

Overview

In Chapter 10 the children learned that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with his followers. In this chapter the children will learn how the Holy Spirit helps the Church to grow.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn:	Paragraph
• The Church began on Pentecost.	767
• The first members of the Church did many things together.	2624
• The Holy Spirit helped the Church to grow.	768
• The Holy Spirit helps the Church today.	798



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Catechist Background

What qualities are most outstanding in your parish community?

On Pentecost the Holy Spirit did not come gently and quietly. The Holy Spirit came as a strong wind bringing strength, courage, and so many other gifts to Jesus' followers. Disciples of Christ, members of his Church, were not to be a weak and cowardly community. The Holy Spirit was here to help the disciples to be strong in faith, responsible, and caring. The Holy Spirit was among Jesus' followers to help them do the right thing. And they did.

The members of the Church community in those early years took care of one another, not out of fear but out of faith and love. The Holy Spirit gave them the courage to follow Jesus' words and example. They shared all they had with one

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

another so that no one was in need. They ate and prayed together and met to share the Good News. Their numbers grew. Others saw the followers and heard about Christ. Many came to believe and wanted to join the early Church community.

What joy and courage we can take from our own conviction that Christ did not send the Holy Spirit only to those first followers. The Holy Spirit is with the Church today just as on that first Pentecost. It is up to us to discover how the Holy Spirit can help us to become a strong and caring community of believers.

How does the Holy Spirit work through you?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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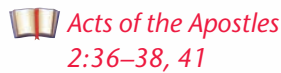
- Thank God in prayer and action.
- Talk about exciting happenings.

- For the prayer space: large flame, Bible
- Four paper-plate faces: happy, sad, brave, tired

2 WE BELIEVE

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The Church began on Pentecost.



- Present the Church's beginning on Pentecost.
- Complete the picture.

- crayons or colored pencils

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The first members of the Church did many things together.

- Read about the first Church members.
- Sing about the early Church members.
- Discuss the question.
- Read and discuss the *As Catholics* text.

- "The First Church Members," #10, Grade 1 CD
- copies of Reproducible Master 11, guide page 99C

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The Holy Spirit helped the Church to grow.

- Read about the ways the Holy Spirit helped the Church to grow.
- Find the missing word.

- colored pencils

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The Holy Spirit helps the Church today.

- Read about ways the Holy Spirit helps the Church today.

3 WE RESPOND

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- Discuss living as Jesus taught us.
- Sing together.

- "Share the Light," Bernadette Farrell, #11 and #12, Grade 1 CD

pages 104–105
Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- pencils
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 11 (back of book)

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Chapter 11 Test

- Complete **Chapter 11 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 11 (back of book)