

Gifts of the Holy Spirit Box

MATERIALS NEEDED



empty square tissue boxes, one for each young person



several rolls of clear tape



several bottles of glue



blank index cards, three for each young person



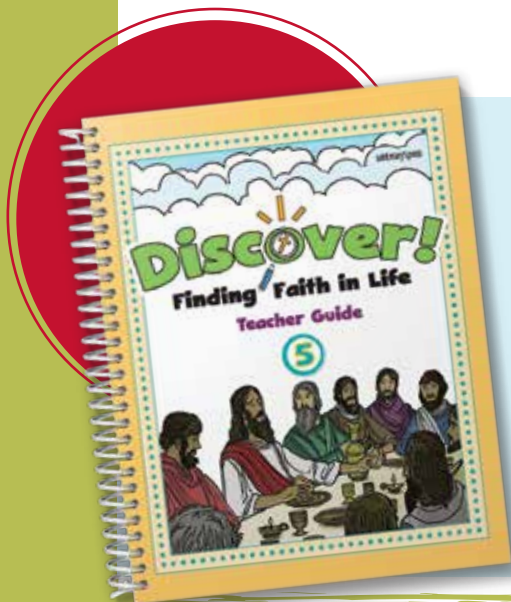
several rolls of wrapping paper

1. Explain that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel (Right Judgment), Fortitude (Courage), Knowledge, Piety (Reverence), and Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe). Write these gifts on the board. Explain that we first receive these gifts at Baptism and that they are strengthened in Confirmation.
2. Distribute an empty square tissue box to each young person. Explain to the group that they will be making Holy Spirit gift boxes.
3. Distribute the index cards and have the young people cut enough of them in half lengthwise so that they have seven strips of paper. Instruct the group to write one gift on each of the seven strips. Then have them fold the strips in half and put them inside the gift box.

4. Set out the wrapping paper, tape, and glue, and invite the young people to wrap the boxes like a gift, leaving the opening uncovered. Have them use another index-card strip to write "Holy Spirit Gift Box" and glue or tape this to the outside of the box.

Process the Activity

Explain that the purpose of the box is to help us be more mindful of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Each morning, we will draw a gift from the box and say a short prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Come, Holy Spirit, send your gift of Right Judgment to me this day." Explain that we will set that slip of paper aside that day and draw another gift the next day.



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