

Chapter 3 *The Spirit of God*

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. *Romans 5:5*

To the Parents:

In chapter 3 your child learned the following:

- To make a comparison to describe how the Holy Spirit is love
- To propose a way he or she can work with the power of the Holy Spirit
- To recognize the Holy Spirit at work wherever people help others
- To identify the fruits of the Holy Spirit working in herself or himself

Most adults are uncomfortable with the intangible. We are able to relate to Jesus who, although Son of God, was also a human being like ourselves. We have a more difficult time, however, trying to fathom the idea of the Holy Spirit, whom we cannot see or touch. Yet, the Spirit of God moves us where we need to go, ultimately leading us to Jesus. We come to know the Holy Spirit by experiencing the Spirit's power in our lives.

When God created the world, the Holy Spirit was hovering over it all, creating order out of the chaos. The Holy Spirit was moving during the first creation.

By his death and resurrection, Jesus accomplished a second creation, breathing new life into the disciples. The Holy Spirit formed a new people in Christ.

A person touched by the Holy Spirit is forever changed. Through your Baptism and Confirmation, you are a new creation. The Holy Spirit transforms you into a sign of Christ for the entire world to see.

With Your Child:

1. Make a chart listing the Fruits of the Spirit. Create a symbol for each one. Hang the chart and a colored marker on your family's refrigerator or bulletin board. Ask family members to mark the chart when they see any sign of a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Discuss the results at the end of the week.
2. The Holy Spirit is at work in your family. Ask each family member to gather items and memories that express the Spirit in your family. These may include sports or service awards, art projects, recipes, photos, and so on. Display all these items on a bulletin board to help you celebrate the special ways the Holy Spirit speaks through your family.
3. Read the story of Saint Peter on the Review and Explore page.