Sunday Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of John 15:26–27; 16:12–15: The Coming of the Advocate

Jesus said to his disciples: truth. He will not speak on
“When the Advocate comes his own, but he will speak
whom I will send you from what he hears, and will
the Spirit of declare to you the things
truth that proceeds from the that are coming. He will
come Father, he will testify to me. glorify me, because he will
And you also testify, because take from what is mine and
you have been with me from declare it to you. Everything
the beginning. “I have much that the Father has is mine;
more to tell you, but you for this reason I told you
cannot bear it now. But that he will take from what
when he comes, the Spirit of is mine and declare it to
truth, he will guide you to all you.”

Focus Questions
1. Whom does Jesus say that He will send from the Father?
2. Why does Jesus tell His disciples to testify to Him?
3. What will the Spirit of truth do?
Symbols 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.
- Also on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as 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.

On the next page, draw your own symbol of the Holy Spirit!
My Symbol of the Holy Spirit!