

Ages 5-6

Acts 9:26-31

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

PEACE

Loving



Jesus often told his followers he would bring them peace.

Prayer

Jesus, give us peace. Amen.

Living

- Another sign of peace is the dove.
- Draw a dove and have someone help you print the word, "PEACE" under your picture.
- Display your picture in your room so that you will remember to take time to be peaceful.

Ages 7-8

Acts 9:26-31

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

PEACE

Loving

A handshake is a sign of peace.

At church we use this same sign to show we are all friends in Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Sign of Peace

Living

- Ask a family member about some other signs of peace. Have them draw those signs on your sheet.
- Display your pictures of peace signs where you will be reminded about making peace with friends and family.
- Exchange the Sign of Peace with family members.

Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Ages 9-11

Acts 9:26-31

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Acts 9:31

Loving

As you reflect on this passage about how the early Church grew through the Holy Spirit, think about your own parish. How does the Holy Spirit strengthen the members of your parish? Here are two ways your parish grows: (Think of some others.)

- When someone is baptized they become a member of your community.
- When someone moves to your area or finds out about your community and decides to join the parish.

Have you ever had a chance to tell someone about your community? The Holy Spirit will give you the strength to invite them to your church. Share with the others in your group how you might ask someone to join your parish. What would you tell them is a good reason for joining your parish?

Prayer

Holy Spirit, come upon me and give me the strength and courage to invite people to my church. Amen.

Living

- Post your sheet in your room and become familiar with the verse from Acts of the Apostles. Use the verse to remind you to reach out to others with the strength that comes from the Holy Spirit.
- Often people are attracted to your parish because of the way they see you act. Pray that the Holy Spirit teach you the way to be a good example of a Christian for others to see.

Ages 12-14

Acts 9:26-31

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Acts 9:31

Loving

As you reflect on this passage about how the early Church grew through the Holy Spirit, think about your own parish. How does the Holy Spirit strengthen the members of your parish? The passage says that the members lived in "the fear of the Lord." Fear of the Lord means reverence for the Lord.

In what way do you and others in your parish reverence the Lord? Some of the synonyms of reverence are respect, admiration, worship, and awe. Reflect on the last time you were at Mass. Did you respect the Eucharist? Did you admire the people who minister to the word as readers? Did you worship by participating in the singing and responses of Mass? Or, did you feel a sense of awe about being with so many who believe in Jesus Christ as you do?

Prayer

Holy Spirit, come upon me and show me how to reverence the Lord. Amen.

Living

- Post your sheet in your room and become familiar with the verse from Acts of the Apostles. Use the verse to remind you to show reverence to the Lord.
- Often people are attracted to your parish because of the way they see you act. Examine your actions and see if you are a person who respects others, worships God, and participates in the Mass.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit teach you the way to be a good Christian example for others to see.