

## TALKING ABOUT PENTECOST >>>

The Feast of Pentecost, which happens fifty days after Easter, commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and Mary and the beginning of the Church. It also marks the end of the Easter season. On Pentecost, the Apostles—and, by extension, all of us as their spiritual descendants—were anointed in the Holy Spirit and sent forth to love and serve all members of the human family in Jesus' name. Pentecost is a time of recommitment to the evangelizing mission of Church.

### Scripture

 Read **Isaiah 61:1**. In this Scripture, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that he has been anointed by the Lord to bring Good News to the broken-hearted and release to the captives. How does Jesus give you freedom?

## HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

### Pentecost

- Often, children this age picture only the miraculous events at Pentecost and may need assistance in relating to and making the feast appropriate to their own lives.
- Children at this age can begin to understand the meaning of anointing as being set apart for a special purpose.
- Children this age typically need concrete examples of spirit-filled people to make connections with their own life.



## FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

### Pentecost

Because Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and Mary, Pentecost symbols often include a dove, which represents the Spirit. Some altar cloths may have doves woven into their design, and wooden or paper doves may be lowered over the assembly during the Mass.

## FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Pray this traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit at dinner or bedtime.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

All: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

All: And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.

Leader: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



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