

Jesus Gives the Spirit to the Church



CHAPTER 18 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 18**.

Before he died, Jesus promised the Apostles that he would send the Holy Spirit to guide them.

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Fifty days after Jesus rose, the Holy Spirit came from heaven to Mary and the Apostles, and the Church was born. We celebrate this event on Pentecost.

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Wind and fire were the signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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The Holy Spirit brought strength and guidance to help the whole Church do what Jesus had done. We are God's people today.

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The Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts at Baptism and gives us the grace to love God and others. The Holy Spirit wants us to become like Jesus. The Spirit speaks quietly—and often unexpectedly. We must always be ready to listen!

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The Holy Spirit was always with Mary. At the Annunciation, the Spirit asked Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Mary was visited by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost—she was with the Apostles at the Spirit's arrival.

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The Holy Spirit is with the Church.

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The Nicene Creed names four characteristics that are known as the Marks of the Church: *one, holy, catholic, and apostolic*.

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