

Chapter 12

*Trusting the Spirit*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

*Romans 8:26*

**For the Parents:**

In chapter 12 your child learned to:

- Relate the story of Jesus promising to send a helper
- Describe some ways the Spirit is at work in the Church and in the world
- Celebrate the help the Holy Spirit gives

When Jesus appeared among the Apostles, he told them to “Receive the Holy Spirit.” He brought the Spirit of forgiveness, comfort, and peace. On Pentecost it also proved to be the Spirit of courage, power, and freedom. The Spirit who descended on the Apostles was a strong, bold Spirit.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, though they sound like poetry, are not crystal or cashmere. They are practical gifts, given to be used, given for a purpose. They are meant to help you be open and responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They identify you with the person and mission of Jesus.

**With Your Child:**

1. Create and color a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Put it up as a reminder that the Holy Spirit is present in your home.
2. Read about Saint Agatha on the Review and Explore page.