

Second Grade Lesson Plans

Lesson 10 – Chapter 6: God the Holy Spirit

Focus: Believing in the Trinity is one of the most important parts of our faith. Jesus teaches us about the Holy Spirit through the Trinity.

Materials needed:

- Bible story “Jesus Goes Back to Heaven” and “God Sends the Holy Spirit” (in your notebook)
- “God Sends the Holy Spirit” coloring page – 1 per child (in your tub)
- Crayons (in Mouse House on shelves)
- Mini candy bars (optional)
- “Scratch and Reveal Fruits of the Spirit” craft

Before class begins:

- ✓ Have your story and craft materials ready.

Prayer:

Our Father/Act of Contrition

What to say and do:

- **There are things in our world that we can't see but we know they are there. Can you name a few of those things?** (Wind, electricity, cold, humidity, etc.)
- **If you can't see the wind, how do you know it's there?** (We can hear the wind in the trees, feel it on our faces, see it blowing leaves or our hair, etc.)
- **Before Jesus returned to heaven, he promised the disciples (and us) that He would not leave us alone. Jesus said He would send His Holy Spirit to be our guide and helper.**

- **Who is the Holy Spirit? Is it Jesus? Is it God?**
- **Yes!! Jesus tells us that God is our Father, that He is God's Son and the Holy Spirit is also God.**
- **This is hard for everyone to understand but we must believe Jesus when He tells us that there are not three gods but one God who is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**
- **God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit have a special name – the Trinity.**
- **Believing in the Trinity is one of the most important parts of our Catholic faith.**
- **There is something you do a lot that shows you believe in the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Do you know what it is? (We show we believe in the Trinity every time we make the Sign of the Cross.)**
- **Jesus told His disciples that the Holy Spirit would come to them after He was gone. I wonder how they knew when the Holy Spirit came...**
- **Let's listen to the story about how that happened – it's right from the Bible.**

Read the two stories ("Jesus Goes Back to Heaven" and "God Sends the Holy Spirit") aloud to the children.

- **Wow! The disciples got to see the Holy Spirit coming to them in a really spectacular way, didn't they? What happened?**
- **The Holy Spirit does not come into our lives today like a strong wind or even like the tongues of fire that appeared above the disciple's heads but does that mean the Holy Spirit isn't with us?**
- **We know that Jesus promised His Holy Spirit to all of us and it is here today in all of our lives and in the life of the Church.**
- **Can we see the Holy Spirit? (No)**
- **Do we know its' there? How do we know?**

- **Just like the things we talked about before that we can't see but we know they are there.**
- **We know the wind is there because we can see what it does.**
 - † **We know the Holy Spirit is there because we can see how it comes to us in the sacraments.**
- **We know electricity is there because we can see the light it produces.**
 - † **We know the Holy Spirit is there because we can see how it helps us make good decisions and be good followers of Jesus – things that would be very hard to do alone.**
- **We know the cold is there because we can feel it.**
 - † **We know the Holy Spirit is there because we can feel the love Jesus has for us and the way the Spirit helps us be more loving people.**
- **We know the Holy Spirit is there because Jesus tells us so in the Bible and we trust His Word to be the truth. He promised to send the Holy Spirit and we believe Him.**
- **How do you think the Holy Spirit works in your life? What are some things that you say or do that you believe come from the Spirit?**

Let the children color the handout "God Sends the Holy Spirit".

When they are finished, split the room into two teams. The first team to raise their hand and get the correct answer gets a point. No point awarded unless the answer is given using good classroom manners. You can have small prizes (like mini candy bars) to hand out to everyone on their way out the door if you want.

- ✓ What showed Jesus' disciples that the Holy Spirit was in the room with them?
- ✓ The three Persons in one God is the _____?
- ✓ The Holy Spirit helps you _____? (There can be more than one answer).
- ✓ Jesus _____ to send the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ What are the three Persons of the Trinity?

- ✓ What gesture do we make that shows we believe in the Holy Spirit?

Closing Prayer: Hail Mary/Glory Be