

Lesson Twenty Preparation: John 14:15-17

Confirmation

Lesson Supplies

Catholic Children's Bible with table of contents page marked (page 3)

Journal for each family member and writing supplies

Videos cued up on your device

Objectives

- To know what the sacrament of confirmation and its effects
- Confirmation completes Baptismal Grace
- The form(words) and matter(material) of confirmation
- Who can confirm

Read

From the Bible: John 14:15-17

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's but was to be communicated to the whole messianic people. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim, "the mighty works of God," and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age. Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn.

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 1287)

From the *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Read questions [Q265-270](#) this will take 5 minutes

Watch

[Sophia Sketchpad- Confirmation. \(5:51\)](#) [confirmation \(1:43\)](#) [Ignited within 2:17](#) [why be confirmed \(0:50\)](#)

Reflect

The Sacrament of Confirmation is grossly misunderstood. In many ways, the Church in western culture has made it into a rite of passage, a phase in biological growth, and a graduation of sorts. We set such a low bar for a lofty sacrament. In Confirmation, we receive a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. But what for? Throughout the Bible, when the Holy Spirit comes upon someone, there is a noticeable pattern. The Spirit rushes upon David, and he suddenly has the strength to lead God's People as their king. The Spirit overshadows Mary, and she suddenly becomes the Mother of God. The Spirit descends upon Jesus at his Baptism, and he suddenly begins his public ministry. The Spirit falls on the Apostles at Pentecost, and suddenly they go out preaching about Jesus. The Holy Spirit is all about equipping you for your mission.

Confirmation is like when you take the training wheels off your kid's bike and then let go for the first time. It might be a little wobbly at first, but suddenly there are vast new possibilities. It would be a shame if you removed your kid's training wheels, helped him figure out how to balance, gave a push and let go, only to have him hop off and put the bike in the garage, never to ride it again. Confirmation is meant to be the start of a great adventure!

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Confirmation Luke 24: 36-49

Lesson Summary

Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Confirmation completes Baptismal Grace

Confirmation gives the special grace to live, spread, and defend the Faith.

Pray

1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Who or what would you like to pray for today?
3. Come Holy Spirit, Creed (*Catholic Children's Bible* page 1992)

Read

John 14:15-17 The Promise of the Holy Spirit

- Read the passage slowly and out loud at least three times, maybe taking turns.
- Pay attention for a word or phrase that sticks out to you.
- In your journal, write about that word or phrase. Use some of the suggested journal prompts if you need help.

Reflect

As a child, you rely on your parents and other adults to meet most of your needs, such as food, clothes and shelter. When you are older you provide for yourselves and then also help those around you. Confirmation is the power of the Holy Spirit that allows you to share your faith with the world, instead of keeping it for yourself. You become an "adult" in the Church and help spread the good news that is Jesus. But like parents, this requires that you continue to learn and grow so you are better equipped.

Watch

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Discuss

- Talk about how frightened the Apostles were and it was through the gift of the Holy Spirit that they got the courage they needed to spread the Good News of Jesus.
- Discuss how the Holy Spirit can work through you in your life.

Live

- Confirmation is commonly viewed as "graduation" from CCD. But it's actually just the beginning of your life in the Church. Take some time this week to tell your children about your own Confirmation.
 - Who was your Sponsor and why did you choose him/her?
 - What is your Saint's name and why did you choose it? What do you remember about the day you were Confirmed?
 - Dig out your photo album and show them any pictures you have of your Confirmation.

OT Hero

Sometime this week, read Isaiah Promises that God Will Send a Special King (**Isaiah 9:6-7**), pages 1102-1103 in the *Catholic Children's Bible*.

This is the story of how Isaiah Promises that God will send a special King.

Lesson Twenty Supplemental Materials

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Lesson Summary Statements

- Confirmation is needed to complete baptismal grace
- Confirmation was initiated when Jesus gave the Apostles the Holy Spirit on Easter, and when the Spirit descended upon the Apostles and Mary at Pentecost.
- In Hebrews 6: 1-2 and Acts 8: 14-17 we see the Apostles Laying hands on those Baptized and the Baptized receiving the Holy Spirit. This is confirmation in action.
- The form (words) of confirmation. Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The matter (material) of confirmation is anointing of the confirmed with Chrism which is done by the laying on of a hand. Chrism is olive oil mixed with perfume that has been blessed by the bishop.
- Oil is a sign of abundance and joy, cleanses before a bath, limbers and strengthens soldiers and athletes, heals wounds, and is used to consecrate kings and priests
- The effects of confirmation are:
 - A special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as granted on Pentecost
 - Increase and deepening of baptismal grace
 - Increases the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in us
 - Unite us more fully and Christ and the Church
 - Gives special strength to spread, live, and defend the faith
 - Indelible mark, seal, or character that marks the confirmed as being clothed with power from on high and has the perfection of the common priesthood
- The effects of confirmation operate as much as we allow them to. We must open the gift we receive at confirmation by having a relationship with God. This relationship is established in choosing to follow him in the way we strive to live, personal prayer, prayerful study of the scriptures and doctrines of the faith, participating in the sacraments, living and developing Christian virtue, and charity towards those around us
- Any baptized person can receive confirmation
- The person confirmed should be in a state of grace (no mortal sins) and should be prepared through study and prayer

