



Friends of Jesus and Mary

VIII Sunday of Easter, Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019

Acts 2, 1-11; Psalm 103; Romans 8, 8-17; John 14, 15-16.23-26

Jesus Breathes the Holy Spirit over Them.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Reflection

Where does Jesus appear to the apostles the night of His resurrection? Why were they hiding? What does Jesus say twice? When Jesus is with us, we have peace. What does this mean? (Even if bad things happen, we have confidence and peace in our heart because we know we are in God's hands.) Later Jesus breathes over them the Holy Spirit giving them the power to forgive sins. Who can forgive sins? (Only God and the priests, because of their ordination, they act in Christ, with His power-**In Persona Christi**-during the Consecration and Reconciliation.) Who is the Holy Spirit? (God) How does the Holy Spirit help them? (Gives them courage, wisdom... to let go of their fear and proclaim to the world what Jesus did for us.)



Activity

On the following page, cut the flames, color, and attach to a ribbon. Ask them to close their eyes, make the noise of loud wind and tie the ribbons around their heads. Read each flame and pray for the gift for the child wearing it. Make a box and decorate with the symbols of the Holy Spirit (see 3rd following page). If possible, take representations of each symbol such as a pinwheel, a lighter, a spray bottle with water, a toy dove. Place cut outs of fruits of the spirit in the box and have the children pick one from the box and say how they will pray for this fruit during the week and how they will put it in action to help others.

Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, come and fill our hearts with Your love. In union with Mary, Our Mother, form Jesus in each of us so we may be like Him: good, compassionate, and full of love and mercy. Come Holy Spirit, come.

Song: Every Move I Make, C J and Friends (Ctrl click) <https://youtu.be/MPvnZILn6EY>



GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Strong winds and tongues of fire:
This is how the Holy Spirit came!

INSTRUCTIONS: Cut the flames, color, and attach to a strip of paper taped together making a crown (2 of 2x11" taped at the ends) or to a ribbon. Place a flame on the forehead of each child and pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit,
Give me
FEAR OF GOD
so, I may never
hurt you with my
words or actions.

Come Holy Spirit,
Give me
PIETY so that God
may always be first
in my life.

Come Holy Spirit,
Help me to live
with **FORTITUDE**
and say the truth
today.

Come Holy Spirit,
Give me
COUNSEL which I
need to recognize
right from wrong.

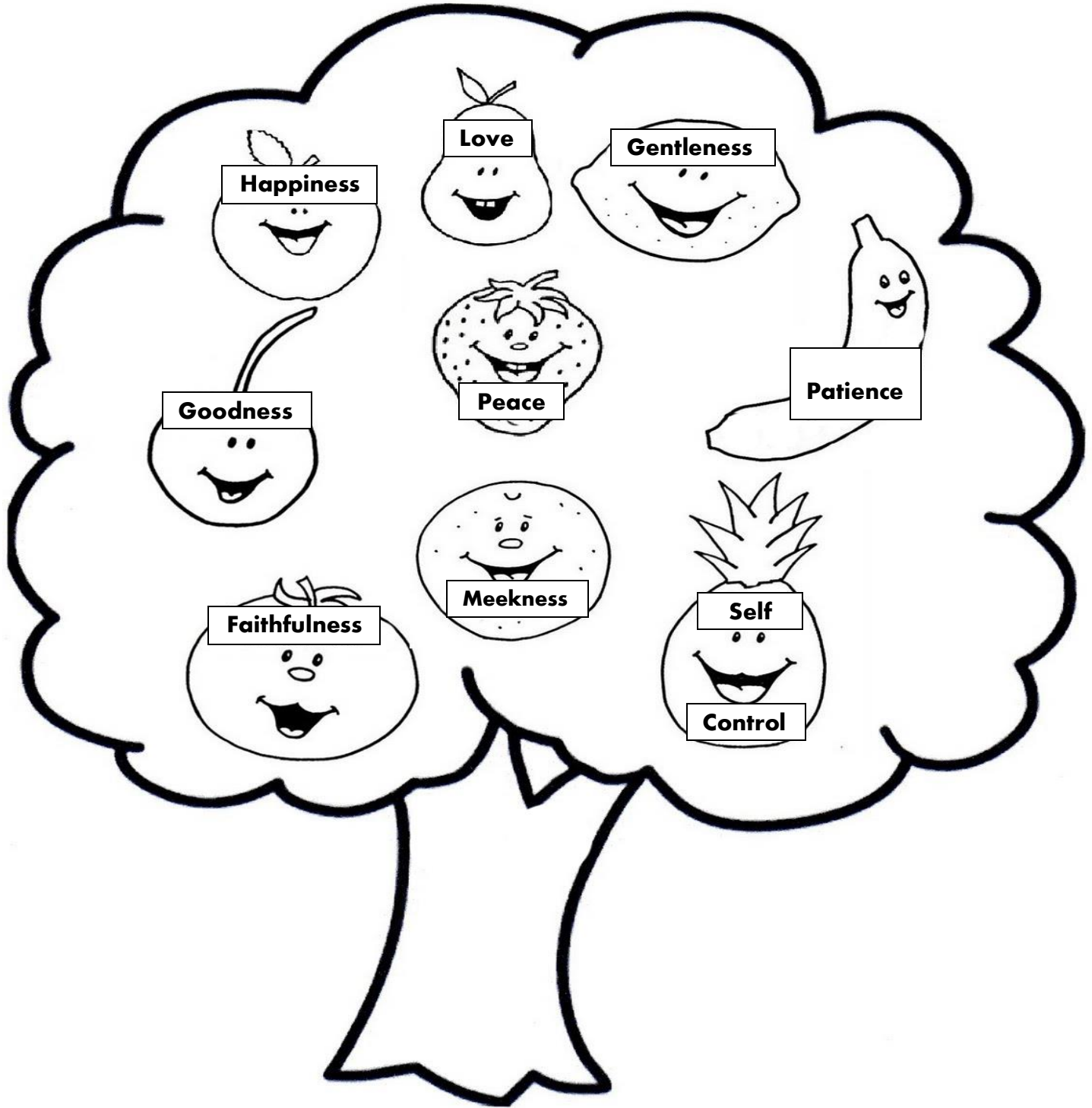
Come Holy Spirit,
Give me
WISDOM which I
need to see my
family and friends
through your eyes.

