

Year C - Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 14: 23-26

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and remind you of all I have said to you.*



Jesus said:

"If anyone loves me, they will obey me.

Then my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and live in them.

But anyone who doesn't love me,
won't obey me.

What they have heard me say doesn't really come from
me,

but from the Father who sent me.

"I have told you these things while I am still with you.

But the Holy Spirit will come and help you,
because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place.

The Spirit will teach you everything
and will remind you of what I said while I was with you."



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Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit was coming to help them.



- Introduction**
- At the end of the day when it's time to go bed, do you just go straight to bed in your clothes? No, we get ready for bed. What are the things you do to get ready for bed (ask the kids for their responses).
 - It's a lot better for us when we get ready for bed, we take care of our teeth, wash our face and can have a much better nights sleep.
 - What about when we go on holiday? Do we just jump in the car and drive off? No? What are the things we do to get ready for our holidays? (Again ask the kids and respond to their answers).

- Message**
- Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit was coming. The Holy Spirit would take the place of Jesus to be with them and help them always.
 - Jesus was telling the disciples what was going to happen at Pentecost. For us this is a really special time, we make a big deal and we celebrate it because Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came for the disciples is the moment the Church was born!
 - And like we might get ourselves ready for other things in life, we can get ready for the coming of the Holy Spirit.
 - Ask the children: what are some way's we can prepare ourselves for the Holy Spirit. Here are some ideas:
 - We can read about the Holy Spirit, stories from the Bible of when the Spirit acted.
 - We can ask about the Holy Spirit, ask our parents or others about times they have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit
 - We can pray for the Holy Spirit, a very simple way of saying 'Come Holy Spirit'

- Discussion**
- What stories do you know about the Holy Spirit?
 - Why is Pentecost a special day and how can we celebrate it?
 - How do you think we can prepare ourselves for the Holy Spirit?