

Grade 2 - Chapter 6

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Catechist Tips: The Eternal Trinity

God has always been a Trinity. The Son and the Holy Spirit are eternal, just as the Father is. There was never a time when the Father alone existed.

Catechist Tips: Choosing Good Friends

Remind the children that Jesus chose good friends to be his disciples.

- Help the children see that their choice of companions can contribute to or detract from their ability to follow Jesus.
- Ask them to think about the qualities of good friends that can help them follow Jesus.

Catechist Tips: Teach and Remind

Write the two words *Teach* and *Remind* for all the children to see. Tell them to listen for those words as you proclaim “The Promise” on page 108. Ask the children to think of all the people who teach them good things. Say, **When we are learning how to be good like Jesus wants us to be, the Holy Spirit is helping us.** Then ask for examples of times when someone reminds them to do something, or helps them remember something. Say, **All your life the Holy Spirit will help you remember what Jesus wants you to do.** Let them copy the words *Teach* and *Remind* using colorful markers.

Catechist Tips: Our Special Helper

Say: **Wind is a symbol for God the Holy Spirit. What is wind like?**

Pause for a response. Emphasize that God enters our lives as our Creator, as Jesus our Savior, and as the Holy Spirit who helps us make good choices each day.

Glossary Activity: Disciple

Remind children that the word *disciple* comes from a word that means “learner.”

- Another word that comes from the same root is *discipline* (a lesson or a way of reinforcing learning).

Additional Activity: Learning Prayers

Encourage children to memorize a simple prayer, such as the Lord’s Prayer or the Hail Mary, to use as part of the class prayer celebration.

- Give every child a copy of a simple, multi-petal flower for their portfolio. Each time the child learns a new prayer, let the child color a petal.

Additional Activity: Spirituals

Share with the children some traditional African-American spirituals on the theme of following Jesus. Play recordings of or teach the children to sing one of the following:

- “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
- “Sweet Jesus”
- “Yes, Lord”

Parish Video Connection: What Is Pentecost?

After completing the Catechist Edition instruction on page 110, show the children this video.

Ask: What is the most interesting thing that you learned about Pentecost from this video?

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/WeAxN2STq14>