

Sunday Reading

John 20:19-23: Appearance to the Disciples

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the

Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Focus Questions

1. How does Jesus greet His Disciples?
2. After He shows the Disciples His hands and side, what does He say to them?
3. How does Jesus give the disciples the Holy Spirit?
4. What authority did Jesus give to the Disciples?

Symbols of the Holy Spirit

Directions: Read about the Holy Spirit, then answer the reflection question and draw a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. He promised His disciples that He would. When the Holy Spirit came, the disciples went out and told everyone about Jesus. The Holy Spirit made them strong so that they would not be afraid.

The Bible uses many symbols for the Holy Spirit:

- On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as **fire** and **wind**
- When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came as a **dove**.
- The **water** we are baptized with is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
- In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit led God's people in a **cloud**.

Reflection Question: Why do you think Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to His Disciples at Pentecost?

Now, draw your own symbol of the Holy Spirit!

My Symbol of the Holy Spirit