

Topic: Full of Grace and the Holy Spirit

Family Small Group for Confirmation Week 1.15 (January 7th, 2024)

Parent and Student Resources	
The resources listed below will be used in some capacity throughout the lesson. Please read them when prompted.	
Student Resources	Parent Resources
Formed: <i>The Wild Goose: Episode 4: The Spirit and Our Lady</i>	The Bible: Read chapters 1 and 2 in the Gospel of Luke with your student.

1. Opening Prayer (read together)	2. Personal Connection
<p>Magnificat</p> <p>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.</p> <p>He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.</p> <p>He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.</p> <p>He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.</p> <p>(Lk 1: 46-55)</p>	<p>Parents- Reflect on then discuss the following:</p> <p>What graces did you notice happen in your family during the break?</p> <p>After sharing, ask your student:</p> <p>What graces did you notice happen in your own life? In the life of others? How did the advent season help you to wait for Jesus?</p>

3. Formed Video

[The Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka - The Spirit and Our Lady - Episode 4](#)

4. Activity

Draw it Out (you need a piece of paper and pencil for each family member)

Have everyone in the family draw a picture of the Holy Spirit. Then, discuss your drawings, especially what made them similar and what made them different.

Bonus! Look up an icon of the Holy Spirit and compare your art to what you find online.

4. Discussion Questions (writing down answers prior to discussion may encourage deeper conversations)

1. How was Mary's reaction to Gabriel different than Zachariah's? Put yourself in their shoes. How would you feel? What would your response be?
2. In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit?
3. How can you as a family be more open to the Holy Spirit and see the Holy Spirit working in your life as a family?

5. Closing

As a family, discuss your current prayer intentions and take a moment to pray together. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and your family as you continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit:

O, Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you.

Enlighten me, guide me,

Strengthen me, console me.

Tell me what I should do . . .

Give me Your orders.

I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me

And to accept all that You permit to happen to me.

Let me only know Your will.