

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explores Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit—the Third Divine Person of the Holy Trinity—to guide the Church.

God's Word



Read **John 14:15–26** to learn how the Holy Spirit is always with us.

Catholics Believe

- God the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.
- The Holy Spirit fills people's hearts with love and guides the Church.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #737–741 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Rose of Lima. Rose used the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to live a holy life in seventeenth century Peru.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Holy Spirit Even in the most general terms, “God” and “Trinity” are abstract concepts for children at this level, but the Holy Spirit tends to be the most elusive of all. It's difficult for children this age to grasp this Person of the Trinity who also dwells within the hearts of all Christians. You can help make this more concrete by referring to Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. It will also help if your child understands that the Holy Spirit helps us to make good choices and prompts us to be loving toward others.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you remember a time when you really needed a guide?

Maybe the journey was long, or the best of directions were still not clear. A good guide can lessen frustration, get you where you need to be, or in some cases give you information you didn't know. The Holy Spirit guides the Church. Whenever you need direction, or you seek to know God's will in your life, remember—“We do not work alone. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide” (*USCCA, p.16*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to share a time when he or she was guided or helped.
- Share about a time when the Holy Spirit guided you or helped you pray.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Rose, pray for us that we may always use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Amen.



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