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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” |  |  |
| **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 |  |  |
| **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 |  |  |
| **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 |  |  |
| **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 |  |  |
| **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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