

Chapter 11 **The Holy Spirit**

Do you not know that the Spirit of God dwells in you? *1 Corinthians 3:16*

To the Parents:

In chapter 11, your child learned the following:

- Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples.
- The Holy Spirit is God.
- There are nine qualities, or fruits of the Spirit, that mark a Spirit-filled person or community.

Christians are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out in loving service to others, just as Jesus was empowered by the Father to generate a Spirit of love, justice, mercy, and peace in this world. Christians come to know the Father by knowing Jesus, and the Holy Spirit comes into their lives when they open their hearts and minds to the message and presence of the Triune God.

The qualities of Jesus that reveal the qualities of his Father are lived out in this world by persons touched by the Holy Spirit. These fruits of the Spirit include joy, patience, kindness, generosity, love, peace, self-control, gentleness, and faithfulness. The Father sent Jesus into the world as the revelation of God, and the Holy Spirit remains in the world today in the lives of those who love and serve God and one another as Jesus taught.

With Your Child:

1. Make the sign of the cross and reflect on the importance of the Holy Spirit, along with God the Father and the Son.
2. Think about the nine fruits of the Spirit, and then make a list of ways to embody at least one quality everyday.
3. Write a prayer together, asking God for help in accepting the daily gifts of the Holy Spirit.
4. Read about Saint Ephraim of Syria on the Review and Explore page.