

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

The Wind Blows Where It Wills

We see change going on every day. The child who came home from school is different from the child you sent to school. Each day life becomes more complex. We can easily become nostalgic for the time when things were simpler, when problems could be settled with a hug and a few comforting words. The promise of the Holy Spirit in our lives, however, is not that things will remain static. It is that as change happens, we have God's promise that his Spirit will be with us. Jesus compares the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives with the wind that blows where it wills. We don't know where it comes from or where it is going. The image is one of mystery, movement, and change.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Sometimes we can make change happen. Ask your child and other family members what changes for the better they would like to make in your family life.



Focus on Prayer



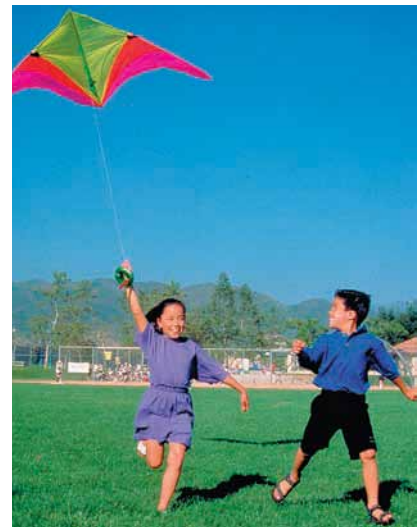
Your child is learning the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. Pray the prayer aloud together as a family. You can find the exact words for the Prayer to the Holy Spirit at www.FindingGod.org.

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Hints for at Home

One of the symbols of the Holy Spirit is wind because you can feel it but you don't know where it comes from or where it goes, and it is known by its effects. Have a fun day with your child and fly kites, noting that the wind directs the kites as the Holy Spirit guides our lives.



Our Catholic Heritage



Doré

In the Jewish tradition Pentecost was the celebration of the receiving of the Law from God. It was at the time of this festival that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. We celebrate the feast of Pentecost on the Sunday closest to 50 days after Easter to mark the Spirit's coming.