



**Family Faith Formation**  
**FIRST COMMUNION**

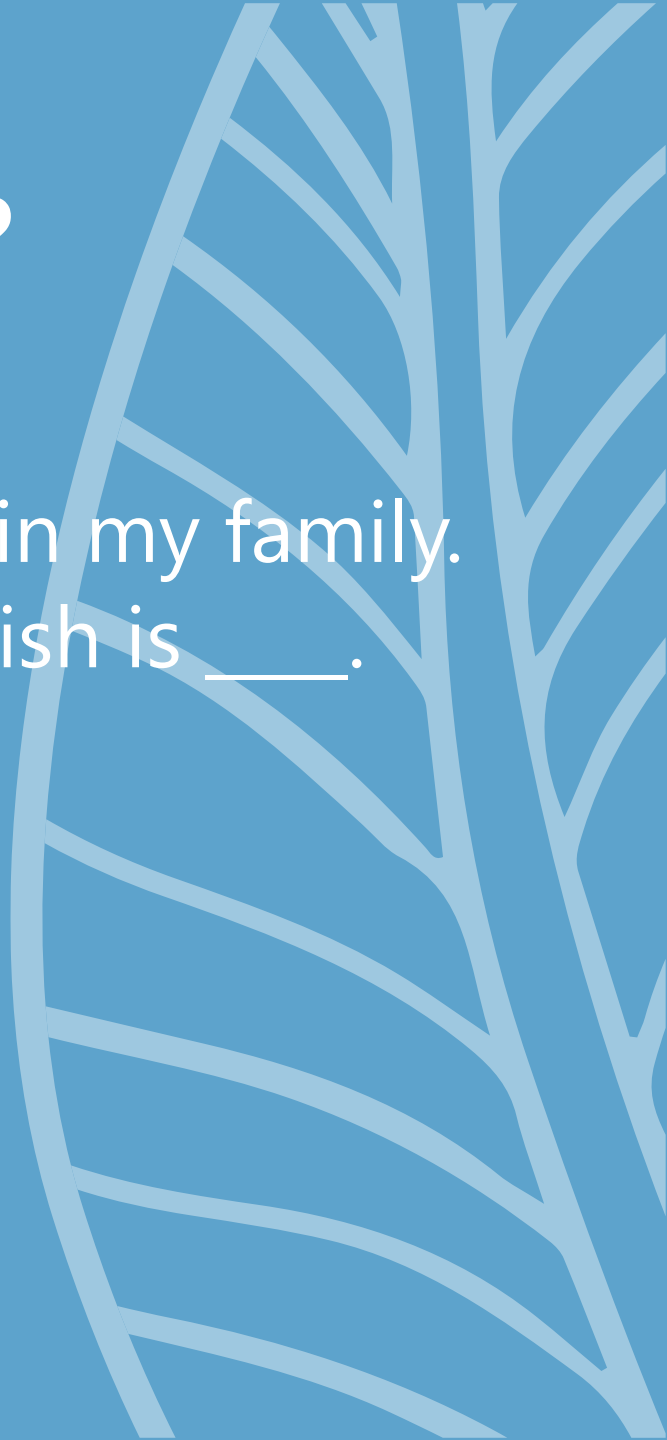
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## What we're doing today:

- Where do we belong?
- Bible Story: The Coming of the Holy Spirit
- Why were we baptized?
- Why is it important to know about Baptism when we prepare for First Communion?

# Where do YOU belong?

- I belong to a family! There are \_\_\_ people in my family.
  - I belong to a parish! The name of our parish is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I belong to a neighborhood! I live in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I belong to a school! I go to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - Where else do you belong?
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# The JOY of BELONGING

**Belonging is a good thing! When we belong, we...**

- ...feel safe and secure
- ...feel like we're part of something bigger than ourselves



# The Coming of the Holy Spirit

One day, Jesus' disciples and his mother, Mary, were praying together. All of a sudden, a mighty wind blew into the room with a roar. Flames like fire appeared over each person's head.



Yet those in the room were not afraid. The Holy Spirit had come, just as Jesus had promised. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out to tell the world about Jesus.



Many people heard the roar of the wind and gathered outside. The Apostle Peter spoke to the crowd. He told them that Jesus died on the cross, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven.



He told them that from Heaven, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit. He told the people that Jesus had come to save them.

# What else happened that day?

The Acts of the Apostles – the book of the Bible where this story is from – tells us that the people who heard Peter preaching asked, “What do we have to do to be saved?”

Peter’s answer was simple: to be sorry for their sins, and to be baptized. That day, about 3000 people were baptized after hearing Peter preach!





Why is it important to learn about **BAPTISM**  
when we're preparing for **FIRST COMMUNION?**

# We belong to the CHURCH

- In **Baptism** we are joined to Jesus and become members of the Catholic Church
- Baptism gives us a **permanent spiritual sign of God's grace**
- Baptism cannot be repeated, but it is the **sacrament** that opens the doors for sacraments that come later
- It's the first **Sacrament of Initiation**, followed by the **First Communion** and **Confirmation**



# We belong to JESUS

- The Sacraments of Initiation help us follow Jesus and make us belong to the Church
- When we belong to the Church, we belong to Jesus
- Each sacrament we receive helps God enter our lives and brings us closer to Jesus
- The **Mass** is the most important celebration in the Church:  
when we are ready we are able  
to receive the **Eucharist** at Mass



# A Quick Prayer

Thank you, God, for calling me to belong to your Church.

Help me to grow in my faith.

Loving God, help me to remember that I belong to You.

Help me befriend Jesus as I get ready to receive him at  
my First Communion.

Amen!



**Ask Us Anything!**





**What was your favourite part  
about today's Gathering?**