



Faith in Five- Children
Ordinary Time Week 8

1. **What is Pentecost?** Pentecost is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, who became the first bishops. **What is the Holy Spirit?** The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Blessed Trinity. It is the mutual love, flowing and eternal, between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and our protector. **What are some other names for the Holy Spirit?** Other names for the Holy Spirit are the Advocate, Paraclete and Comforter.
2. **What liturgical color will we see at mass on Pentecost?** Pentecost is the last day of the Easter season so instead of the white and gold the Priests have been wearing throughout Easter, today the Priest will be wearing red! **What symbols do we use to represent the Holy Spirit?** In the Bible we see tongues of fire, a dove and wind as symbols for the Holy Spirit. **How can we celebrate Pentecost at home?** We can wear red to mass, just like the priests! Pray the glorious mysteries of the rosary while sitting around a firepit as a family! Hang up some windchimes outside your home to hear the wind and be reminded of the Holy Spirit. Finally, Pentecost is the birthday of our Catholic faith- bake a birthday cake!
3. **What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?** The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of God. **What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?** The fruits of the Holy Spirit are joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.
4. **Read John 20: 19-23 as a family. Where were the disciples?** The disciples were hiding behind locked doors. **What were they afraid of?** The disciples were afraid of the Jews. **What happens when Jesus appears to them?** Jesus gave them the Holy Spirit by breathing on them. "As the Father has sent me so I send you." The disciples are sent out to forgive sins and spread the faith as the first Bishops. **How do WE receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?** We receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism! If we allow the Holy Spirit to dwell richly in us, through the sacraments and prayer, we can live out joy, peace, love, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.
5. **What is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary?** The feast of the Visitation honors Mary's visit to her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, immediately after the Annunciation. **Do you remember what happened at the Annunciation?** The Annunciation is when Mary is given the supreme gift of being the Mother of God. **What**

does Mary do with this gift? Instead of feeling pretty amazing about herself, Mary immediately takes this Blessed Gift and goes to serve her cousin Elizabeth. It has been said that her journey was the first Eucharistic procession, her womb the very first tabernacle! What a beautiful thing to ponder. **Do you know what happens when Elizabeth first sees Mary?** Elizabeth's baby, John the Baptist, leaps for joy in her womb at the presence of the Lord! Mary gives glory to God in her beautiful Magnificat. Like Elizabeth, we are visited by Mary. She continues to bring us her Son Jesus and to serve us by her prayers, presence and Heavenly help. **How can we celebrate the Feast of Visitation of May 31st?** The best way to honor both Our Savior and Our Blessed Mother would be to go to mass! Pray the joyful mysteries! Go and visit somebody today. Pray for all pregnant women and their unborn babies- support them by bringing them a meal or a gift for the baby.

REVIEW QUESTION: **What is hope?** From the Baltimore Catechism, hope is "the theological virtue that makes us trust in God and His promise of eternal life to those who love and obey Him. **Do you know the Act of Hope?**

O My God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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