

HOLY SPIRIT

The Lord, the Giver of Life

TE WAIRUA TAPU



ACHIEVEMENT AIMS

In their study of The Holy Spirit, children will gain and apply knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to understand:

1. that The Holy Spirit is God – third person of the Trinity with the very tapu – holiness and Mana – power of God
2. that The Holy Spirit enables them to grow in tapu and mana – holiness, through the gifts of grace, understanding and wisdom
3. the Holy Spirit's presence and effect in family – whanau, Church, Scripture, Sacrament and the world
4. the titles and symbols of The Holy Spirit
5. the mission of The Holy Spirit is creating, sustaining and renewing the Church, bringing truth and liberation into people's lives, uniting them with Jesus and continuing his work.



**Our Over Arching Statement that Guides
us during our Learning about The Holy Spirit.**

**God the Holy Spirit is at work in and through our lives to
help us courageously carry on the mission of Jesus with
Love and Mercy.**

Year 1 Programme

Year 1 Material

Learning Strand – THE HOLY SPIRIT – TE WAIRUA TAPU

Lesson Focus: God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God – the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. We use *symbols* like fire and wind for the action of the power or *Mana* of the Holy Spirit and we can see signs of the Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu, at work in people's lives.

Take time to

- listen to the wind and think about how it is a sign of the Holy Spirit
- walk in the wind and remember how it is like the Holy Spirit – you cannot see it but can feel it working
- look out of a window and notice the effects of the wind
- play with water and remember how it is a sign of the Holy Spirit
- water plants and notice how it gives them life and energy like the Holy Spirit
- tell children how you notice the Holy Spirit working in them and helping them to grow into the best person they can be



Pray together

- the Sign of the Cross using *holy* water
- *Holy Spirit of God* bless me and my family

Year 2 Programme

Year 2 Material

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Lesson Focus: The Holy Spirit in People's Lives

We can respond to the Holy Spirit at work in our lives in many ways. Two important ways the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church, the people of God – *Te Whānau a Te Atua*, is through prayer and the *Eucharist*.

Take time to

- go on a family “joy walk” and enjoy each other's company
- notice and enjoy all of the beauty around you
- have a joke-telling time at home or when travelling and laugh a lot
- invite each family member to name something they really enjoy doing and to do it together



Pray together

- and ask the Holy Spirit to remind your family members to be loving, peaceful, joyful people
- by sharing a special meal, lighting candles, playing quiet music and thanking the Holy Spirit for the gift of peace within your home and hearts

Talk about – how your family feels about important things which are mentioned on the news

Year 3 Programme

Year 3 Material

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Lesson Focus: Fruits of the Holy Spirit

The *Fruits of the Holy Spirit* are traditionally listed as; love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. It is God's love at work through the Holy Spirit which enables people to exercise their *mana* and bear these fruits. It is again the Holy Spirit who helps us to recognise when we have violated *tapu* and have *sinned* and to forgive and be forgiven.

Plan to

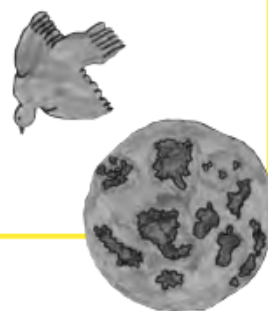
- do something together so you can enjoy each other's company, eg play a table game, bake a treat to share
- talk about things that cause conflict and hurt in your family and how your family can make peace after conflict

Take time to

- affirm family members who admit they have done wrong and say they are sorry
- remember adults need to model this for children

Pray together

- prayers of thanks for family members who bear the *Fruits of the Spirit*, eg mum who is patient, dad who is gentle
- asking the Holy Spirit for the strength to forgive each other as forgiveness is a great way to show love – *aroha* for each other



Year 4 Programme

Year 4 Material

Learning Strand – THE HOLY SPIRIT – TE WAIRUA TAPU

Lesson Focus: Pentecost

The coming of the Holy Spirit at *Pentecost* revealed the Trinity and the Church and enables people to live like Jesus and to know the Father. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus fulfilled his promise to be with his followers, through Church, Word and Sacrament.

At family prayer

- read Acts 2:1-13 and talk about how the apostles must have felt when they received the Holy Spirit on *Pentecost* day and suggest why Jesus sent his Spirit
- pray by candle light to the Holy Spirit remembering *Pentecost* and asking the Spirit to help your family to live as Jesus lived with *tika*, *pono* and *aroha*
- remind each other that Jesus promised to be with us always and he is through his Holy Spirit living in each family member



Year 5 Programme

Year 5 Material

Learning Strand – THE HOLY SPIRIT – TE WAIRUA TAPU

Lesson Focus: Titles and Symbols of the Holy Spirit

We gain a greater appreciation of the role of the Holy Spirit through a knowledge and understanding of the titles and symbols for the Spirit found in Scripture and the Tradition of the Church.

At family prayer

- pray together that each family member will hear the Holy Spirit prompting them to do the right thing and will give them *mana*, spiritual power and strength to act on it
- use oil to make a cross on each family member's head and hands and pray that the Holy Spirit may fill their minds with new ways to love and guide their hands to help and care for – *manaaki* others

Talk about

- a time they have given someone good advice and relate this to how the Holy Spirit prompts people to help others do the right thing – do what is *tika*
- a time your child has given or responded to good advice and help them to recognise that this is a sign of the Holy Spirit working through good people
- share ideas about the title of the Holy Spirit – the *Spirit of Truth* and emphasise the importance of telling the truth and talk about the consequences of not doing this

Take time to

- notice when using water and fire how these symbols show the actions of the Holy Spirit and how they bring about change, provide energy and life
- listen to the wind and imagine the coming of the Holy Spirit and read Acts 2:1-4
- recall people you know or have heard of in the media who are advocates, someone who speaks for and stands up for others especially the poor and needy

Year 6 Programme

Year 6 Material

Learning Strand – THE HOLY SPIRIT – TE WAIRUA TAPU

Lesson Focus: Baptism and the Holy Spirit

Through *baptism* people receive the Holy Spirit who strengthens them to believe, to hope and to love. *Baptism* frees people from original *sin* and personal *sin*. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit helps people to grow in *tapu* and *mana* and to be more like Jesus.

Talk about

- what we mean by the word *sin*, eg times when people choose to violate *tapu* by being selfish, hurtful and unloving
- how God's *grace* – God's presence and action in the world enables people to avoid, to resist or restore *tapu* by making up for *sinful* actions
- experiences of having the strength – *mana* to resist something *sinful* and ways you can make up for *sinful* actions
- what happens when people *sin* – people's relationships with other people and with God are damaged
- what people can do to live in loving relationships, eg spend time with each other, show concern and care – *manaakitanga* for each other, encourage each other, challenge each other in a positive way, respect each other's needs, share feelings with each other, listen to each other, pay attention to each other, notice how each other is each day, speaking and acting with honesty, truth and faithfulness at all times, sharing good and hard times, taking responsibility for one's actions
- how, if we are in a loving relationship, we try to do what will help it to grow, relate this to our relationship with God – remind children that we are all children of God – *te whānau a Te Atua*