More Resources to Answer Your Questions

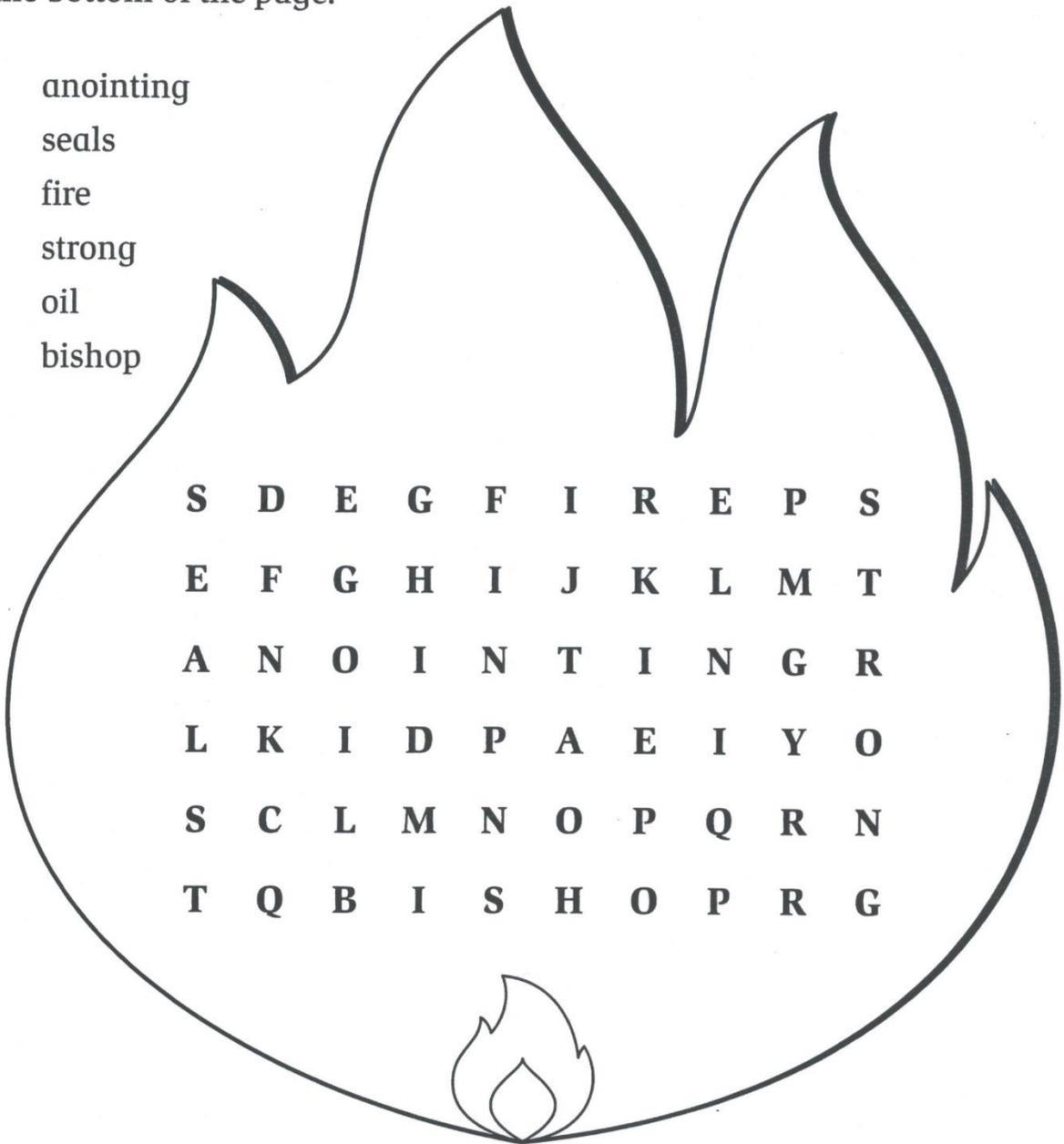
Websites

- [Catholic Answers](#)
- [Credible Catholic](#)
- [Formed.org](#)
- ctsbooks.org/youcat-confirmation-course-extra-resources/
- <http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/2009/05/sacrament-of-confirmation.html>

Name _____

Find Confirmation words in the puzzle. Circle them.
Then use the correct word to complete the sentence at
the bottom of the page.

anointing
seals
fire
strong
oil
bishop



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Confirmation is the sacrament that _____
us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

