

God the Holy Spirit

Preparation for the Session

Turn to Page 115,
the Family + Faith page.

Read the **Consider This** feature. What thoughts or reactions do you have to the opening question?

In this chapter you will cover the following objectives:

- Define the Holy Trinity as one God in three Divine Persons
- Identify the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Holy Trinity who helps and guides us
- Identify Jesus as the Second Divine Person of the Holy Trinity
- Recognize the Holy Spirit's role in helping the Apostles understand and spread the teachings of Jesus
- Understand that the Holy Spirit is with the Church today, helping us in many ways

Parents, Consider This: *Helping your child to form an image of God's great love is a responsibility and a privilege of being a parent. It is hard to imagine how God can love us so unconditionally and that he desires that we spend eternity with him. Giving your child a concept of Heaven will help him or her to imagine God's love. It may help your child in troubled times, such as a loss of a loved one. Your child will benefit from your discussion of God's wanting to be close to us in this life and the next.*

Read these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

- *Your Child Learned.* This highlights some of the content of Sacred Scripture and Tradition in the chapter.
- *Children At This Age.* This will help you to understand how your child processes and learns at this developmental level.



Let's Sing: These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

- The Holy Spirit
- The Trinity

INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

Turn to Page 107,
God the Holy Spirit

After gathering the supplies that you will need, find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin.



Let Us Pray Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the Psalm verse from the book. Help your child to respond.

Explain that God sent his Son, Jesus, to lead us to Heaven.

Say: Now, let's listen to find out about Jesus' promise to the Apostles.



Guide your child through the Preparing for God’s Word Ritual you learned in the Introduction Session or play Track 1 of the *Songs of Scripture* CD.

- Proclaim God’s Word in the Parchment Paper box on the page.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

Invite your child to respond and also share what you heard.

Now, look at the *What Do You Wonder?* box.

Say: Jesus tells us that God the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with us.

Invite your child to respond to the questions. Prompt what else they might wonder about the Holy Spirit.

DISCOVER: Learning God’s Truth

Turn to Page 108,
One in Three

Read aloud the first paragraph.



Proclaim God’s Word. Allow a moment of silence.

Ask: what did Jesus promise his followers? Note that Jesus promised that the “Advocate,” the Holy Spirit, would be sent to help them.



Do the gold-star activity.

Parents, Consider This: *The Holy Spirit might be difficult for your child to understand. Help your child to associate an understanding that the Holy Spirit lives in his or her heart. We may learn to recognize the fruits of the Spirit in others, especially in family members. Relay the fruits of the Spirit to your child (see Galatians 5:22).*

Together, find the Catholic Faith Word, **Holy Spirit** on the page and read the definition.

Turn to Page 109,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Explain to your child that what he or she is going to learn next is the most important part of their faith.

Read aloud the first paragraph. Emphasize that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God.

Read the remaining paragraphs slowly to make the content clear.

Ask: Who is the first Divine Person of the Holy Trinity? (God the Father)
Who is the Second Divine Person of the Holy Trinity? (God the Son)
Who is the Third Divine Person of the Holy Trinity? (God the Holy Spirit)

Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross.

Tell your child when we make the Sign of the Cross we show our belief in the Trinity.

Activity

Have your child do the Share Your Faith activity.

Parents, Consider This: *Making the Sign of the Cross is the most powerful and accessible way to affirm our faith. In your day-to-day family life when praying before meals, praying at bedtime, or entering church, making the Sign of the Cross helps you to begin in a reverent and prayerful way. You will be modeling this important sign of faith for your child.*

Turn to Page 110,
Guided by the Spirit

Ask your child to read the question and discuss together what might be ways we know the Holy Spirit is with us. (*care and love from others, having a sense of peace while praying in church, experiencing forgiveness from someone in their family*)

Remind your child that before Jesus returned to Heaven, he made a promise to the Apostles to send them a helper and guide.

Ask your child what might be happening in the picture on this page.



Read the Scripture story to your child or have your child read the story to you.



Do the gold-star activity.

Parents, Consider This: *When you experience the need for guidance, wisdom, and peace in your own life, imagine the Apostles' fear before the experience of Pentecost. Pray for God's Spirit to be with you. Invite your child to do the same when you sense your child is fearful or troubled.*

Turn to Page 111,
The Holy Spirit Today

Read aloud the first paragraph. Have your child find the words **disciples**, **Pentecost**, and **Apostles** in the text and then move to the Catholic Faith word box. Read the definitions with your child.

LIVE: Living Our Faith

Turn to Page 112,
Our Catholic Life

Discuss the question, "What does it mean to follow Jesus?"

Explain to your child that the followers of Jesus are known as disciples.

Read the first and second paragraphs.

Review the “Ways to Follow Jesus.” Ask your child which one of the suggestions they will try to do this week? Have your child give you a specific example of how they will put that into action.

Parents, Consider This: *The word disciple comes from a word that means “learner.” No matter our age or how long we live, we need to continue to learn how to follow Jesus with our whole heart and mind. We all need to keep learning to become disciples who follow Jesus more closely.*

Turn to Page 113,
People of Faith

Read the paragraph about Saint Arnold Janssen.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- Talk about what your child prays to the Holy Spirit for. Share with them some of your prayers to the Holy Spirit.

Turn to Page 115,
Family + Faith Page and
conclude with the Let’s Pray
prayer on this page.

Parents, Consider This: *It is important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray the Glory Be (see Page 321), during your night prayer this week.*



To access and send an eAssessment to your child, go to the Student and Family section of aliveinchrist.osv.com.