

Empowered by the Spirit: The Gift of Confirmation

Exploring Confirmation Together

2. The Gift of the Son & the Gift of Reconciliation

In this session we will be combining some of the material from Preparation Session 3 and from Preparation Session 4 to make one session. We will omit most of the material from Session 4.

You will need the 2 leaflets: Preparation Session 3 (The Gift of the Son) and Preparation Session 4 (The Gift of Reconciliation). We will cover some of the material from both leaflets. **Please do read through the rest of the material if you have time.**

You will also need to have the 2 cards for these sessions ready to take away to read and place on your Prayer Place when we have finished looking through the leaflets. The cards are *The Angelus* and *Reconciliation*.

Open the leaflet for Preparation Session 3. Remove the Activity Sheet and place it to one side.

Begin to read through the leaflet from page 2.

Let us pray

- Make the Sign of the Cross
- Pray the opening prayer (***Come Holy Spirit***) together

Read:

1. The **passage from the Bible** together (from the Gospel of St Luke).
PAUSE to reflect for a few moments after you have read the passage and then talk together about any words or phrases which have stood out for you.
2. What **YOUCAT says**.
3. What it says in the outline of the apple about **Peace**.
4. The two paragraphs at the top of page 3 under the heading **Jesus shows us the Father**.

At this point, take up the **Activity Sheet Session 3** (with the word search of names and titles of Jesus on it).

- **Read** what it says on the sheet
- **Find** the twelve names and titles for Jesus hidden in the word search

Once you have completed the activity, place the Activity Sheet back in the leaflet to store it there.

Talk Together

Focus on one question only (question 2):

- Which is your favourite title for Jesus – and why?

Talk with one another about your answers to this question.

Picture

Take a little time now to look closely at the picture on the front cover of the leaflet. As you look, think about these questions:

- What do you notice when you look at the picture?
- What does the picture make you feel or think about?
- What do you think this picture has to show us about who Jesus is?

After 1-2 minutes of quiet looking, share with one another what you have been thinking about.

Read what the leaflet says about:

1. **Prayer** (on *The Angelus* at the end of page 3)
2. **St Hilda** (over the page on page 4)

Talk together about the 1st bullet point (**OMIT the 2nd bullet point**)

- **How can I follow St Hilda's example and be a peacemaker?**

Things to do at home

Read:

- Number 1 (about the saints)
- Number 3 (about *The Angelus*)
- Number 4 (about learning the second part of *The Nicene Creed*)

Try to complete these activities before the next session.

Before we end the session, look very briefly at the leaflet for **Preparation Session 4**.

Preparation Session 4 Leaflet

Read what it says on:

- Page 3 in the outline of the apple about **Patience**
- Page 4 under **Things to do at home** - number 4 about learning the third part of *The Nicene Creed*

Look at the 2 cards which you have been given (*The Angelus* and *Reconciliation*).

After the session, read through the *Reconciliation* card: it will be very helpful to refer to the card next time you go to make your Confession. Try to say *The Angelus* every day. Keep the cards in your Prayer Place and read them regularly.

Pray the *Angelus* to end the session and your time together. The prayer begins:

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Continue to pray *The Angelus* using your card.

Stick the 'Peace' and 'Patience' stickers onto your Sticker Chart to show that you have completed this second session.