

Purpose

- To learn about the Holy Spirit.
- To learn about the Trinity
- To learn about Spiritual Gifts.

Materials

- Bibles

Background Information**THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TRINITY**

At the time of Jesus' ascension into heaven Jesus caused the disciples to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the trinity. God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are all a part of God. God works in many ways to help us to understand and to always be with us. God is our father in Heaven and he is the creator, Jesus, the Christ, is his son and was sent to earth to become like man so that he could give us the example of what God wants us to be. God then send the Holy Spirit to fill us and remain with us all the time. Three fingers can always remind us of the Trinity. We receive this gift of the Holy Spirit after baptism but in another way we also have the Holy Spirit before baptism. God's Spirit led us to grow in faith and love from our birth, and led us to the decision to accept God's love by confessing our faith and being baptized.

The Bible symbolizes the Spirit in at least three distinct ways: as a dove (check Luke 3:21), as wind (Acts 2:2) and as tongues of fire (Acts 2:3-4).

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Jesus promised the disciples that the Spirit would come to help them after he ascended into heaven. He indicated that they would receive the power and gifts to be his witnesses through the Spirit. The apostle Paul wrote about the Spirit many times. He wrote about the gifts or special abilities given to believers by the Holy Spirit. Check out Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4. God has promised that each one of his has been given at least one spiritual gift. You have a hand out that has a list of the spiritual gifts and a short definition of each. These gifts are given to each of you once you belong to God. That means that each one of you already possesses at least one of these. As you grow in your Christian faith you can develop these and use them more extensively for God. But you each have the ability to do your spiritual gift at your age. You can start today to use your talents for God.

Procedure

- Read 22-1 and put it in your folder
- Fill out 21-2 and 21-4
- Do 21-5 for fun.
- Read 21-3 and 21-6.