

Story	Objectives	Themes	Catechism References
1 The Spirit at Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce the role of the Holy Spirit in the Reign of God. To recognize that the Holy Spirit is an active and motivating force in our lives. 	The Reign of God happens whenever we live with love for God.	CCC #683-689, 737-741, 1210-1212
2 Pentecost: The Day the Spirit Came	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explain why Pentecost is considered the “birthday” of the Church. To identify the action of the Holy Spirit in our personal history as well as in our communal history. 	The Spirit of God is with us, and great things happen when we are open to the Spirit.	CCC #691-702, 731-732
3 Spirit of Belonging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce the Sacrament of Baptism as initiation into the Catholic Church. To discuss how we, as Church, welcome and include each other into our community. 	The Sacrament of Baptism makes us members of the Church family, the Catholic community.	CCC #705-716, 733-741, 836-838, 1213-1228
4 Philip and the Ethiopian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explain the evangelical call of our Baptism (to teach all nations) through the story of Philip’s teaching and baptism of the Ethiopian. To become aware of how our Church community reaches out to others. 	We need to risk talking about God so we and others can grow in faith and love.	CCC #888-890, 897-913, 1271-1274
5 The Maiden Who Found a Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To examine the support offered when we belong to a faith community, using the life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha as example. To identify ways our Church offers us the support and strength we need by making us know we are always welcome. 	Belonging to a faith community gives us support and strength.	CCC #790-791, 813-816, 1265-1270
6 Spirit of Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce the Sacrament of the Eucharist as the primary source of our continuing relationship with our God. To use Jesus as our model of the need for consistent personal prayer. 	The Sacrament of the Eucharist nourishes our relationship with God. There are many different ways to spend time with God in prayer.	CCC #748-750, 758-771, 1322-1327, 2650-2654
7 The Church at Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To present some of the earliest history of our communal prayer, especially the house churches and their celebrations. To examine communal prayer as it benefits the total faith community and as inclusive of all believers. 	We gather with others to pray, and the most special of these times is the Sunday Eucharist.	CCC #772-776, 787-789, 1341-1344, 2655
8 The Woman Who Laughed With God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss personal prayer as necessary for growth in faith. To recognize the rich diversity of prayer by examining the life of Sr. Thea Bowman. 	When we pray individually, we bring back to God the rich diversity of creation.	CCC #781-795, 830-831, 1201, 2659-2660
9 Spirit of Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the healing celebration of God’s forgiveness. To recognize the need for God’s forgiveness by honestly examining personal and social sins (the “circles of hurt”). 	The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the Church’s celebration of God’s mercy and forgiveness.	CCC #976-983, 1420-1439, 1446
10 The Man Who Made Trouble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss our need to admit our failures and confess our sins, using Paul and his conversion as our example. To encourage prayers of contrition as healing elements in our relationships with others and with God. 	Each of us sometimes does wrong and must ask for forgiveness.	CCC #1430-1433, 1440-1445, 1451-1455, 2042
11 The Soldier Who Had No Enemies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand our baptismal call to be healers who forgive others, modeled on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. To explore how our reliance on the forgiveness of God will help us “let go” of hurts to be truly reconciled to others. 	We are called by the Spirit of God to forgive others.	CCC #1010-1014, 1435, 1474-1477
12 Spirit of Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce the Sacrament of Confirmation as strengthening our ability to love as people of involved, committed action. To discuss ways we can follow Jesus gospel mandate, relying upon the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit. 	The Sacrament of Confirmation reaffirms our baptismal call to act to establish the Reign of God.	CCC #797-801, 849-856, 1285-1305, 1897-1917
13 A Letter of Good News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore our call to be individually responsive to the needs of others, particularly as written in the Letter of James. To decide upon activities each of us can do to help establish justice and compassion. 	There are many ways each of us can work individually toward justice and compassion.	CCC #858-860, 946-953, 1309, 2093-2094
14 The Bishop for the Poor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore some events in the life of St. Oscar Romero to find examples of how we are called to be an active community of justice. To examine ways the Holy Spirit can use the institution of the Church, all of us together, to further the Reign of God. 	As a community, as a Church, we are involved in bringing the Reign of God about in our world.	CCC #931, 952-953, 1939-1942, 2012-2016
15 The Not-the-End	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review how the stories in <i>Spirit With Us</i> can provide models and insights for our personal lives and for the life of our Church. To reflect on how the Holy Spirit continues to be alive in our stories and our actions today. 	Individually and in community, we are sacraments because we continue to show the Spirit of God in our actions and in our lives.	CCC #836-865, 871-873, 932-933, 2044-2046