



26th May 2019
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Life in the spirit

SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a good teacher or counsellor you know or have known. What did you like about them?

2

Jesus said the Holy Spirit is a counsellor and a teacher (John 14:26). What does this tell us about the Spirit?

3

Have you experienced the Spirit teaching or counselling you? Share your experiences.

Devotions

READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 14:23-29	The sending of the Counsellor
M	Acts 16: 9-15	Lydia of Philippi believes in Jesus
T	Ezekiel 36:22-31	The Spirit promised to Israel
W	Luke 12:8-12	Jesus speaks of the Spirit
T	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus taken up into heaven
F	John 13:36 – 14:4	In the Father's house
S	Psalms 143	May your Spirit lead me
S	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for the disciples

TALK **Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?**

Rituals and Traditions

PRAY

Holy Spirit, when we are afraid, give us courage and when we are worried, give us peace. Amen.

BLESS

May the Holy Spirit teach you all things.

Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. Jesus' resurrection has changed our lives forever. **WHITE** or **GOLD** are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

Creative Response

This Thursday (30th May) is Ascension Day which marks the last earthly appearance of the Lord Jesus after his resurrection.

Ascension Day falls on the 40th day after Easter Sunday. You can find the stories about it in Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:50-53; Mark 16:19; Matthew 28:16-20.

Make time this week for a household outing to a park. Take a blanket to spread on the ground, then lie down and look at the sky.

Read one of the readings about the Ascension from a Bible or Bible storybook and talk about what it might have been like to see Jesus ascend to heaven.

Pray that you will be ready when he comes again.

mealtime prayer

Come, spirit of God, and on us rest, our table to grace, and our food to bless. Amen.

verse for the week
But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

JOHN 14:26

Service

In Acts 16: 13-15 we read that Paul and his companions shared their faith with a woman named Lydia, whose job was selling purple cloths. As a result she became a Christian and was baptised. Pray for the people around you that do not yet know Jesus. Ask God to give you opportunities to share your faith through your words and actions. Place a piece of purple cloth on your meal table to remind you to pray for them.