

Children's Activity for May 17, 2020

What are some of the best gifts that you have ever received? (dolls, bikes, action figures, computer, etc.)

Why do you think you were given that gift? (They loved us, they wanted to make us happy, they wanted to help us ,etc.)

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises us a gift. Do you remember what he promised? (the Holy Spirit). Why do you think He wanted to give us the Holy Spirit? (because He loves us and wants to help us). God loves us so much that he wants us to have someone to help us continue the work that Jesus started and God doesn't want us to be alone.

Have you ever thought about who or what the Holy Spirit is? Is it like having a ghost

hovering over us everywhere we go? Actually, the Holy Spirit used to be called the Holy Ghost but the name was changed to reflect that when someone dies (or leaves in Jesus' case) the body is gone but the essence of the person remains which can be called their spirit.

Can we see the Holy Spirit or touch it? No, but we can see what the Holy Spirit does. Remember that the Holy Spirit is a gift from Jesus. An example that is used to explain the Holy Spirit is to talk about wind. We can't see wind or hold it but we can feel it and we can see what it does. We see the grass, flowers and trees move because of a gentle breeze. We can also see the power of the wind during a storms when trees are blown over. The Holy Spirit is like that. We can't see it but we can see it gently working in our lives and at times even powerfully directing us.

Take the page with HOLY SPIRIT on it. Write a word corresponding to each letter that describes the Holy Spirit or indicates how you "see" the Holy Spirit in your life.