

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

Directions: As you read through the chapter, fill in the information below. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true or false statement is false, correct it.

Pages 70–71 *The Holy Spirit Is God*

1. Jesus has given _____ to us by sending the Holy Spirit, whom he called the _____. Jesus remains _____ to us through the power of the Holy Spirit after his _____ and Ascension.
2. What is the Holy Spirit’s primary mission?

Pages 72–75 *The Holy Spirit in the Bible*

3. 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.
4. The Old Testament biblical authors often use the Hebrew word *ruah*, (_____) to speak of God’s mysterious, powerful, and life-giving presence in _____ and at work among the _____.
5. The Spirit is present in the Old Testament stories: in _____ and in giving the breath of _____ to Adam and Eve, in the _____ God forged with the Chosen People through _____, and to Moses when God showed himself in the _____.
6. What is a *theophany*?

7. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.
- The Spirit helped the Israelites to keep the Law, and it was impossible to obey without the help of the Spirit
 - God's Spirit anointed Israel's prophets and sustained the Chosen People during their exile in Persia
 - The Spirit inspired kings like David to rule in Yahweh's name, though the Chosen People later ignored God's covenant
8. The _____ Servant Songs of Isaiah reveal the Messiah's _____ and prophesy the Lord's Passion and _____, the necessary prelude for his unleashing the _____ of life on all humans.
9. True or False?
Not until Jesus Christ came was the Holy Spirit fully revealed as a separate, distinct Person of the Blessed Trinity.
10. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.
- The Gospel of John records that Pentecost was the day the Holy Spirit descended on Christ's disciples
 - The disciples began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.
 - Remarkably, Jewish pilgrims from all over the Roman Empire understood the apostles in their own languages.
11. _____ explained that what was happening was promised by the prophet _____: "I will pour out a portion of my _____ upon all flesh . . . and it shall be that everyone shall be _____ who calls on the name of the Lord."
12. Pentecost fulfilled Jesus' _____ to send the Holy Spirit which is the _____ Spirit that remains _____ in the world today, bringing Christ's Salvation to _____ people.
13. Through the 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.

14. List seven instances when the Holy Spirit accompanied Jesus through his life:

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f)
- (g)

Pages 76–79 Name, Titles, and Symbols of the Holy Spirit

15. *Holy* refers to God’s total _____ from his creatures. He is awesome and _____ what we can grasp. The word *spirit* also refers to the real _____ of something.
16. The biblical authors use the word _____, that is, “spirit,” at times to depict _____ in salvation history.
17. 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.
18. What does the word *Paraclete* reveal about the Holy Spirit?
19. _____ is a symbol of the Holy Spirit because God appeared to Moses in a _____, led the Israelites through the _____ by pillars of fire, and _____ the wicked as in the destruction of Sodom.

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20. Jesus calls himself the _____ and his _____ are to be light as well, leading others to him. The Holy Spirit is our _____ light to help us see Jesus and _____ with love from him and for _____.

21. True or False?
The title *Son of Man* means “anointed one.”

22. Baptism, Confirmation, and _____ all involve an anointing with oil. In Baptism and Confirmation, the _____ expresses the gift of the Holy Spirit who makes Catholics anointed ones of the _____. The sacramental seal symbolizes the _____ character through the anointing.

23. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- Only Jesus used the imposition of hands to signify the giving of the Holy Spirit.
- Water can be a symbol of both life and death, but Jesus associated it with baptism.
- The symbol of a dove represents many things, including: life, purification, gentleness, virtue, and peace.

Pages 80–82 *The Holy Spirit in the Life of Christians*

24. The Holy Spirit is the great _____ —he teaches, directs, and strengthens the Church through the _____ so we may serve as compassionate and wise _____ of the Gospel. As a Life Giver, the Holy Spirit is God’s _____ to us.

25. By living as Christians, the _____ forms the Church, which is the very _____ of Christ and _____ of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit showers on individual Christians, and on the Church, many _____ to help us live like Jesus Christ.

26. The _____ of the Holy Spirit build up the Church. These include gifts that make us _____, gifts that serve the _____ through special gifts called _____, and gifts that result in spiritual _____.

27. What is the “first gift” of the Spirit which contains all others?

28. What are eight ways the Holy Spirit actively works in the Church?

Pages 83–86 *The Mystery of the Trinity*

29. Explain what the Church means by the word *mystery*.

30. We believe that God is _____ because of our knowledge and _____ with Jesus Christ. The _____ and other believers were certain that the God of their _____ was at work in a unique way in his Son, Jesus.

31. In the Blessed Trinity because the _____ shows his immense _____ for us by sending his only beloved _____ and the Holy Spirit and through them teaches us his own _____.

32. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- Many religions refer to God as “Father,” including the Jewish faith
- The Council of Nicea defined that Jesus was consubstantial with the Father, meaning they had two different natures
- Jesus taught that the Father of the Chosen People was *his* Father

33. What are three proofs of Jesus’ divinity in the New Testament?

34. What incident from the life of Jesus, recorded in the Gospel of Mark, refers to all three of the Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity?

35. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.

- The Holy Spirit always existed with the Father and Son
- The full Mystery of the Blessed Trinity was revealed at the Resurrection of Jesus
- The Holy Spirit helps us to adore God the Father and attracts us to the Son

Pages 87–90 *Understanding More about the Trinity*

36. Explain the meanings of the large Sign of the Cross versus the small Sign of the Cross.

37. True or False?

When the Trinity is explained in terms of God alone without any reference to human beings, this is known as the intrinsic Trinity.

38. Identify these three terms related to the Trinity:

Substance

Person

Relation

39. What three important truths does the Church teach about God's own inner life?

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40. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.
- There was never a time when the Son did not proceed from the Father
 - The Son is the Father's perfect, divine expression of himself, and they are one, yet distinct
 - The Spirit of Love that proceeds from the Father and the Son is the Holy Spirit who binds the three into a community of unity
41. In the _____ Trinity we meet God in _____ distinct ways: through _____, through God-made-flesh in _____, and through the Holy Spirit who gives us _____ and directs us to live Christ-filled lives.
42. True or False? All Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity are involved in the common work of Salvation.
43. What are the three divine missions of the Blessed Trinity?
44. What does the Church teach is our goal in life?