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Grade (1-4):
Pentecost Sunday

St. Anthony of Padua

Gospel Homework
Assignment due

June 12, 2011

Scripture Passage

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Questions

1. Why do you think the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles in the forms of tongues of fire? Why tongues? Why fire? (Hint: think about what we need the tongue to do and what the expression "on fire" means.)
2. The Holy Spirit helped the apostles to be understood by people from all nations and languages. How do you think the Holy Spirit wants to help you talk to others about Jesus?
3. The apostles came together around Mary praying for the Holy Spirit to come. How often do you pray with Mary's help for the Holy Spirit to come into your life?

You may use the back side of this sheet of paper to write more. You are encouraged to ask for your parents' help in answering these questions. This homework must be turned in to those taking CCD attendance, or, if there's no CCD, to the homework box before Mass.

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