

Family Page

Did you see the Spirit today?

By going through the following examples of the Spirit's work in your family, write down the number of times that you have watched the Spirit work today.

- 1 When someone in the family helps another without being asked, the Spirit is turning that work into a prayer.
- 2 When someone shows love to another through kind words or hugs and kisses, the Spirit is showing love through that person.
- 3 When someone gives up free time to cheer someone who is lonely or sick, the Spirit is working through that person to heal sorrow.
- 4 When someone leads a friend or family member away from trouble, the Spirit is working through that person to save the troubled friend.
After you have made your list, write a family prayer thanking the Holy Spirit for being active in your lives today.
Repeat this exercise each night this week to sharpen your awareness of the Spirit's presence.

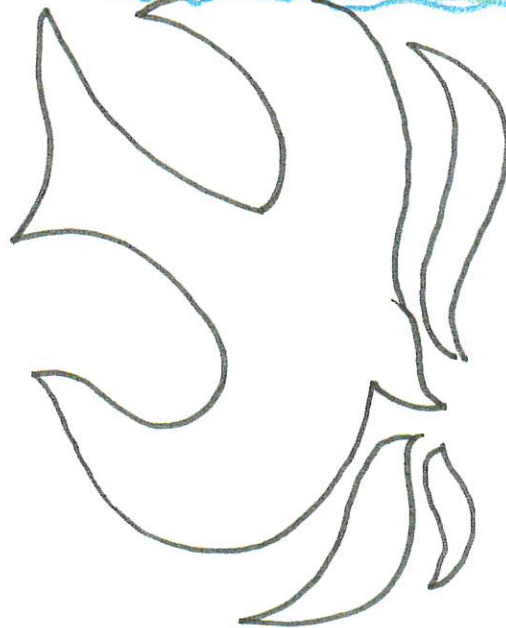


explaining GOD'S WORD

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God's Gift

God has a gift for you. God gave it to you at your Baptism. Can you unscramble the words inside the gift to see what God's gift is?



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Answer to God's Gift: GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT
Answer to Gift Puzzle:
ACROSS: 5. HOLY SPIRIT 6. LOVE
DOWN: 1. JOY 2. FAITH 3. HOPE 4. WISDOM

The Wind and the Flame and the Holy Spirit

Before Jesus went to heaven, he made his friends a promise. “I will ask my Father to send you the Holy Spirit, who will tell you all you need to know about God.”

Jesus’ friends waited. Every day they would meet to talk about Jesus’ promise, to wonder — When will this Spirit come?

One day they were all together, talking about Jesus and his promise. Suddenly they heard a sound! The howling, scary sound of a stormy night. The windows shook and the door rattled. Everyone was frightened.

Then came the flames! Dancing flames, like tongues of fire atop giant candles, flickered over the heads of the apostles.

Then God’s Holy Spirit entered them, and their hearts were filled with love for God and for



one another. Suddenly they were strong and unafraid. They were ready to face danger and death to bring God’s Word to the world.

The Holy Spirit was God’s gift to the apostles that Pentecost day. The same Holy Spirit was God’s gift to you when you were baptized.

What a wonderful, loving gift from God — HIS HOLY SPIRIT!

Gift Puzzle

Here are the names of five gifts from God and also the name of the giver. Unscramble the names and place them where they belong in the crossword puzzle.

Across:

- 5. LYOH PTSIIR
- 6. VEOL

Down:

- 1. YJO
- 2. FATIH
- 3. HPEO
- 4. WISDMO

