 1. This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost. What happened at Pentecost?** Remember before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he told his friends that he would send them his "helper?" Well that is exactly what happened at Pentecost. Jesus's disciples were with his Mother, Mary, in the crowded city of Jerusalem. Suddenly there was a loud noise, like that of a strong wind, and it looked as if "tongues of fire" were coming down upon them. At that moment, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they were no longer scared. Those in the crowd were amazed and asked Peter what they should do. Peter responded, "repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the Holy Spirit." That day 3,000 people were baptized. **Do you know what color our priests will wear on Pentecost Sunday? They wear red!**
- 2. Who is the Holy Spirit?** The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. There is only one God, but He is made up of three persons: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is the Father, Jesus is the Son, and the Holy Spirit is the love that is shared by Father and Son. The Holy Spirit allows us to live our lives for Jesus. When the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, their hearts were changed forever and were filled with the love of God. They were courageous and preached the Gospel to all, and were willing to sacrifice their lives for God. The Holy Spirit bonds us together as one family and gives us the strength to love God, our neighbors and to forgive others. The Holy Spirit gives us grace, and without it, our souls would be sad and would "thirst" for more!
- 3. What are some symbols of the Holy Spirit?** A symbol represents something that we cannot see. You might see the Holy Spirit represented as a dove (3), tongues of fire (may look like flames), or the wind (the "breath of God"). **Have you ever seen these images?**¹²

¹ <https://www.swordofthespirit.net/bulwark/june2015p18.htm>

² https://favpng.com/png_view/spirit-holy-spirit-in-christianity-doves-as-symbols-baptism-sacraments-of-the-catholic-church-png/uKdh7Xhu



4. **We receive the Holy Spirit during these two Sacraments. Do you know which ones they are? (hint: you've likely already received one of them) God wants us to join in the love of God (or the "communion of God) by receiving the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation!**

5. **June is for the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Have you ever seen this image of Jesus? Why do you think it is important?** In the picture, Jesus's heart is surrounded by a crown of thorns with flames and a cross sits at the top of the heart. The picture is meant to show us that Jesus's heart is burning and on fire with love for you. He loves you so much and He died specifically for you so that you can live with him forever in Heaven. A lot of families have this picture in their homes. Whenever we look at this picture, we should be reminded by how much God loves us!³



Review Question: Besides Jesus, who was the only other person who ascended into Heaven? Mary!

³<https://www.pixel-creation.com/13660/10-most-popular-picture-of-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus-full-hd-1920x1080-for-pc-background/>

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