

# Fire in Our Hearts



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

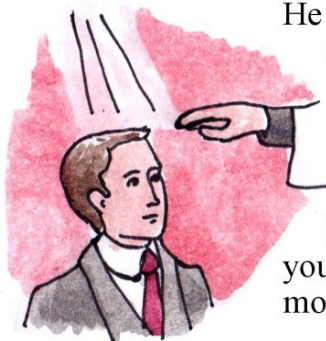
What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!



How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments

He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God.

Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!



Answers to Fill-in-the-Blanks: great, ourselves, running, keeping, perfecter, Him, despising, throne, endured, weary, Don't give up!

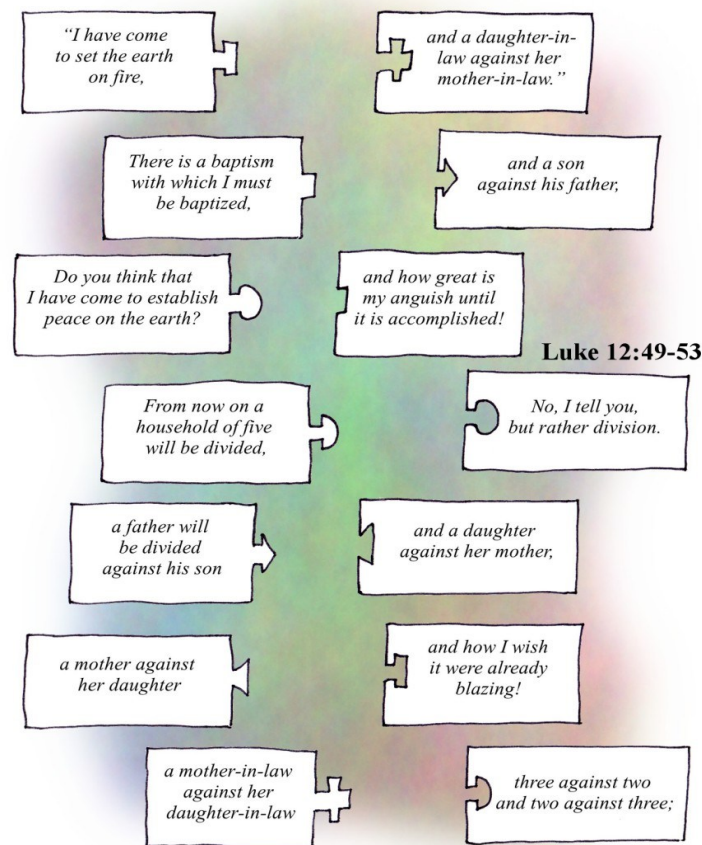
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**What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?  
Match the parts to find out!**

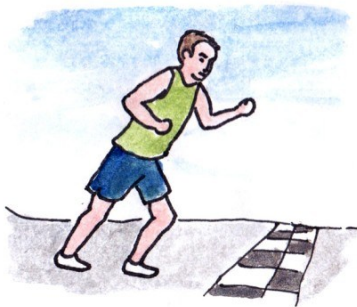
## Follow the Leader Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and unscramble the letters from the boxes to fill in the spaces at the end!

Brothers and sisters:

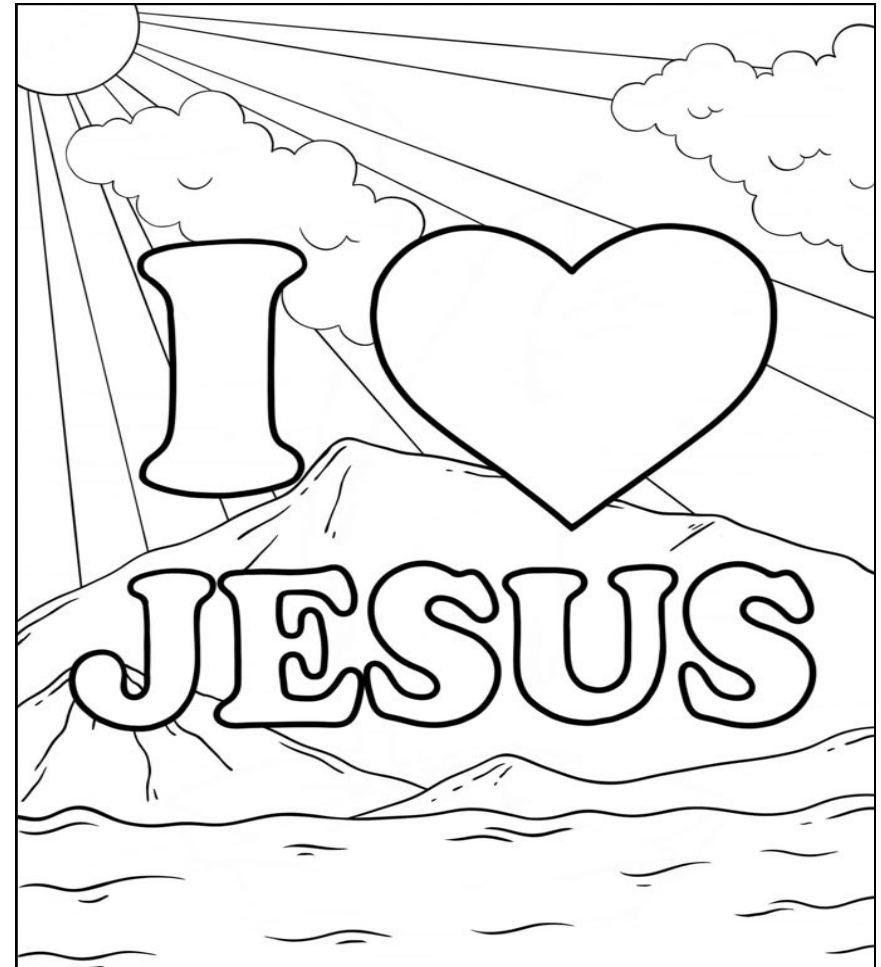
Since we are surrounded by so \_\_\_\_\_ a cloud of witnesses,  
let us rid \_\_\_\_\_ of every burden and sin that clings to us  
and persevere in \_\_\_\_\_ the race that lies before us  
while \_\_\_\_\_ our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.  
For the sake of the joy that lay before \_\_\_\_\_ he endured the cross, \_\_\_\_\_ its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
Consider how he \_\_\_\_\_ such opposition from sinners,  
in order that you may not grow \_\_\_\_\_ and lose heart.

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OURSELVES  
PERFECTER  
KEEPING  
WEARY  
HIM  
GREAT  
DESPISING  
THRONE  
RUNNING

Jesus loves us and HE wants us to love HIM too. That is the flame that HE he is talking about in our Gospel story this week Can you colour in the picture telling Jesus that you love HIM?



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