

May LIFT 2016-17

Level 1-3 Home Assignment

Theme: The Holy Spirit: Our Advocate

- Objectives:**
1. Be able to identify that we are in the season of Easter and its color is white/gold.
 2. Review the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father prayer and the Hail Mary.
 3. Be able to retell in their own words the gospel story.
 4. Explain how the Holy Spirit works within us in their own words.

Activities

Liturgical Calendar Connection

Celebrating the Lectionary

Questions to consider:

What color did we see in church today and on the vestments of the priest and deacon?
(white/gold)

What is the liturgical time of year we are in? (Easter Time) How long will Easter last?
(until the feast of Pentecost). What season is coming next? (Ordinary Time after Pentecost)

Gospel Reading and Reflection Questions

Celebrating the Lectionary

Review with the kids the prayer-the Sign of the Cross. Remind them that anytime we say this prayer, it is a reminder to slow down, get quiet and listen to what is coming next.

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,

because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you,

and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father

and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them

is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Reflection Questions

- How does the Holy Spirit communicate with us?
- How will you listen to the Holy Spirit today?

Level 2: Ask the kids who received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time what they thought of the experience.

- My favorite part of preparing for First Eucharist was...
- As my day of my First Communion drew near, I remember feeling...
- What do you remember from the celebration in church?
- What were you feeling as you left the church?
- What did you and your family do after you left church?
- What was it like receiving Communion again today?
- For those who did not celebrate the sacrament yet, what are thinking and feeling as the day draws near? Are you excited? Nervous? (The last day for First Communion celebrations is Sunday, May 28th)

Skit Guys Video about Pentecost

<https://skitguys.com/videos/item/pentecost2>

It is a silly sketch about what it might have been like when the disciples received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. But it gets serious at the end and sums up nicely what the gift means for us at the end.

God Dwells in Us

Mix water and sugar in a clear glass. This represents how God dwells with us. We can't see Him but he is connected to us. Then add food coloring. What could this represent? Discuss as a family.

Pinwheel

Reflection Questions:

- How does a pinwheel work?
- We can't see the air but it moves the pinwheel. How does this connect to the Holy Spirit?
- Also, each pinwheel is different. What could this represent?

Closing Prayer

Pray together the "Our Father" and the "Hail Mary."