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Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe
Directed Reading Guide
Chapter 3, *The Holy Spirit and Blessed Trinity*

Directions: Read carefully through Chapter 3 and then use the text as a reference to locate answers for the questions. All questions in this *Directed Reading Worksheet* are taken in sequential order from the chapter – first questions from the early sections of the chapter; last questions from the end of the chapter, etc. Answer **True or False** questions by circling the word True or False at the beginning of the question. **Fill-in-the-Blank** questions must often be answered with one than one word per blank. (Refer to your text often!) Write your own **Short Answers** for other questions.

Pages 68-69 *The Holy Spirit Is God*

1. Jesus remains _____ to us through the power of the _____, who always _____ with the Father and the _____. The Spirit's primary mission is to _____ into the divine _____ and to _____ us to Christ Jesus.

Fill in the correct gift of the Holy Spirit to the description below.

2. _____ involves taking time to uncover the deeper meaning of faith
3. _____ aids us in seeing our sinfulness and avoiding things that might alienate us
4. _____ forming our conscience in light of Church teaching on moral issues
5. _____ the grace to see how God is looking in our lives
6. _____ showing the Lord praise through worship
7. _____ involves the strength to follow our convictions in the face of pressure
8. _____ looking at things from God's point of view

Pages 69-73 *The Holy Spirit in the Bible*

9. The Holy Spirit “_____,” and guided the biblical _____ to reveal God's Word. The Holy Spirit gives us the _____ we need to accept God's _____ and live a Christ-filled life. The Holy Spirit might be compared to the power of _____ in that he is _____ but out of sight.
10. The Old Testament biblical authors often use the Hebrew word *ruah*, which means _____, to speak of God's mysterious, powerful, and life-giving presence in _____ and at work among the _____.
11. The Spirit is present in many stories in the Old Testament: in creation and in _____ to Adam and Eve; by the power of the Holy Spirit, God forged a _____ with the Chosen People through Abraham; to _____ God showed himself by the power of the Holy Spirit in the _____ that revealed God's presence in the burning bush and in the clouds that led the people.
12. True or False. The law served as a teacher to lead the people to Christ, but it could not save them.
13. True or False. God's spirit was not present to the Chosen People when they drifted away from the Law and during the exile in Babylon.
14. The _____ Songs of Isaiah reveal the Messiah's qualities and prophesy the Lord's _____ and his death, the necessary prelude for his unleashing the _____ of life on all humans. Not until Jesus Christ came was the Holy Spirit fully _____ as a separate, distinct Person of the _____.
15. True or False. Peter explained what was happening by referring to the prophet Joel's words.

16. Pentecost fulfilled Jesus' _____ to send the Holy Spirit which is the same Spirit that remains _____ in the world today. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus gave the _____ the power to forgive _____. Just as God breathed life into _____ at the beginning of human history, so Jesus _____ his disciples by giving them the life of the Holy Spirit.

17. Name four instances when the Holy Spirit was present in the life of Jesus.

18. True or False. The Son and the Holy Spirit have the same mission.

Pages 73-76 Name, Titles, and Symbols of the Holy Spirit

19. The word *holy* refers to God's _____ from his creatures; he alone is "totally other." The biblical authors use the word _____, that is, "spirit," 379 times to depict _____ in salvation history. The Holy Spirit is of the same "_____" or nature as the Father and the _____. The Holy Spirit is the _____ of the Father with whom _____ is totally filled.

20. True or False. Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the Paraclete which refers to the way he consoles, advocates, and defends us.

21. What are six traditional symbols for the Holy Spirit?

22. True or False. What is the Lakota understanding of *Wakan Tanka*, or "Great Spirit."

Pages 77-80 The Holy Spirit in the Life of Christians

23. Explain four ways the Holy Spirit make a difference in our lives as Christians?

24. The _____ of the Holy Spirit build up the Church. These include gifts that _____ such as wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and so forth. It also includes special gifts that _____ and build up the body of Christ known as _____ such as faith, healing miracle-working and prophecy. Finally, the Spirit gives gifts that result in _____ such as charity, joy, generosity and modesty.

25. What is the "first gift" of the Spirit which contains all others?

26. Summarize the eight ways the CCC says the Holy Spirit actively works in the Church;

27. In the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* the Second _____ declared that the Holy Spirit was sent on Pentecost in order that He might continually _____ the Church. He is the Spirit of

_____ and dwells in the Church and in the _____ of the faithful. In them He _____ on their behalf. Finally, He equips and _____ the Church.

Pages 80-83 *The Mystery of the Trinity*

28. Explain the meaning of the word *mystery*.
29. True or False. We believe that God is Trinity because of our knowledge of the relationship with Jesus Christ.
30. The _____ and other believers were certain that the God of their _____ was at work in a unique way in his Son, _____. They experienced the same God in the Holy Spirit after Jesus' _____. On _____ this Advocate impelled them to go out and preach the Gospel they learned from Jesus, and spread the good news that God also reveals himself as a _____, a Holy Spirit who dwells in believers.
31. God not only wants to share _____ about who he is; he wants to share his very _____ with us. Through _____ we are invited to partake in a mysterious way in the life of the _____ here on earth and after death in an _____ of happiness and love.
32. Jesus' revealed that God the Father was incredibly _____ and told his followers to address the Father as _____, a term that means "_____." Jesus' _____ often reveal that God's love is beyond our imagination. His healing miracles reveal God's _____ and Jesus reveals a Father who gives us his own _____ for our redemption.
33. True or False. Jesus told us to address God as "Our Father" suggesting that God is male rather than female.
34. True or False. Jesus never used feminine images when teaching about God.
35. What examples of Jesus' divinity in the New Testament are cited by the author?
36. The scripture passage describing Jesus' _____ is important because it refers to all _____ of the Blessed Trinity. It also points to how Jesus was _____ as he began his public ministry, a spirit that always _____ with the Father and the Son.

Pages 83-87 *Understanding More about the Trinity*

37. Explain the meaning of the large Sign of the Cross and the small Sign of the Cross.
38. In an effort to understand the mystery of God, the Great _____ distinguish between two aspects of God when speaking about the _____. The first is "_____" which refers to God's own inner life as Trinity. The second word is "_____" and this refers to the many works God has performed to reveal and _____ his divine life.
39. The phrase _____ literally means "existing completely within" and refers to God alone without any references to _____. The word _____, or nature, proclaims that God is one divine being while the word _____ refers to the distinctions among the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The word _____ designates that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct because of their _____.

40. Briefly explain the three important truths about God's inner life.
41. What are the three ways God has communicated himself to humanity?
42. True or False. All three Persons of the Blessed Trinity are involved in the common work of salvation, however, each Person performs this common work according to his unique personal property.
43. Briefly explain the divine missions of the Blessed Trinity.
44. In contemplating the _____ of the Blessed Trinity we come to know a God of love who draws us into union with him. God _____ us into existence and wants us to love. As the Church has taught, our goal in life is to _____ the Blessed Trinity in this life and to be _____ for all eternity. _____ helps us accomplish this.