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Symbols of the Holy Spirit

In the Old Testament, God's presence is often associated with fire. God first spoke to Moses in the form of a burning bush (Exodus 3). Later, God guided the Chosen People to the Promised Land as a column of fire at night (Exodus 13:21). At Pentecost, God again used the symbol of fire as he gifted us with his loving presence in the Holy Spirit.

Directions: God is also associated with wind or breath. Read the following Scripture verses in the Bible and put a check mark in the appropriate column.

Passage	Wind	Breath
Genesis 1:1-2		
Genesis 2:7		
Exodus 14:21-22		
1 Kings 19:11-12		
John 20:21-23		

Directions: We've read how the Holy Spirit worked in the early Christian Church. Using the lines below, write a short paragraph that explains how the Holy Spirit works in the Church today.

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A. Write *T* or *F* to indicate whether the sentence is true or false.

1. _____ The Feast of Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday.
2. _____ We serve the Kingdom of God and grow in holiness when we use gifts received from the Holy Spirit.
3. _____ Before his death, Jesus promised the Apostles that he would not leave them orphans.
4. _____ On Pentecost a dove descended and appeared to touch each of the Apostles as the Holy Spirit filled them.
5. _____ The Easter season begins on Pentecost.
6. _____ Pentecost commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit entered the Apostles' hearts and filled them with the strength and courage they needed to do God's work.
7. _____ On the Jewish harvest feast of Pentecost, the Father sent the Paraclete, which is another name for Pentecost.
8. _____ The gift of piety is also known as fear of the Lord.
9. _____ Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are able to know the truth and be true to our calling.
10. _____ The Holy Spirit guides our prayers so we can grow closer to God.
11. _____ The Holy Spirit gives us 10 gifts that prepare us to discover God's will for us and follow it through our lives.
12. _____ Fortitude is the courage to do what is right.
13. _____ In the Acts of Apostles, we read that after Jesus ascended to Heaven, the Apostles scattered and did not stay together.
14. _____ The Gifts of the Holy Spirit include hope, charity, and faith.
15. _____ In Confirmation we become better witnesses to our faith and help the Church carry out its mission.

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B. How does the Holy Spirit lead us to grow in holiness?

C. In developing a lifelong habit of prayer, the Holy Spirit leads us. Think about your prayer life and how the Holy Spirit teaches you. Then explain what the following idea means to you:

“Prayer doesn’t change God; prayer changes us.”
