

YOU ARE SENT – QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

Session 1 – Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit

Let's Watch – The Sacrament of Confirmation

1. What is important about sacraments?
2. How did the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost change the Apostles?
3. Why are you excited about Confirmation?

Let's Read God's Word – The Sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

1. How did the coming of the Holy Spirit change the Apostles?
2. What did the Apostles do as soon as they received the Holy Spirit? What happened next?
3. The Apostles were witnesses to Jesus. To be a witness means to tell people what you have seen or heard or experienced. We are also called to be witnesses to Jesus. What are some ways that you can be a witness to Jesus?
4. Pentecost is called the birthday of the Church. How do you celebrate your birthday?
 - a. What is something you could do to celebrate Pentecost in an extra special way this year?

Let's Learn About Our Faith – The Holy Spirit Makes Us Holy

1. What do you think it means to be holy and to be like Christ?
2. What are some ways we need the help of the Holy Spirit on our journey to holiness?
 - a. What is one thing you can do to be more aware of his presence and help in your life?
3. The Bible says that we are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19).
 - a. What does it mean to be a temple of the Holy Spirit?
 - b. How does knowing that you are a temple of the Holy Spirit affect the kinds of things you say or do?
4. The bible says that the Holy Spirit teaches us and helps us to pray (Rom 8:26).
 - a. What are some ways that you like to pray now?
 - b. What is one thing for which you can ask the Holy Spirit's help in your prayer life?

Did You Know – The Symbols of the Holy Spirit

1. Name the Symbols of the Holy Spirit?
2. Which is your favorite?

Did You Know – The Holy Spirit Guides the Church

1. What is the Magisterium?
2. Who can you name that is in the Magisterium?

Story of a Saint – St. Stephen

1. St. Stephen was described as being full of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's work in Stephen showed in his actions (taking care of the poor) and in his words (teaching about Jesus). Who is someone you know whose actions and words show the work of the Holy Spirit?
2. Stephen knew that teaching the truth about Jesus would get him in trouble with the leaders of Jerusalem, but he did it anyway. Why do you think he was so brave?
3. St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. We are not all called to lay down our lives like Stephen did, but we are all called to sometimes do hard things in order to follow Jesus. What is something hard you have had to do or you have to do now to follow Jesus?

Let's Read a Story – Short Cuts

1. Why is it worth it to read all the directions, even if you think you know the best way to do something?
2. How do we know what God's directions for us are?
3. Why should we follow all of God's directions?

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Session 2 – The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Let's Watch – Gifts, Fruits, Charisms

1. How do you think the gifts of the Holy Spirit will help you in your everyday life to be holy & be closer to God?
2. How can you prepare now to be open to receive all that God wants to give you in Confirmation?
3. Charisms are special gifts or talents that God gives us so that we can bring Jesus to others and build up the Church. List some of your gifts that God has given you. How might God use these gifts to bring others to Jesus and build up the Church?

Let's Read God's Word – Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit to Be Our Helper and Guide

1. How does the Holy Spirit help us keep God's peace in our hearts?
2. What does Jesus say we will do if we love him?
 - a. How does the Holy Spirit help us do this?
3. How do we hear Jesus' voice? How does the Holy Spirit help us hear Jesus?
4. How do these words of Jesus (from John's Gospel) help you know and love the Holy Spirit better?

Let's Learn About Our Faith – The Holy Spirit Gives us His Seven Gifts

1. Which Gift of the Holy Spirit do you most want to grow in? Why?
2. The Bible says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10).
 - a. What is the gift of fear of the Lord?
 - b. Why is this gift the first "step" on the ladder of gifts leading up to God?
3. Piety means worshipping and serving God as our Father. But it also means something for our relationships with other people. What is the second part of the gift of piety?

Did You Know – Charisms

1. Do you know someone that has one of the Charisms?
2. How do you see this Charism in their actions?

Did You Know – The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

1. Have you seen one of these fruits in someone's life?

Story of a Saint – Blessed pier Giorgio Frassati

1. How did Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati share his faith with others?
 - a. What do you think inspired him to do this?
2. What Fruits of the Spirit do you think other people saw in Blessed Pier Giorgio's life?
 - a. What part of his story makes you think of that particular fruit?
3. Blessed Pier Giorgio spent a lot of his free time helping others. What is something you can do this week to help someone else?

Let's Read a Story – Barnacle Course

1. Why do we need the gifts of the Holy Spirit to do God's will?
2. If the Holy Spirit offers his gifts to us at our Baptism, why don't all Christians show all the gifts all the time?
3. Why is it better to work with others to do God's will instead of doing everything on our own?

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Session 3 – The Sacrament of Confirmation

Let's Watch – You are Plugged In

1. How is the Sacrament of Confirmation our own personal Pentecost?.
2. What does it mean to be anointed with Sacred Chrism in Confirmation?
3. What is the meaning of the laying on of hands in Confirmation?

Let's Read God's Word – The Sacrament of Confirmation

1. How do you think the new Christians in Samaria felt when they learned that Peter and John would pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit?
 - a. How do you feel about your upcoming Confirmation?
2. What did Peter and John do so that the new believer would receive the Holy Spirit fully?
 - a. Why did it have to be Peter and John, and not Philip?
3. What does this Bible story tell us about the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation?
4. Who has the authority to confer Confirmation today? Why do they have this authority?

