

# The Spirit of Love

## Allelu!

*Growing and Celebrating with Jesus*

### Lesson 28, Kindergarten

#### Lesson 28 Goal

- Your child will be encouraged to listen to the Holy Spirit and to pray to him.

#### Key Points

- When Jesus went back to Heaven with the Father, God sent the Holy Spirit to live with us.
- The Holy Spirit helps us show love to God and one another.



#### Parent Reflection

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we experience an important extension of our Baptism, and the Confirmation liturgy begins with a renewal of baptismal promises. From the time of the Apostles, the Church has used the sign of laying on of hands to impart the gift of the Holy Spirit that completes Baptism (Acts 8:15–17). Generally, it is the bishop, the successor of the Apostles, who presides over Confirmation and lays hands on those to be confirmed. He anoints them with Chrism and says, “Be sealed with the Holy Spirit.” The spiritual seal to which these words refer is a permanent mark on the soul that signifies a total belonging to Christ, eternal enrollment in his service, and promise of divine protection (CCC, 1296).

Confirmation increases and deepens the grace first received at Baptism (CCC, 1303). It enables us to better approach God as Father, strengthens our bond with Christ, “increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us,” binds us more closely with the Church, and “gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action.”

Through the Holy Spirit’s work within us and the grace God gives us in the sacraments, we grow in our love for God and others and, consequently, in virtuous behavior. It is a formation of the heart, rooted in love, directed by God.

#### Reflection Question

What is my awareness of the Holy Spirit’s work in my life?

## Lesson Preparation

Before inviting your child to sit with you for lesson time, prepare all materials.

### Materials

- ☐ Family Activity Sheet
- ☐ crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- ☐ Activity Master #25
- ☐ safety scissors
- ☐ hole punch
- ☐ 9" paper plate
- ☐ 15" red string or yarn
- ☐ Activity Master #2 – Saint Page (Keep the

saint page from each lesson to gather together a Communion of Saints Book created by your child.)

### Preparation Steps

- ☐ Make sure your child has a copy of Activity Masters #2 and #25 (included with this lesson)
- ☐ Cut a 15" piece of red string.
- ☐ Using Activity Master #25, trace the dove shape on the paper plate and punch a hole on the beak.

## Gathering

Create a prayerful space. You might place a candle on the table, or set a cross in front of you. Invite your child to join you in quietly preparing for prayer.

Say the following or similar words: "Now that we are in this prayerful space, let us find the quiet in our hearts so we can talk with God."

Sit together for several seconds of shared silence.

Say, "The dove is a symbol for us to understand the Holy Spirit. When John the Baptist baptized Jesus, God sent the Holy Spirit in the shape of a dove so that John could see it. The Holy Spirit is with us now. The Holy Spirit is always with us! When you are angry with someone and want to be friends again, ask the Holy Spirit to help you. If you want to learn something, ask the Holy Spirit to help. When you feel lots of love for someone, the Holy Spirit is with you, helping you love!"

### Begin in prayer:

Make the Sign of the Cross together or bless your child by tracing a cross on his or her forehead: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

*"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen."*

## Discovering

**Pentecost.** Turn to the first page of the Activity Sheet and read about the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Ask your child, "What is the Holy Spirit like?"

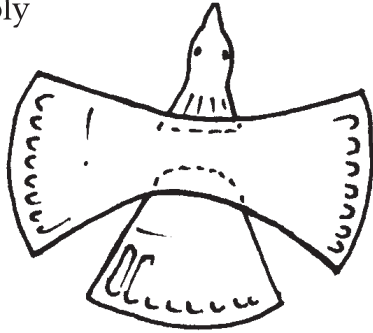
Turn to the second page of the Activity Sheet. Ask your child the "Ask Me!" questions and review the answers.

## Exploring

Use the following activities to enrich your child's understanding of the lesson and of our Catholic faith.

**1. Spirit Search.** Turn to the main activity of the Activity Sheet (center pages) and invite your child to describe what he or she sees. Give your child crayons or colored pencils. Explain the activity to your child and have him or her complete it.

**2. The Spirit of Love Holy Spirit Flyers.** Give your child Activity Master #25. Invite him or her to cut and color the dove as shown. Help him or her tie the 15" piece of string on the dove's beak. Help your child make the dove "fly" by holding the string that is attached to the dove's beak and moving carefully around the room. Talk with your child about how the Holy Spirit is always with us, even though we can't see him. Remind your child of different ways the Holy Spirit helps us (e.g., to be loving, to learn, to know and love God).



**3. The Communion of Saints: Saint Bartholomew/Nathaniel.** Show your child the picture of Saint Bartholomew the Family Activity page

and read about him. Then read more about Saint Bartholomew/Nathaniel to your child (see below).

Ask your child:

► "While Nathaniel was remembering the time he first met Jesus, what happened in the room?" (*The Holy Spirit was going to rest on each of Jesus' friends.*)

► "How are you a follower of Jesus?"

Have your child write and draw about Saint Bartholomew using Activity Master #2.

