

Overview

In Chapter 3 the children learned about Jesus' second coming. In this chapter the children will learn about the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost and about the growth of the early Church.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

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• Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.	729
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Key Words

mission
Ascension
Pentecost
Church
Christians

Catechist Background

How have you faced the absence of a loved one?
How did your life change? How did you cope?

Throughout his farewell discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus sensed that his Apostles would be at a loss without him. His arrest and Crucifixion would shatter their confidence in him and in themselves. That is why Jesus told them, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth” (John 16:12–13).

At Pentecost the disciples experienced the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. They were strengthened to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. The Church was born and grew as more and more people believed in Jesus. Those baptized in his name and confirmed by the Spirit were eventually called Christians.

Go to www.webelieveweb.com, Catechist/Teacher, We Believe Correlations for this chapter's correlation to:

- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.*

The Holy Spirit sets in motion the mission of the Church to proclaim Christ by word and action to all people. Truly, “we live in the Church at a privileged moment of the Spirit” (*On Evangelization in the Modern World*, 75). Through the Spirit, the Church begun on Pentecost is alive and well in the Church of today.

How does the Holy Spirit help you to share your faith?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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- Assign parts to the prayer poem and pray together.
- Talk about ways to overcome fears, and about people who help us.

For the prayer space: red tablecloth, picture of dove, bowl of holy water

2 WE BELIEVE

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Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.



- Read and discuss the text about Jesus' Ascension and the Apostles' mission.
- Describe disciples' feelings as they waited for the Holy Spirit to come.

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The Holy Spirit comes to the disciples.



- Read and discuss the text and Scripture about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- Write description of how the disciples changed when the Holy Spirit came to them.

- copies of Reproducible Master 4, guide page 43C
- paper and colored pencils

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The Church begins on Pentecost.

- Read and discuss the text about the early Church.
- Complete the activity about giving a speech about following Jesus.

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The early Church grows.



- Read and discuss the text about the growth of the early Church and Paul's conversion.
- Read and discuss evangelization in *As Catholics*.

3 WE RESPOND

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- Discuss the question about the ways to show people we are followers of Jesus Christ.

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Project Disciples

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

- colored pencils or crayons
- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 4 (back of book)

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Chapter 4 Test

- Complete **Chapter 4 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 4 (back of book)