Let's Learn About Our Faith – The Grace of Confirmation

1. How is the Sacrament of Confirmation your own personal Pentecost?
2. How were seals used in the ancient world?
 - a. What does this tell us about the meaning of being sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation?
3. How does Confirmation affect our relationship with God?
4. How does Confirmation affect our relationship with God's family, the Church?

Did You Know – Confirmation Sponsor and Saint

1. Who are you thinking might make good Confirmation Sponsor for you?
2. What saints are you thinking about having as your Confirmation saint?

Story of a Saint – St. Maximilian Kolbe

1. What was St. Maximilian Kolbe's life like before he was arrested by the Nazis?
2. How did St. Maximilian Kolbe witness to the truth of God's love in Auschwitz?
3. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives us the power to be a witness to God's love no matter what. St. Maximilian Kolbe was a bold witness to the truth even in a terrible situation. What kind of difficult situations do you think you might experience where you will be called to be a witness?

Let's Read a Story – Boats & Badges

1. When is it important to prepare before doing something?
2. Why do we need the Sacrament of Confirmation to prepare us to fulfill God's mission?
3. How is the Sacrament of Confirmation different from being certified to do a certain task or go a certain place?

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Session 4 – Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

Let's Watch – A Walk Through Confirmation

1. Who does the bishop represent at Confirmation – who actually celebrates the sacrament?
2. How will the seal of the Holy Spirit make you different after Confirmation?
3. Bishop Jorge says he is joyful when he is able to confer the sacrament of Confirmation. Why will you be joyful when you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Let's Read God's Word – Jesus Breathes the Holy Spirit on the Apostles

1. Why do you think Jesus told his Apostles "Peace be with you"?
 - a. What does this have to do with the Sacrament of Confirmation?
2. The Apostles were afraid at first, but Jesus comforted them by showing them his hands and side and by telling them "Peace be with you." What comforts you when you are afraid?
3. What mission did Jesus have for his Apostles?
 - a. Why did they need to receive the Holy Spirit before they could fulfill the mission Jesus had for them?
4. What do you think would happen if you tried to fulfill Jesus' mission for you without the help of the Holy Spirit?

Let's Learn About Our Faith – Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

1. What is the meaning of laying on of hands?
2. The sweet smell of Sacred Chrism is a reminder that we are called to give off the "aroma of Christ" in the world. What do you think it means for us to do this?
3. When the bishop anoints your forehead with Sacred Chrism, what mark will he make?
 - a. Why do you think this is important?
4. Why does the bishop say "Peace be with you" after anointing you with Sacred Chrism?

Did You Know – Anointing

1. What does being anointed with Sacred Chrism show?

Did You Know – Sacred Chrism

1. When is the special oil blessed?
2. What Sacraments use Sacred Chrism?
3. What is Chrism made from?

Story of a Saint – St. Katherine Drexel

1. How did St. Katharine Drexel fulfill the mission we receive in Confirmation to be the sweet "aroma of Christ" in the world?
2. St. Katharine used her good education and her family's wealth to help people who were in need. What blessings - physical and spiritual - have you received that you can use to help other people?
3. St. Katharine's parents taught her to understand the importance of faith, prayer, and care for the poor. What is one thing you can do to grow in one of these areas right now?

Let's Read a Story – A Great Race

1. What would happen if you were trying to run a long race, but you had the wrong equipment? (extra bulky clothing, heavy bag, no water, etc)
2. How is a life of sin like running a race with all the wrong equipment and no water?
3. How can Confirmation help us run the race of life with the right "equipment," and without bad things weighing us down?

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Session 5 – Sent on a Mission

Let's Watch – You are Sent.

1. What is the mission Jesus will entrust you with when you receive Confirmation?
2. How can you carry out this mission after you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?
3. What makes you excited about the mission God entrusts to you in your Confirmation?

Let's Read God's Word – The Great Commission

1. What mission did Jesus give to his Apostles?
 - a. How were they going to be able to fulfill such an important mission?
 - b. How do we share in that same mission?
2. When did Jesus give the Great Commission?
3. How does the Great Commission continue Jesus' mission of building his Kingdom, the Church?
4. Jesus told his Apostles to make disciples of all nations. To be a disciple of Jesus means to follow him. How do you show by your words and actions that you are a disciple of Jesus?

Let's Learn About Our Faith – You are Sent on a Mission

1. What do you need to do in order to be able to live out the mission Jesus gives you?
2. What do the words "Mass" and 'mission' have in common?
 - a. What is the relationship between the Mass and the mission Jesus gives us?
3. In addition to telling people about his love, how did Jesus show people his love through his actions?
 - a. How do we follow his example in our mission of evangelization?

Did You Know – Source and Summit

1. What is the source and summit of our faith?
2. How is it the source?
3. How is it the summit ?

Story of a Saint – St. Frances Cabrini

1. St. Frances Cabrini worked hard to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the people she encountered. Why are both the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy so important to our mission of evangelization?
2. When the Pope sent St. Frances Cabrini to New York City instead of China, she obeyed with a willing heart. Do you think it is easy to follow God's plan instead of your own plans? Why or why not?
3. St. Frances Cabrini always found strength for her mission in the Eucharist. How will you find strength for your mission in the Eucharist?

Let's Read a Story – Keepsakes

1. Why should we share God's love with others?
2. How can we grow in our relationship with God so that we will be excited to share his love with others?
3. How can your relationship with God lead to more goodness in your life and the lives of others?