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Spring 2024 (Year B)

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Liturgy of the Word with Children

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The Readings

The readings cited are the readings that the children heard at the Sunday Liturgy. These readings may differ at times from those heard by the adults. They may be shorter, there may be only one reading, plus the Psalm and the Gospel, or the First Readings may be different altogether from those the adults hear. The Gospel most always is the same, but may be the shorter form. The *Directory for Masses With Children* allows for these differences to accommodate the children's level of comprehension.



Bonus Activities

Starting on page 29, you'll find three bonus activities. The first bonus activity is about blessed palms. It can be used with Palm Sunday (March 24, 2024). The second bonus activity is about God's Kingdom. This can be used at any time. The third bonus activity is a puzzle that can be used at any time.

Weekly Gospel Reflection Videos

Available to subscribers of *Children Celebrate!* Visit <http://bit.ly/3lafw8E> for weekly Gospel Reflection videos. These videos can be used within your Children's Liturgy of the Word program or shared with parents and families to view at home.

MARCH 10, 2024 + FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT + LAETARE SUNDAY

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Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Ephesians 2:4–10

Psalms 25:4–5abc, 6 and 7cd

John 3:16–17

We Pray

Thank you,
Father, for loving
us so much that
you sent us your
Son. Amen.

The Word of God This Week

Jesus Saves Us

Jesus said, "God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who followed him would live forever. God didn't send his Son to condemn people, but to save them!"



Scan here for this
week's Gospel
Reflection, Saint
Spotlight, and
more.



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Activity

Sometimes we don't understand God's message.
Unscramble each word and write the word on the line below it. When you are done, use the unscrambled words to form a sentence on the line below, and you will understand God's message.

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Family Corner

FAITH FOCUS

As a culture, we value self-reliance and independence. Those who admit needing help are sometimes treated with a condescending attitude. Today's Gospel says Jesus is sent to save us. If we need a savior, we need help. We must rely on Jesus to free us from whatever imprisons us. He wants to bring us from the darkness of our lives into the light of God's love.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Play "flashlight tag" with your family. Darken the house and have everyone hide. Whoever is "it" must look for the others. When the game is finished, gather in the dark with one lit candle. Discuss

- how it felt hiding in the dark alone.
- if having someone with you would be better.
- if having a flashlight or candle would help.

Close with a reminder that Jesus is our light and is always with us.

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Liturgy of the Word with Children

Today's Readings

Acts 2:1–11

Psalm 104:1abc and 24, 30–31

1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 12–13

John 20:19–23

We Pray

Thank you, O Lord, for sending us the Holy Spirit.
May we forgive others as you taught us. Amen.

The Word of God This Week



Jesus Gives Us the Holy Spirit

Jesus' disciples, afraid of the Jewish leaders, were meeting in a secret room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared among them. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.

Jesus said, "I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."



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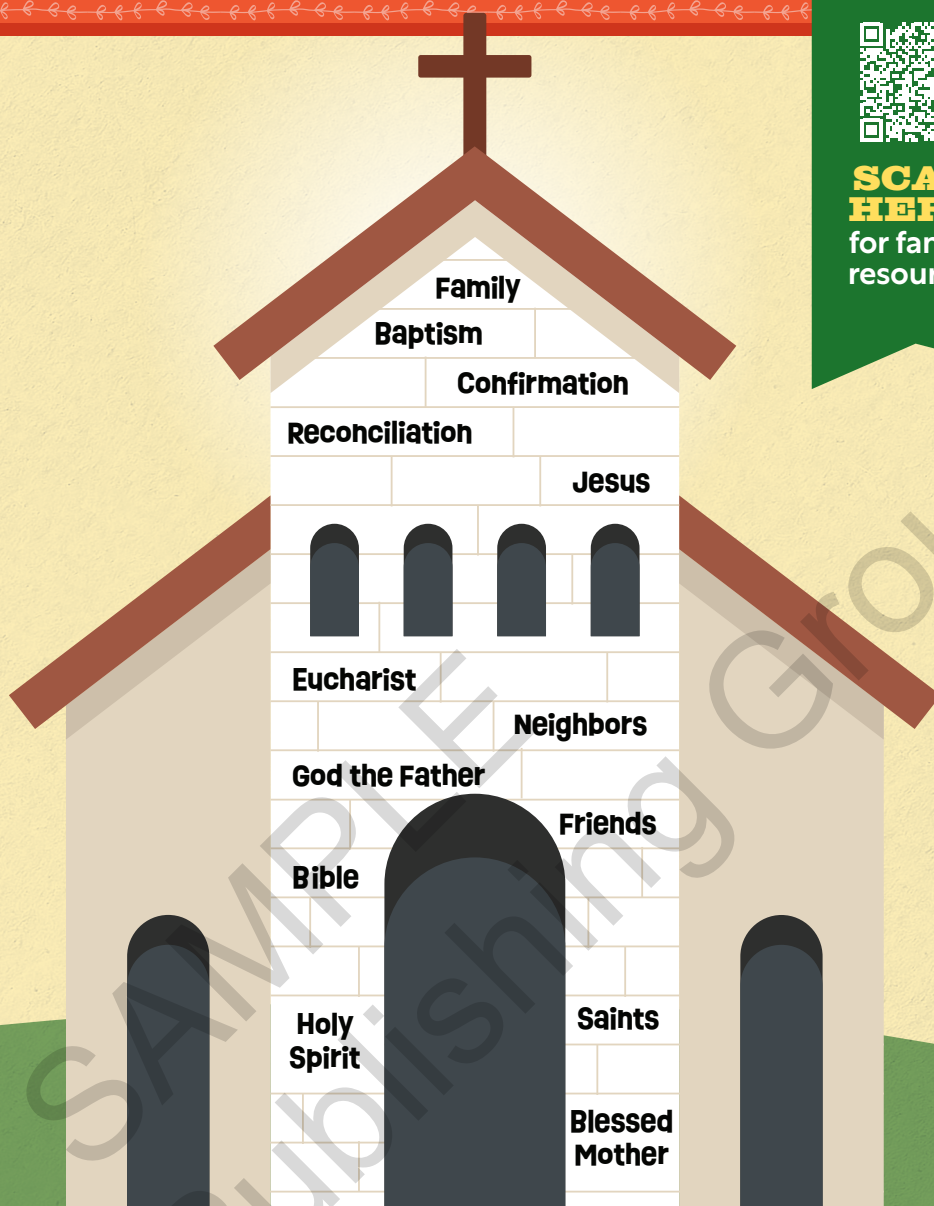




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Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. There are many parts to the Church that make it strong. **Complete this church by coloring the stones that tell about the Church. Then color the other stones.**



Family Corner

FAITH FOCUS

Today we hear the story of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles and empowering them to share Jesus' message of peace and forgiveness. The Holy Spirit continues to empower us to share this message. To do this, however, we must know our roots. Help your children with this by telling them about some of the saints and discussing some Bible stories.



FAMILY ACTIVITY

Faith is easier to accept when you feel connected to it. Help your family members understand their faith connections.

- Share pictures of each child's birth or adoption. Talk about how you felt as this child became part of your family.
- Share pictures of their Baptisms. Tell them that Baptism is the beginning of their relationship with God and the Church.
- End your sharing with a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Cut out these puzzle pieces and put them together
to see how Jesus' light can shine in you.





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