

LESSON 26: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

After Jesus rose up to Heaven on Ascension Thursday, the apostles prayed and waited with Mother Mary. Ten days later, a strong wind suddenly swept through the house and a bright flame of fire appeared over each one. These wonderful signs happened as the Holy Spirit came into their hearts, filling them with courage and love. The Holy Spirit also gave them the power to speak in a way that all people could understand them. People of different countries and languages discovered the Good News that day for the first time. On that Pentecost Sunday, three thousand people were baptized and the Church was born.

The Holy Spirit came to live in us on the day we were baptized. That is why we call ourselves temples of the Holy Spirit. We are His dwelling place. Like the people baptized on Pentecost Sunday, we receive gifts from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches all truth and helps us to understand our lessons about faith.

"The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness or generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22).

"The gifts of the Holy Spirit is wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and Fear of God." (Isaiah 11:1-3)

Words to know:

Holy Spirit: God, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.

Pentecost: the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles.

Ascension: when Jesus went back to Heaven forty days after He rose from the dead.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth,

Let us pray:

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.

ACTIVITY

1. Pentecost is the great festival that marks the _____ of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. **ibrht**
2. The day that the Holy Spirit came is called _____. **oetnptsce**
3. It was a Jewish celebration of Shavuot ("Festival of Weeks") and in the Old Testament was originally an agricultural festival celebrating and giving thanks for the "first _____" of the early spring harvest. **suirf**
4. In the Christian calendar, it falls on the seventh Sunday after _____. **rtaees**
5. The word "Pentecost" means "_____ day". **tftfiieh**
6. Pentecost Sunday occurs _____ days following Easter Sunday (counting Easter Sunday since it is the first day of the week). **ityff**
7. The sanctuary color for Pentecost Sunday is _____, the color of the church. **rde**
8. The color symbolizes the _____ of Pentecost as well as the apostles and early followers of Jesus who were gathered in the Upper Room for the empowerment from God to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world. **frei**
9. The color also reminds us of the blood of the _____. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the faith even at the cost of their lives. **ytsrmra**
10. Pentecost is a constant reminder of our own " _____ by the Holy Spirit". **pbsitma**