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| **7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit** | **EXPLANATION** | **Write a prayer from the heart –** this is done as a whole class activity, led by the teacher. | **Draw a picture of symbol** |
| **Wisdom** | * An openness that allows a person to recognise his or her potential, limits, and then to act accordingly – “to know oneself”
* A combination of a person’s experience in the world and his or her reflection upon it; and
* The realisation that one must rely upon God for a vision or way of looking at life and the world, because of our human limitation.
 | **Example:** Heavenly Father, give the wisdom to make the right choices in all that I do each day. In Jesus Name, Amen |  |
| **Understanding** | * Gift that enables a person of faith to delve deeper into what God’s revelation means for his or her life;
* Enables an ever maturing faith so that God’s presence becomes more discernible in everyday life; and
* A person gains deeper insight through faith, they “see with the eyes of faith”
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| **Counsel** | * Aids a person in decision-making – decisions still are the individual’s to make;
* God provides direction, help, by speaking to us through creation, scripture, and other people; and
* Person with the help of this Gift must choose to judge rightly and act justly
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| **Fortitude** |  * Used in the biblical sense – the willingness to leave behind the narrow confines of self and commit oneself to the infinite, by responding to God’s call to have faith in God. Biblical examples – Abraham, Joseph, Peter and other disciples;
* Affects the way a person lives and faces life, so it is done “firmly by faith instead of by fear” and
* Enables a person to profess faith in action, and not only word, despite difficulties, disappointments, suffering, lack of full understanding
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| **Knowledge** | * Knowledge of the HEART – response of the whole person to God’s love – God’s call – God’s choice;
* An intimate relationship with God and an experience of God that touches and affects the whole person and all that one does; and
* To know God personally, to acknowledge God as God, to respond in love to others with justice and service
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| **Piety** | * Refers to the love a person has for God as reflected in the reverence one has for God.
* Results in:
* Participation in worship of God because of love and not obligation
* Concern for others because of God’s love for them, and because God’s holiness is reflected in them – God created all people
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| **Fear of the Lord** | * Old Testament connotation of fear – to owe allegiance to someone, not for negative reasons but positive ones – out of awe for that person;
* Recognition of the majesty of God and our dependence upon God;
* Fear – positive – fear of hurting our relationship with God, fear of doing anything to separate us from God, our loving Father; and
* We “fear” to hurt the ones we love.
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