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**VBS @ Home: The Sequel  
“Superhero Animals of the Bible”**

**July 12-16, 2021**

**Day 5  
The Divine Dove**



Welcome back!

In addition to today’s story, crafts and snacks, please join us online and check out the extras there.

The videos launch each day at 9AM on

- YouTube (Leeds Anglican Ministries)

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**The Story - The Divine Dove**

(based on Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22 & John 1:32)

Superpower:

Part of the Holy Trinity,

shares gifts and power with us at baptism.

As Christians we believe in God the Holy Trinity (Three Persons). Often when we pray we call this Trinity, 'God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.



The Bible tells us about the Holy Spirit in many places - at the beginning of creation, giving life to humans, guiding the prophets, helping us to know the truth, and giving us gifts to help us live good lives.

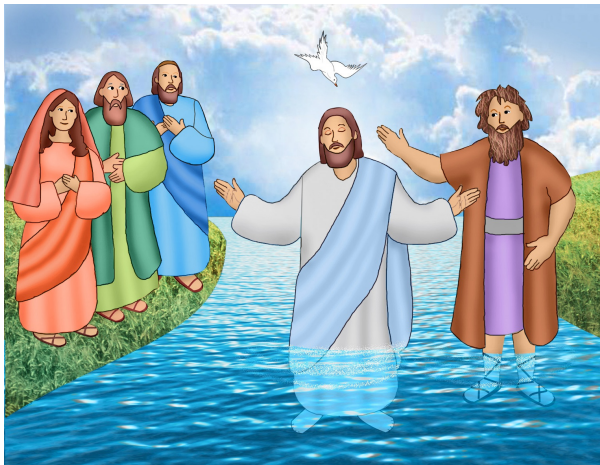
The Bible also describes the Holy Spirit in many ways - like 'wind' and like 'breath', like 'fire' at Pentecost, and the Holy Spirit is also described as a dove.



When Jesus was ready to start his ministry of teaching, preaching and healing, he went to the Jordan River to be baptised by his cousin John.



After Jesus was baptized in the river, he saw the heavens open up and the Holy Spirit coming down on him like a Dove.



Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be with his people after he returned to heaven.

We remember that promise every time someone is baptized, and we thank God for all the gifts the Holy Spirit gives to us.



St. Paul tells us that the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

How blessed we are that the Holy Spirit, the dove, shares God's gifts and power with us!

## Thinking about the Story

If you are baptized, do you remember when that happened? If not, ask someone to tell you about it.

If you are not baptized, ask someone who is to tell you about what it means to them.

Which description of the Holy Spirit do you like best? Why?

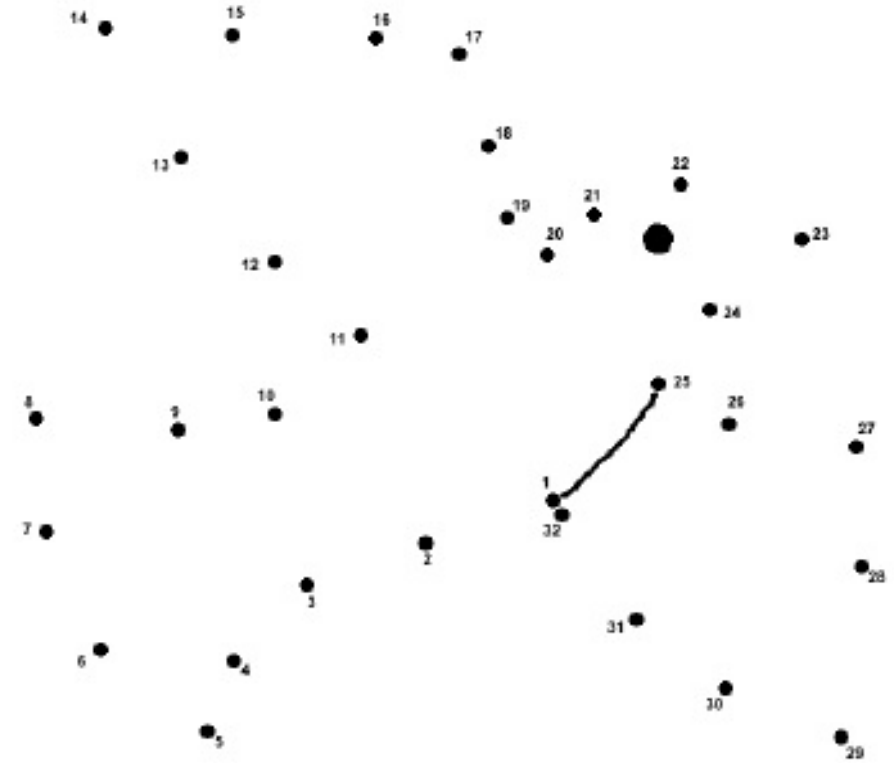
What gifts or fruits of the Holy Spirit do you think you already show in your life? How?

What gifts or fruits of the Holy Spirit do you want to pray to have more of?

Spend some time watching doves or other birds. What about them makes you think of the Holy Spirit?

## Prayer

Holy Spirit, dove of peace, thank you for sharing your good gifts with us so that we can live the lives that God, the Holy Trinity, wants us to live. Amen.



The Spirit of God descending like a dove.  
Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22



WNID      
3

IFER      
2

SIRITP        
8 1 4

SEKPA       
5

CDORW        
6 7

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 4

Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the "Final Answer."

#### Puzzle Clues

Check your answers by looking them up in the Bible.

(Clues are from the NIV)

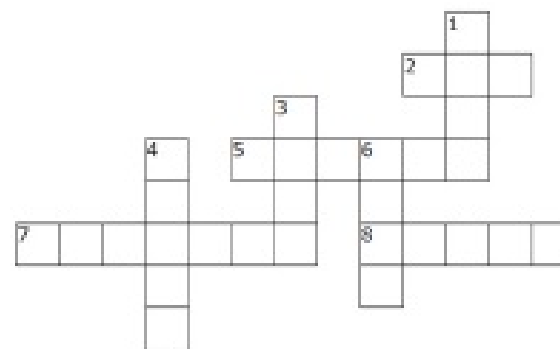
1. A sound like the blowing of a violent \_\_\_\_\_ came from heaven. (Acts 2:2)
2. They saw what seemed to be tongues of \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 2:3)
3. All of them were filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 2:4)
4. They began to \_\_\_\_\_ in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)
5. Peter stood up and spoke to the \_\_\_\_\_ of people. (Acts 2:14)

FINAL ANSWER: All of these events took place on the day of \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 2:1)

## The Baptism of Jesus

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 3:13-17



#### ACROSS

2. A male offspring
5. The river where Jesus was baptized
7. To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head
8. The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords

#### DOWN

1. The name of the man who baptized Jesus
3. A deep feeling of affection for a person
4. Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H<sub>2</sub>O
6. A bird often used as a symbol of peace

VOICE	LOVE	WATER	JORDAN
SON	DOVE	BAPTIZE	JOHN