



THREE IN ONE STIMULUS PICTURES

BACKGROUND

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Spirit - One God, three persons. The Holy Spirit has been active from before creation. It was the Holy Spirit who 'hovered over the waters' in Genesis 1:2 and it is the same Spirit of God who worked through the prophets, who came upon Mary at the Annunciation, who spoke aloud when Jesus was baptised and who came upon the disciples at Pentecost.

This activity is designed to help children and parents reflect on many ways the Holy Spirit has revealed its activity in scripture. Many of these have become the signs we use in our sacramental celebrations today. Remember! The Fruits of the Spirit are the signs of the Holy Spirit living and active in the lives of believers.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Large copies of the stimulus pictures either printed on A3 or displayed using a date projector.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Recall the story of Pentecost. How did the Holy Spirit show that it was present? Through wind and fire!
- Throughout the scriptures, the Holy Spirit has always been active. In the scripture stories we read, there have been many ways the Spirit has revealed its presence and action.
- As you show each of the pictures, discuss an example of a scripture story it comes from. Also discuss whether this is a symbol we see today? Where?
- Pictures include:
 - Water - as in Baptism of Jesus - Matthew (3:13-17), Mark (1:9-11), Luke (3:21-22), and John (1:29-34)
 - Dove - as in Baptism of Jesus - Matthew (3:13-17), Mark (1:9-11), Luke (3:21-22), and John (1:29-34)
 - Oil - as in anointing of David - 1 Samuel 16:11-13; anointing the sick - James 5:14
 - Fire - as in The coming of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:1-17, 38-39, 41-42
 - Wind - as in The coming of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:1-17, 38-39, 41-42
 - Laying on of hands - such as when Jesus laid hands on the sick to heal them, and the children to bless them - Matthew 9:18 and Matthew 19:13-15 and when the apostles prayed for the Holy Spirit to come upon people such as Acts 8:17 and Acts 19:6.