## Sending

**Pray to the Holy Spirit with your child.**

Begin by making the Sign of the Cross together, or bless your child by tracing a cross on his or her forehead. Pray aloud with your child:

*"Holy Spirit, show us your love. Help us to love one another. Amen."*

## Saint Bartholomew/Nathaniel

### Meeting Jesus

*Note: The names of Bartholomew and Nathaniel are mentioned in the New Testament in such a way that some scholars believe these are two names for the same person. Bartholomew may possibly be a type of surname, since it connects him with his father.*

Nathaniel was with Peter, John, and the others in a room. Jesus had died, risen from the dead, and had gone to Heaven. Nathaniel thought back to when he had first met Jesus.

His friend Philip approached him, excited about someone he had met the day before. On that day, Philip had gone with his friends Andrew and Peter, and met someone named Jesus.

Philip said, "We have found the one that Moses and the prophets wrote about. It is Jesus of Nazareth."

Now Nathaniel lived in a place where most people did not like those who came from the town of Nazareth. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked.

"Come and see." Philip said, and off they

went. Jesus saw Nathaniel coming. "Here is a good man," Jesus said to him.

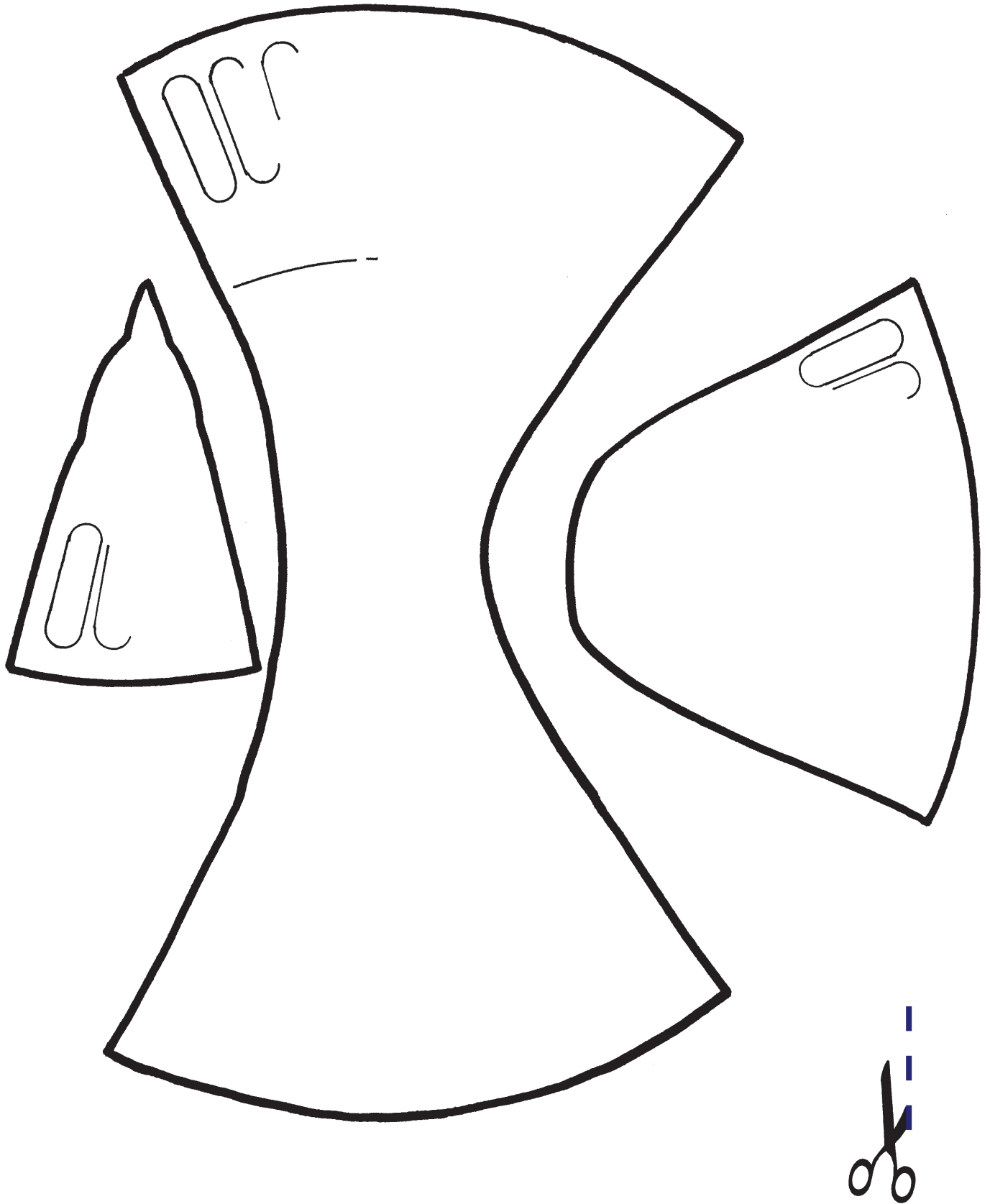
"Where did you get to know me?" Nathaniel asked.

"I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you," Jesus answered.

Nathaniel answered, "Teacher, you are the Son of God." If Jesus was surprised at this, he didn't sound like it. He replied, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

After that, Nathaniel became a follower of Jesus.

Back in the room, he was praying with the others, when he heard the sound of a great wind...



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**Saint  
Bartholomew/  
Nathaniel,  
pray for us!**