**Family Worship Guide – “The Holy Spirit”**

*…as for me and my house, we will serve (worship) the Lord* (Joshua 24:15)

Considerations:

* This guide could be used to highlight Pentecost, or to discuss the power and activity of the Holy Spirit generally. If this is done in preparation for Pentecost, consider asking the children/family what they already know about it before beginning.
* Have the children listen very carefully while you read the verses so that they can describe the way Holy Spirit displayed His power on Pentecost (see number 1).
* Consider using the Getty’s “Holy Spirit” as a prayer.

**Read God’s word together**

Bible Verse – Acts 2:1-5 (feel free to extend this and include additional verses)

Possible questions/conversation-starters:

1. How did the Holy Spirit display His power on Pentecost? What were some of the things that happened that showed His power? (There was a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind; tongues of fire sat upon the disciples, each person was filled with the Holy Spirit – as was the entire house; everyone started speaking with other tongues and in a variety of languages, etc.).

2. Considering the power of the Holy Spirit, how incredible is it that you have this power (the life/essence of God) within you? When/how did you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and why do you think it’s called a “gift”? (We’ve done nothing to deserve the Holy Spirit!).

3. What are some ways that the Holy Spirit makes His power and presence known through you? (By giving me the courage to tell someone use about Jesus and my faith; By making it possible for me to forgive someone who hurts me, someone who I thought I’d never be able to forgive; When I show/extend love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – see Galatians 5:22-23, fruits of the Spirit).

**Pray together**

Prompt: Give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and pay that the same power and authority that He displayed on Pentecost can be felt and experienced in your life. Pray that the fruits of the Spirit are evident from you.

**Sing together**

Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide (Hymnal 468)

Holy Spirit – Keith and Kristyn Getty (Hymnal 466) or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDYjn-YdnD4>

Holy Spirit – Francesca Battistelli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zEiiZi2DKk&t=49s>

Any hymn/song of praise and worship!