

# Family Page

## Background Reflection

Pentecost must have been a moment of profound transformation for the first disciples. They had heard Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would come to them, but how could they have known what this would mean? One moment, they were lost in uncertainty. The next, they found themselves on fire with courage, peace, and joy. What would this experience be like—so sudden but so total?

Pentecost continues to offer us deep meaning, because we continue to need the fresh inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said to the first disciples that he would not leave them alone, but rather would send the Holy Spirit to them. He makes the same promise to us. This feast challenges us to deepen our trust in that promise, especially if we cannot fully understand now what it may mean for our future.

## Family Activities

- Identify who among your family or friends has recently been baptized or confirmed. Together, make and send a card to those people to congratulate them.
- Search online, using your favorite app or music service, to find a song you like that honors the presence of the Holy Spirit. Share the song with your child, and play it several times to learn the song together.
- Watch the video “Kid Bible Story: Pentecost” (YouTube, 1:57) together. Talk with your child about Baptism, and remind her or him that this is when we receive the Holy Spirit. Tell your child that she or he will be further strengthened with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.



## People of Faith

### Saint Peter (first century)

Saint Peter was called by Jesus to lead the Apostles and the Church. After the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles, Peter was the first to preach to the people. He told them about Jesus’ life, death, and Resurrection. Saint Peter’s feast day is June 29.

## Prayer

*Pray this prayer together as a family, beginning and ending with the Sign of the Cross.*

Jesus our Lord, send us your Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with the fire of your love. Come and change the world in us and through us. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.