

Religious Education Home Learning Grid

	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3
<p>Week 1 We are learning that God created people with a body and soul</p>	<p>All people are made up of a body and a soul. People experience the influence of their souls whenever they behave in ways that reflect God. Create an artistic piece that you think represents a soul.</p>	<p>As people realise that God empowers them to do what is good, they recognise that it is the soul that makes it possible for them to reflect God through their thoughts, words and actions. Explore and list how you reflect God in your thoughts, words and actions.</p>	<p>Saints reflect God’s goodness. They are examples of people who reflect God through holiness in their efforts to do what is good. Find out as much as you can about St Mary MacKillop using Activity Sheet 1.</p>
<p>Week 2 We are learning that Jesus promised the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Jesus told his Apostles to gather in Jerusalem where they would receive the Holy Spirit. This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost. Use Activity Sheet 2 to read the Scripture and the Background to the Scripture.</p>	<p>The promise of Jesus to send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled at Pentecost. Retell the story from Activity Sheet 2 in a creative way. This might be in a comic strip, iMovie, journal entry, Toontastic video, Podcast episode – be as creative as you like.</p>	<p>Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit would strengthen people both as individuals and as Christian communities to continue their purpose and mission and so to spread the Word of God. Reflect on how the Apostles were strengthened by the Holy Spirit.</p>
<p>Week 3 We are learning that the gift of the Holy Spirit is received at Confirmation</p>	<p>Baptism and Confirmation are linked. The promises made during Baptism are repeated during Confirmation, and are made by the candidates themselves. Use Activity Sheet 3 to read the Baptismal Promises that will be repeated at Confirmation.</p>	<p>When people are confirmed they will be filled with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide and support them throughout their lives. Use the Interactive PowerPoint shared by your teacher to explore the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>Focus on ONE of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and create an informational brochure explaining how the gift guides and supports people during their lives.</p>
<p>Week 4 We are learning about how people celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation</p>	<p>The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually celebrated within the Eucharistic celebration. Explore what occurs at the Sacrament of Confirmation via www.flameoffaith.org.au/confirmation/</p>	<p>Watch the Flame of Faith video on Confirmation to learn more about the details of the essential Rite of Confirmation. Discuss this with a family member. https://youtu.be/sFo-9H-IZlk</p>	<p>Use the information from the video to create an explanation on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pretend that someone who is not Catholic asks what the Sacrament of Confirmation is. What information would you give them? Create an informational product, such as a video, pamphlet, poster, or maybe even just tell a family member.</p>
<p>Week 5 We are learning that the fruits of the Holy Spirit strengthen people to live like Jesus</p>	<p>Confirmed people change as the gifts of the Holy Spirit mature within them. They change in nine special ways, so that they come to think, speak and behave more like Jesus. These nine ways are called the fruits of the Holy Spirit. See Activity Sheet 4.</p>	<p>Create an artwork showing one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit helping someone to behave more like Jesus. For example, this might be an art piece showing a person filled with peace, such as sitting by the beach enjoying a sunset.</p>	<p>As Christians gather each Sunday for Mass, they are nourished by the Eucharist to reflect God through their thoughts, words and actions in their daily lives. Write a prayer asking for help to reflect God in your thoughts, words and actions.</p>

Mary MacKillop

Research information about Mary MacKillop and write it around the outside of the picture.
Explore how she grew in holiness.



The Apostles Received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Read the Scripture and then read the Background to the Scripture to help you understand what you have read.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met together, when suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a violent wind which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and there appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express themselves.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, and each one was bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely,' they said, 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language?' [Acts 2:1-8]

Background to the Scripture

In the Acts of the Apostles, the apostles are all gathered in one room at the time of the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which in the Jewish calendar traditionally falls fifty days after the Passover (or Easter Sunday in the Christian calendar).

What follows is a scene filled with scriptural symbols. First, there is the sound of a mighty wind from heaven filling the whole house. The word in Greek for 'spirit' and 'wind' is the same, so the wind clearly indicates the Spirit of God.

The apostles had gathered and then tongues of fire appeared and rested on the head of each one present, as a symbol of God's presence. Followers of Jesus remember Moses speaking to God out of the bush which was on fire. Also, people remember that, as the Israelites wandered through the desert, they were accompanied during the night by a pillar of fire – God was with them. All present were then filled with the Spirit. The sign of this presence is the apostles' ability to speak in different languages.

Immediately, the apostles go out and begin to speak to the crowds of people. Jerusalem is filled with Jewish and convert visitors from all over the Mediterranean, from Asia Minor, Egypt and North Africa, even Rome, to celebrate the feast. These people were amazed to hear men from the province of Galilee, speaking to them in so many languages.



The Baptismal Promises

The promises made during Baptism are repeated during Confirmation to make the link between these sacraments clear. In Confirmation, candidates make these promises for themselves, whereas when they were baptised as babies, these promises were made on their behalf by their parents and godparents.

Bishop/celebrant: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop/celebrant: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop/celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop/celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop/celebrant: Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Candidates: I do.

The Bishop accepts their profession by proclaiming the faith of the Church:

The Bishop/celebrant gives his assent to the profession by proclaiming the faith of the Church:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The gathering of the faithful gives its assent by replying: Amen.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Confirmed people change as the gifts of the Holy Spirit mature in them. They change in nine special ways, so that they come to think, speak and behave more like Jesus. These nine ways are called the nine 'fruits of the Holy Spirit'.

Fruit of the Holy Spirit	Confirmed people think, speak and behave like Jesus when:
Love	they show love and care for God and their neighbour.
Joy	they live with joy and recognise that true happiness comes, not from money or possessions, but from knowing and following Jesus.
Peace	they are free from worrying about trivial things because of the inner peace they experience with God in their hearts. People work and pray for peace throughout the world.
Patience	they show patience by treating others with thoughtfulness and tolerance. They know that they can overcome the temptations and sufferings of life because God is always with them.
Kindness	they treat others as they want to be treated.
Goodness	they show goodness by making good choices and always trying to do what they know is right.
Trustfulness	they live out their commitment to the teachings of Jesus, the Scriptures, and the Catholic Church.
Gentleness	they act calmly and avoid actions that might lead others to anger or resentment.
Self-control	they exercise self-control by working to overcome the temptations they face and by trying always to do God's will.