Come Holy Spirit,
Give me
KNOWLEDGE
to better know how
to do your Holy
Will.

Come Holy Spirit,
Give me
UNDERSTANDING
of the marvelous
gift of faith that
I have.



FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

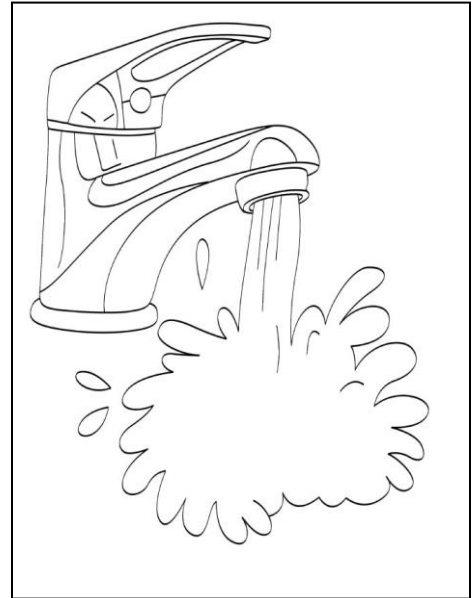




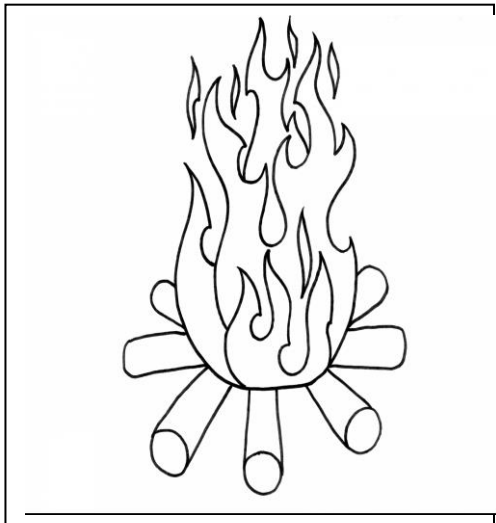
SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



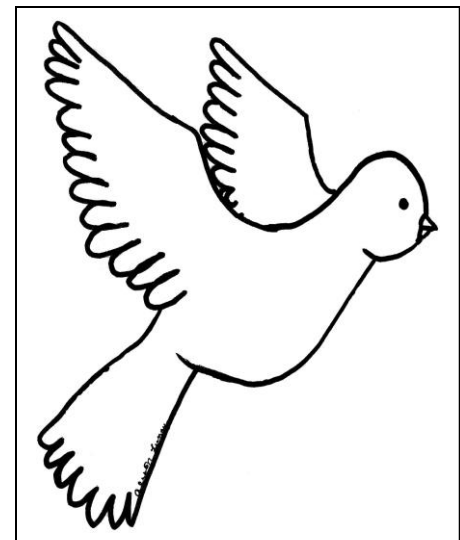
WIND-pushes to action



WATER- cleans and gives life



FIRE-purifies, heats, and gives light



DOVE-represents peace and purity